

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Wise and revealed all members present; along with Brett Boggs, Assistant Superintendent; Sherri Adamson, recording secretary; and Staci Hoffman, Student Representative. Mr. Wise commented on Dr. Kramer's absence due to recovering from a heart attack suffered three weeks ago.

Mr. Wise announced the upcoming meetings: November 12, 2007, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.; December 10, 2007, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 7:30 p.m. and January 21, 2008, regular meeting, Burket Educational Center, 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Catherine Miller, Principal, Mentone Elementary, shared with the Board the recognition of Mentone as a finalist for the Title I High Performing Grant Award by the state and reviewed the past performance of the school. Mrs. Miller recognized staff members present, including, Angie Miller, Corporation Title I Coordinator; Lucy Gaff, Reading Recovery Teacher, and Aggie Prater, Instructional Assistant working with the reading program. As a finalist, Mentone Elementary is the recipient of a \$2000 grant from the state. The School Improvement Committee will determine the best use of the grant award. Mr. Boggs commented that Title I is a valuable program to the corporation by identifying weak readers and providing them with extra assistance in order to have the ability to read at grade level.

Mr. Wise read the consent agenda, Rod Eaton asked to pull one item, then made a motion to approve the following: approved minutes of September 10, 2007, regular meeting, Budget Adoption & executive session; approved hiring the following personnel: Karen Alspaugh, Carey Lewis, Pamela Mort and Kathy Utter, Instructional Assistants, Mentone and Lincoln Osborn, part time custodian, Mentone; accepted the retirement of Helen Norman, custodian, Akron (29 years with TVSC); accepted the resignation of Irene Charles, custodian, TVMS; approved out-of-state conference request for Brad Hagg to Springfield, Illinois. Hal Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Bryan Murphy made a motion to approve the maternity leave request of Ivy Lyvers, teacher, TVHS, upon Mr. Boggs indicating he had spoken with Mrs. Lyvers and she understood that her leave would be in accordance with the TVSC Master Teacher Contract. Dave O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs reviewed claims and payroll (Exhibit A) and asked for approval. Mr. O'Brien made a motion to approve the claims and payroll, as presented. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion.

Mr. Boggs reviewed the Financial Report for the Board.

During items from visitors, Chris Moorehouse, patron, shared with the Board information she had obtained through an internet website called, "Challenge Day." The program uses the assigned peer groups of students from different nationalities, socio-economical, and extra curricular activities. The Board commented the program is much like the Peer Facilitators being implemented at the high school. Mr. Boggs will contact Mrs. Moorehouse to discuss further.

Duane Burkhart, Athletic Director, presented to the Board the Coaches' Handbook for the high school. He acknowledged the handbook was a combination of the current student/coaches handbook and other area school handbooks. Mr. Eaton asked about canceling practices and fundraisers. Mr. Burkhart indicated that practices are cancelled when school is dismissed early and during inclement weather practices are optional for varsity teams. He indicated sport groups may have one fundraiser per season and remit the appropriate paperwork for the fundraiser. He will remind coaches to be aware of percentage of profit for all fundraisers.

Mr. Burkhart noted, upon the approval of the Coaches' Handbook, he would be meeting with current head coaches to share the handbook with them and any other new head coaches in the future.

Mr. O'Brien asked if building keys were being turned in during off season for coaching staff. Mr. Burkhart indicated building keys were assigned by the building assistant principal to each paid coaching position.

Mr. Wise asked if the use of inappropriate language by coaches could be specified in the Code of Ethics for coaching staff. Mr. Boggs asked that Mr. Burkhart make the change and provide the location of the insertion to him by the next meeting. The handbook will be brought to the November meeting for approval.

The Board heard the first reading of the revision to School Board Policy regarding Salary and Fringe Benefits in order to be compliant with Internal Revenue Services. The revisions will be brought to the November meeting for approval.

Mr. Boggs shared with the Board official enrollment for the 2007-08 school year (Exhibit B).

Scott Smith, Coach, Wrestling Club, asked the Board permission to have a non-school activity at the high school on a Sunday. The activity would be an elementary wrestling tournament with the proceeds being split between the wrestling club and Jordan Horn Scholarship Fund. After further discussion on the use of school facilities on Sunday, Mr. O'Brien made a motion for the one time approval for the Sunday activity. Mr. Eaton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1 (Mark Wise opposed).

Mr. Boggs shared information with the Board from the Department of Education in regard to the Governor's decision to move ISTEP testing to the spring. The move would become effective with the 08-09 school year with writing assessment in March in order to score prior to the end of school and the new test administered in the spring 2009 for assessment of the 2008-09 school year. September 2008, students will take the current ISTEP test for the last time to assess the 2007-08 school year.

Stacie Hoffman, Student Representative, recapped Homecoming week highlights and indicated another Blood Drive and Port-a-pit Chicken sale is being planned for the future.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mark Wise, President

Hal Hoffman, Vice President

Dave O'Brien, Secretary

Rod L. Eaton, Member

Bryan D. Murphy, Member