

TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

October 14, 2013
Mentone Elementary
301 E Jackson St
Mentone, Indiana
6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Troy Eaton led devotions

The meeting was called to order by President Bryan Murphy and revealed all members present along with Brett Boggs, Superintendent, Dr. Daniel Kramer, Assistant Superintendent, Jessica McFarland, recording secretary, Anna Higgins and Brandon Murphy, student representatives.

Mr. Murphy announced the upcoming meetings: November 11, 2013, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.; December 9, 2013, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.; January 13, 2014 regular meeting, Burket Educational Center, 6:30 p.m.

Spotlight on the Valley: Mr. Boggs announced the completion of the Tippecanoe Valley School Forest Nature Trail. The nature trail was coordinated by Pike Lumber Company and Rayanna Reffitt, a recent TVHS graduate and Purdue University student. The nature trail takes hikers along a half mile path that is marked with 18 numbered plaques pointing out different species of trees and plants.

Mrs. Duran gave an overview of the new JAG class at the high school. The JAG program gives students with barriers to success the extra push needed to succeed in careers after graduation or post-secondary education. The JAG program helps develop skills needed to be employable as well as help with research for college. JAG students are required to perform at least ten hours of community service. This year the students are creating a bullying video to be presented at schools. Three students gave a presentation spotlighting their experience so far in the JAG program as well as the bullying video project.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- ❖ Approval of the minutes of September 9, 2013 regular meeting and executive session
- ❖ Approval of the minutes of October 3, 2013 special meeting and executive session
- ❖ Accepted the resignation of the following personnel:
 - Tracy Murphy, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
 - Dena Schipper, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
 - Jaclyn Schipper, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
 - Mary Olson, Instruction Assistant, Akron Elementary
 - Cheryl Stewart, Cook, TVMS
- ❖ Accepted the hiring for the following personnel:
 - Annette Clifton, Speech Assistant, TVMS
 - Madison Mullenix, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
 - Melinda Hudson, Special Education Instructional Assistant, TVMS
 - Connie Simons, Study Hall Supervisor, TVHS
 - Julia Hayes, Certified Instructional Assistant, TVHS
- ❖ Approved the following extra-curricular assignments:
 - Brittani Bush, JV Girls Basketball Coach, TVHS
 - Tom Alexander, Assistant Swim Coach, TVHS
 - Todd Volk, Head Softball Coach, TVHS
 - Rachel Bruner, 5th Grade Girls Volleyball, Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Approved the retirement for the following personnel:
 - Vicki Swihart, Secretary, Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Approved Shelly Engle's request for an extension of her maternity leave
- ❖ Approved TVHS Student Council overnight trip to Indianapolis
- ❖ Approved acceptance of grant from Dekko Foundation
- ❖ Approved Sunday afternoon facility use request

Dave O'Brien made the motion to approve the above consent items. Mark Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs reviewed claims and payroll and asked for approval. Tom Craft made a motion to approve the claims and payroll, as presented. Rod Eaton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs reviewed the Financial Report for the Board.

Items from Visitors: None

Old Business: Keith Lang, Technology Director, provided an update for the 1:1 project at TVHS. Mr. Lang explained that updated filter software was installed on a test group of computers. The test group will take the computers home and check the functionality of the updated filter software. If all goes well, Mr. Lang thought the filter software could be installed on all computers by the end of the week.

New Business: Mr. Boggs presented a revision to School Board Policy regarding unused personal leave days for part-time classified staff. The current policy is silent in regards to carrying over unused personal leave days to subsequent years. Mr. Boggs recommended that this policy be amended to provide the allowance for the part-time classified group to carry over personal days. The board will take this under consideration and act on the recommendation during next month's regular board meeting.

Mr. Boggs presented changes based on HEA 1423 that amends the anti-bullying policy. These changes expand the definition of bullying and expand the reach of where bullying can take place. Procedures must now be in place for reporting bullying, investigating bullying, guidelines for incident reporting to parents, as well as, guidelines for disciplining teachers and other employees for failure to comply with the rule. Follow-up procedures for the bully and the victim must now also be in place. The school board will give the revised documents significant consideration and act on the recommendation during next month's regular board meeting.

Chrissy Mills presented the results from the spring 2013 ISTEP testing. According to Mrs. Mills, all of the ISTEP test results were reviewed by a representative at CTB due to the significant computer problems and interruptions that students experienced during testing. Only two of all of the tests reviewed were considered "interrupted" by the standards created by CTB. Mrs. Mills has encouraged parents to request their student's test be rescored if the student just missed a pass or pass+ score. TVSC will be participating in acuity testing which will be a good indicator if the ISTEP scores were accurate. The acuity tests mirror the ISTEP tests; therefore, the results should directly correlate.

Mr. Boggs gave an update on the Strategic Planning Committee progress that has been made to date. According to Mr. Boggs, the committee has agreed upon a vision statement, a mission statement, and has set four core values to focus on. Each sub-committee will now meet to prepare goals based on one of the core values.

In closing, Anna Higgins and Brandon Murphy, student representatives, reported that the Peers group, along with the JAG class, gave a bullying presentation to Wawasee Schools. They seemed to think that the presentations were highly effective and informative.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Bryan Murphy, President

Mark Wise, Vice President

Dave O'Brien, Secretary

Rod Eaton, Member

Tom Craft, Member