

TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

October 13, 2008

Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation

Public Meeting Room

Mentone Elementary School

Mentone, IN

7:30 p.m.

Minutes

Prior to calling the meeting to order, devotions were led by Mr. Brett Boggs.

The meeting was called to order by President Bryan Murphy and revealed all members present along with Brett Boggs, Superintendent; Sherri Adamson, recording secretary; and Stacie Hoffman, Student Representative.

Mr. Murphy announced the upcoming meetings: November 17, 2008, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.; December 8, 2008, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.; January 19, 2009, regular meeting, Burket Educational Center, 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Murphy read the consent agenda. Mark Wise asked to pull one item from the consent agenda for further discussion. Being no other items to discuss, Hal Hoffman made a motion to approve the remainder of the consent agenda as follows: approved hiring the following personnel: Marsha Arnett, Instructional Assistant, Akron; Jenny Bays, Instructional Assistant, Mentone; Elijah Campbell, Instructional Assistant, Mentone; Jennifer Hallstrom, Instructional Assistant, Mentone; Kimberly Hurd, Instructional Assistant, TVHS; Patricia Jones, Instructional Assistant, Akron; Melissa Kidd, Cook, Mentone; Michelle Mitterling, Instructional Assistant, Akron; Christine Morehouse, Instructional Assistant, Mentone; Jennifer Webster, Instructional Assistant, Mentone; Michelle Yates, Instructional Assistant, Akron; approved the following extra curricular assignments: Jenna Carter, Grade 6 Cheerleading, TVMS; Melanie Lowman, Assistant Swimming, TVHS; Roger Moriarty, Jr. Varsity Girls' Basketball, TVHS; Lorene Teel, Grade 6 Volleyball, TVMS; accepted the resignation of Rosemary Lowe, Cook, TVHS; accepted the maternity leave request of Inga Omondi; approve out-of-state conference request for Kristopher Walker and Jenny Higgins. Dave O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wise shared his concerns with appointment of Shirley Minnick as Assistant Softball Coach. He recalled in the past there were concerns about her character when dealing with players. Rod Eaton echoed his concerns, but also felt an obligation to the head softball coach, John Strong, being that Ms. Minnick is his choice for his assistant.

Mr. O'Brien made a motion to approve the appointment of Shirley Minnick, Assistant Softball Coach. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-2 (Mr. Wise and Mr. Eaton opposed).

Mr. Boggs reviewed claims and payroll and asked for approval. Mr. Wise made a motion to approve the claims and payroll. Mr. Eaton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs reviewed the Financial Report for the Board.

Being no items from the visitors, Mr. O'Brien made a motion to approve the Resolution for Additional Appropriation. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously. Sherri Adamson will file appropriate documentation with state and local officials.

In new business, Mr. Boggs presented to the Board changes to School Board Policy on Staff-Student Relations for first reading. Those changes will be brought to the next meeting for approval.

Mr. Boggs indicated the high school had requested an additional day for the senior trip in order to visit Gettysburg National Park. Mr. Wise indicated he felt this would be a good experience for the students. There was other discussion regarding the need for an additional bus in order for the unusually high number of students to attend the senior trip. Mr. Boggs indicated options for transportation were being investigated and should be finalized by the end of the week. Mr. Wise made a motion to approve the changes to the senior trip with the additional day in order to tour Gettysburg, as requested by Scott Smith, sponsor. Mr. Eaton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs presented to the Board revisions to School Board Policy on Student Transfers. With the elimination of property taxes starting in the 2009 calendar year for general fund, cash tuition estimated payments will change dramatically. Still being unsure of the outcome of any new legislation to become effective before January 1, 2009 to address the situations, Mr. Boggs presented an Indiana School Board Association sample policy to address the enrollment of students who are not legal residents of the corporation. The law eliminating the funding does not indicate an open enrollment statewide or eliminate the manner in which transfer tuition is calculated. The sample policy presented cites: enforcement of all transfer tuition laws; Superintendent to develop procedures and applications; considerations for enrollment; and transportation not the corporation responsibility.

Applications will be due on an annual basis by July 1 prior to the start of the school year. Approval of the application and placement will be the discretion of the building principal and superintendent. Attendance, academics, discipline, class size of grade level and financial burden will all impact the approval of the application.

Mr. Wise asked about families who move after July 1 near the corporation and choose to attend, athletes, or other individual circumstances. Mr. Boggs replied IHSA (Indiana High School Athletic Association) rulings would still be in effect and applications will be examined on an individual basis.

The policy will be brought to the next meeting for approval.

Stacie Hoffman, student representative, indicated homecoming week at the high school went well. Senior night for volleyball is this Thursday.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Bryan Murphy, President

Rod Eaton, Vice President

Dave O'Brien, Secretary

Hal Hoffman, Member

Mark Wise, Member