

**Minutes**

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Pastor Wilhite, Mentone Baptist Church, led devotions.

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Wise and revealed all members present along with Brett Boggs, Assistant Superintendent; and Sherri Adamson, recording secretary.

Mr. Wise announced the upcoming meetings: March 10, 2008, regular meeting, Tippecanoe Valley High School, 7:30 p.m.; and April 21, 2008, regular meeting, Akron Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.; May 12, 2008, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

After Mr. Wise read the consent agenda, Hal Hoffman made a motion to approve the following: approved minutes of January 21, 2008, regular meeting and executive session; approved hiring Michael Yates, part time custodian, TVHS; approved appointment of designated employees for small claims court representatives. Dave O'Brien seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs reviewed claims and payroll (Exhibit A) and asked for approval. Bryan Murphy made a motion to approve the claims and payroll, as presented. Rod Eaton seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs reviewed the Financial Report for the Board.

There being no items from the visitors, Mr. Boggs presented for second reading the 2008-09 School Calendar indicating the calendar was similar to the current calendar with the exception of two full weeks for Christmas Break. Mr. Boggs added in the past five years only two years has the student day been extended due to the need to meet the state requirement of 180 student days. Mr. O'Brien made a motion to approve the 2008-09 School Calendar. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. William Kovach, Director of Warsaw Area Career Center, presented to the Board information related to the strategic plan which has been in development for the past two years at the WACC. The WACC is utilized by students from Warsaw, Whitko, Tippecanoe Valley and the Wawasee Area Career Center. Mr. Kovach shared with the Board the Career Pathways that are available through enrollment with the WACC. Mr. O'Brien asked if evening classes were available to students. Mr. Kovach indicated evening classes had been mentioned as a future addition. Mr. Boggs indicated 529 Tippecanoe Valley students are enrolled in some type of career tech class. He thanked Mr. Kovach for his assistance as the corporation explores opportunities for vocational students in the future.

Scott Backus, Teacher, TVMS, outlined for the Board the proposal for "The Point System" implementation at Tippecanoe Valley Middle School. Mr. Backus addressed the need for the program and the goals established for the program. The Point System would incorporate passing classes, passing or improvement on standardized testing, and life skill expectations. Total points would determine placement recommendations along with a review committee of staff members. Other potential options for the program in the future would include school day scheduled remediation and an in-house alternative education program. Extended Learning (EL) teachers would assist students during their EL time to calculate and review The Point System. The School Improvement Team felt this was a good basic tool which could be built on or restructured to meet the changing needs of the school environment. Mr. O'Brien made a motion to approve The Point System for implementation with the 2008-09 School Year. Mr. Eaton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Earl Richter, Principal, TVMS, added the School Improvement Team consist of Jane Hunn, Niki Early, Kay Garrett, Stephanie Bibler, June Yazel, Scott Backus, Linda Randall, Linda Studebaker, Susanne Seibrase, Jeff France, Earl Richter and Angie Miller.

Mr. Boggs presented to the Board the bids for the purchasing of school buses as participated in the Aggregate School Bus Purchasing Program through the Indiana Association of Educational Service Centers. Mr. Boggs asked the Board to award the low bid to Kerlin Bus Sales of \$139,912 (one hundred thirty-nine thousand nine hundred and twelve dollars) for two 72-passenger type "C" buses with 2009 Thomas Saf-T-Liner C2 models equipped with a Cummins 220 H.P. diesel engine. Each bus will have external storage compartment on both sides. Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the bid to Kerlin Bus Sales. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

In other new business, Mr. Hoffman made a motion to approve hiring the following personnel: Michelle Hoffman, Judith Riddle, and Angela Flory, all part time custodians at Tippecanoe Valley High School.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mark Wise, President

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Hal Hoffman, Vice President

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Dave O'Brien, Secretary

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Rod Eaton, Member

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Bryan Murphy, Member