Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation
Board of Trustees
February 11, 2013
Tippecanoe Valley Middle School
6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Troy Eaton opened in prayer.

The meeting was called to order by President Bryan Murphy and revealed all members present along with Mr. Brett Boggs, Superintendent, Dr. Daniel Kramer, Assistant Superintendent, and Mrs. Vicki Swihart recording secretary.

Mr. Murphy announced the upcoming meetings: March 11, regular Meeting at Tippecanoe Valley High School, 6:30 p.m.; April 15, regular meeting at Akron Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.; May 13, regular meeting at Mentone Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Boggs recognized the efforts of our Tippecanoe Valley students in raising $2,057 for the Riley Children's Foundation Kids Caring and Sharing.

Spotlight on the Valley – Mr. Conley, Principal at Tippecanoe Valley Middle School, was introduced. Mr. Conley then introduced Amanda Heltzel and Bryston Canada who participated in the 2013 IPFW Three Rivers Musicians Honor Band. Next Mr. Conley recognized Hannah Jansma for being the representative for the middle school at the Kosciusko County Spelling Bee. Brandon George was the runner-up from Valley, but has transferred out of our school district. Next Eric Wright was mentioned for his participation in the Kosciusko Lakes and Streams Art Contest. His picture entitled In the Pond received first place in the fourth through sixth grade category. His picture is in their 2013 calendar and it was shown to the school board. Rolanda Reichart was recognized for her gold medal awarded to her for her vocal solo in the district contest. Choir students, and choir director, Mr. Mark Williamson, were recognized for their participation in the IMEA Area Four Circle to State contest. Next the band students were introduced for the participation in the District ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest. Student Council members were introduced, along with their sponsor, Mr. Jeff Sprunger. Mr. Sprunger mentioned that the Student Council has participated in many activities such as serving at Helping Hands. Tippecanoe Valley Middle School science teacher, Mrs. Jane Hunn, was recognized for receiving the 2013 Edward Frazier Distinguished Award presented by the Hoosier Association of Science Teachers, Incorporated. This award was given to Mrs. Hunn for exhibiting a passion for innovative science teaching.

Approval of Consent Agenda:
*Approved of the minutes of January 14, 2013 regular meeting and executive session.
*Approved the hiring of the following personnel:
Whitney, Jackson, Instructional Assistant, Little Vikings Preschool, Mentone
Jessica McFarland, Treasurer, Corporation Office
Kelli Michael, Instructional Assistant, Mentone
*Approved extracurricular assignment of the following personnel:
Mallory Brooks, Head Volleyball Coach, TVHS
Brandon Cody, Head Baseball Coach, TVHS
Brad Heintz, Assistant Baseball Coach, TVHS
Chris Rassi, Junior Varsity Baseball Coach, TVHS
Kyle Ritchie, Grade 6 Girl's B-Team Basketball Coach, TVMS
Todd Volk, Grade 6 Girls' A-Team Basketball Coach, TVMS
*Accepted the resignation of the following personnel:
Kyla Lash, Instructional Assistant, Mentone
Kerrie Thacker, Athletic Director, Mentone
*Approved Overnight trip to State Finals for TVHS Wrestling Team
Tom Craft made the motion to approve the above items and Mark Wise seconded the motion.

Mr. Boggs reviewed the claims and payroll and asked for approval. Dave O'Brien made a motion to approve the claims and payroll as presented. Tom Craft seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Items from the Visitors: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Mr. Tony Kuykendall brought a report on the performance and savings delivered by the Tippecanoe Valley Wind Turbine. Board member Mark Wise questioned the amount of 2/3 reduced production due to down time. He was reassured that efforts would continue to be made to improve output. A patron questioned the original cost of the wind turbine.

Mr. Boggs presented information on the AdvancEd External Review Team that visited Tippecanoe Valley on February 3rd – 6th. They provided the school corporation with validation of the programs we have in place in our schools and gave valuable feedback on our progress. Their comments were very encouraging.

Mr. Boggs informed the board of a $250 contribution to the Tippecanoe Valley Journalism Department by Don Hurd, President and CEO of Hoosier Media. He has pledged $1000 per year, $250 per quarter to this class. Mark Wise made a motion to accept this gift and Dave O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Other: Request was made by Angie Miller, Principal at Mentone Elementary School and Title I Coordinator, for an Out of State Conference, in Springfield IL., on March 13th - 16th. Rod Eaton made a motion to approve the trip and Mark Wise seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The question was asked regarding the 6:30 starting time for the board meeting and it was agreed that this was an appropriate time.

Board members went on a tour of the bus garage. Lyle Butt, Transportation Director, answered questions from members.

Board members returned to the middle school and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Bryan Murphy, President

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Mark Wise, Vice President

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Dave O'Brien, Secretary

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Rod Eaton, Member

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Tom Craft, Member