

TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

December 9, 2013
Mentone Elementary
301 E Jackson St
Mentone, Indiana
6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Devon Reed led devotions.

The meeting was called to order by President Bryan Murphy and revealed Rod Eaton and Mark Wise present along with Brett Boggs, Superintendent, Dr. Daniel Kramer, Assistant Superintendent, Jessica McFarland, recording secretary and Anna Higgins, student representative. Tom Craft and Dave O'Brien were absent from the meeting.

Mr. Murphy announced the upcoming meetings: January 20, 2014 regular meeting, Burket Educational Center, 6:30 p.m.; February 10, 2014, regular meeting, Tippecanoe Valley Middle School, 6:30 p.m.; March 10, 2014 regular meeting, Tippecanoe Valley High School

Spotlight on the Valley: Mr. Boggs presented Helen Owens, head custodian at TVMS, the TVSC Pillar Award for Outstanding Support Staff. Mr. Boggs presented Mrs. Owens a framed certificate honoring her as the initial recipient of this award

Mr. Boggs also honored Vicki Swihart, Secretary at Mentone Elementary. After 35 and one-half years, Mrs. Swihart will be retiring at the end of December. Mr. Boggs presented her with a framed certificate honoring her for her years of service at TVSC.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- ❖ Approval of the minutes of November 11, 2013 regular meeting and executive session
- ❖ Accepted the resignation of the following personnel:
 - Linda Thompson, Custodian, TVHS
 - Mike Johnson, Custodian, TVHS
 - Maria Baca, Cook, Akron Elementary
 - Kristi Gregory, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
 - Angie Black, Cook, TVMS
 - Lyndi Lancaster, Cook, Akron Elementary
 - Robert Bitting, Instructional Assistant, TVHS
- ❖ Approved the termination of employment of the following personnel:
 - Chris Sheets, Cook, TVHS
- ❖ Accepted the hiring for the following personnel:
 - Shelley Tims, Cook, TVMS
 - Sherrill Hamman, Secretary, Mentone Elementary
 - Chandra Terwiske, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Approved the following extra-curricular assignments:
 - Anthony Tolson, 6th Grade Boys Basketball B Team Coach, TVMS
 - Jordan Littlejohn, 6th Grade Boys Basketball B Team Coach, TVMS
 - Bob Hinkle, 6th Grade Girls Assistant Basketball Coach, TVMS
 - Jane Hunn, 6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, TVMS
 - Kyle Ritchey, 9th Grade Boys Basketball C Team Coach, TVHS
 - Carolyn Kirchenstien, Yearbook, Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Approved the 2014 Spring driver education proposal
- ❖ Approved the Sunday afternoon facility use request
- ❖ Approved the request for 5th grade students to participate on the Middle School Wrestling Team
- ❖ Approved the overnight trip to Semi-State for TVHS Wrestling Team
- ❖ Approved the overnight trip to State Finals for TVHS Wrestling Team
- ❖ Approved the Classified and Administrators salaries for 2013-2014 school year

Mark Wise made the motion to approve the above consent items. Rod Eaton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Boggs reviewed the Financial Report for the Board.

Items from Visitors: None

Old Business: Mr. Boggs presented the policy on staff use of social media for the board to approve. Mark Wise made a motion to approve the policy and Rod Eaton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs also presented the revised policy relating to Administration for the board to approve. Mark Wise made a motion to approve the revised policy and Rod Eaton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business: Mr. Boggs introduced the members of the TVSC Strategic Planning Committee and gave an overview of each sub-committee. A representative from each sub-committee presented the goals, objectives, strategies and activities created. Blaine Conley presented for the Student Achievement sub-committee and discussed the goal of all students performing at a high level. Kristen Horrell and Angie Miller presented for the Curriculum, Instruction and Evaluation sub-committee. Kristen Horrell presented the first goal that 100% of teachers and staff will have access to professional development. Angie Miller presented the second goal that all certified staff will be in the top two categories of performance on the evaluation rubrics. Kirk Doehrmann presented the following goals for the Communication, Marketing & Community Relations sub-committee: more efficiently use all forms of media to communicate with our students, parents and community; develop a marketing plan that helps retain current students; develop a marketing plan to attract students to our district and attract students that live in our district who do not attend our schools. Todd Glenn and Vonda Ryman presented the following goals on behalf of the Facilities and Finance sub-committee; maintain salaries and wages that attract quality candidates and are competitive with area school corporations; provide facilities that are safe and conducive to modern learning; secure alternative sources of funding.

After a brief question and answer session from visitors, Mark Wise made a motion to approve the TVSC Strategic Plan and Rod Eaton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs presented an opportunity for Spanish 3 students to earn college credit through Grace College. Students enrolled in this class could earn up to three college credits per semester of enrollment. Rod Eaton made a motion to approve the opportunity for students to earn dual credits for Spanish 3 classes and Mark Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs presented the revisions to the Mentone Parent Group Constitution and By Laws to the board for approval. Mark Wise made a motion to approve the revisions and Rod Eaton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs presented the TVHS Parent/Teacher Organization Constitution and By-Laws for board approval. Rod Eaton made a motion to approve the constitution and By-Laws and Mark Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs presented the following Kosciusko Endowment Youth Services (KEYS) Grants:

Jon Ocock, Akron Elementary, material to aid in teaching fractions, decimals and percent's, \$120.23

Staci Revere, Mentone Elementary, Kindles for 5th grade classrooms to aid in small group reading, \$500

Caroling Schlemmer, Mentone Elementary, resource books about social, family and school issues, \$590.03

Kristen Horrell, TVHS & TVMS, materials to aid in reading instruction, \$285.84

Mark Wise made the motion to accept the KEYS grants awarded and Rod Eaton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs presented a donation from the family of Nick Lowry. Nick Lowry was a student at TVHS/Burket who sadly took his life last year. His family made the donation to help with other troubled children and suicide prevention. Rod Eaton made the motion to accept the donation and Mark Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs presented a request from the Tippecanoe Valley Aquatic Club for a Sunday afternoon facilities use request. Rod Eaton made a motion to approve the request and Mark Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs presented the results from the survey conducted regarding a non-traditional school calendar. In total, the survey results reflected 45% of people in favor and 55% opposed exploring a non-traditional school calendar. TVSC will use the results of the survey when developing the 2014-2015 school calendar.

In closing, Anna Higgins, student representative, reported that high school students recently helped with the Holiday House at Mentone Elementary. The Holiday House was a free garage sale for invited members of the community and, later on, opened to the public. Angie Miller, Principal at Mentone Elementary, wanted to commend the high school students for helping so graciously with this event. Other visitors also commended the TVSC community for instilling a giving spirit to the students at TVSC. Joe Secrist of Helping Hands, wanted to thank the students and staff for all the help with donations for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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