

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Dave O'Brien and revealed all members present along with Dr. Dan Kramer, Superintendent; Brett Boggs, Assistant Superintendent; Sherri Adamson, recording secretary and Sara Tillman and Robert Bitting, Student Representatives.

Mr. O'Brien announced the upcoming meetings: March 12, 2007, regular meeting, Tippecanoe Valley High School, 7:30 p.m.; April 16, 2007, regular meeting, Akron Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.; and May 14, 2007, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Earl Richter, Principal, TVMS, commented on many events happening at the middle school. Some of those being: students tutoring students at all grade levels, including high school students; adult mentors working with middle school students; school counseling groups addresses social skill needs of identified students; an increase in career exposure for all grade levels.

After Mr. O'Brien read the consent agenda, Mr. Wise asked for one item to be pulled for discussion. Rod Eaton made a motion to approve the following: approved minutes of January 16, 2007 regular meeting and executive session; approved minutes of February 5, 2007, work session; accepted the resignation of Shirley Gackenheimer, Media Assistant, TVHS effective at the end of the 06-07 school year; approved the appointment of Honey Kuhn to Mentone Bell Memorial Library Board; and approved request for out-of-state conference for Angie Miller, Grapevine, Texas. Bryan Murphy seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wise addressed his concerns regarding the appointment of Shirley Minnick as Assistant Softball Coach at the high school. He cited the Ms. Minnick's past difficulties in dealing with girls in the program and could not support her appointment to the position again. Both, Mr. Murphy & Mr. O'Brien, indicated they had conversation with softball players and those players indicated they had no problem with Ms. Minnick as the assistant coach. Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the appointment of Shirley Minnick as Assistant Softball Coach at the high school. Hal Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-2 (opposed – Mark Wise & Rod Eaton)

Dr. Kramer reviewed claims and payroll (Exhibit A) and asked for approval. As Rod Eaton made a motion to approve the claims and payroll, he pointed out the claims for \$1200 to replace the tools and supplies which had been stolen from the Builders Trades worksite. He indicated the money used to replace the stolen property is corporation money that cannot be used for other needs in the corporation. He urged anyone who had information about the robbery to come forward. Mr. Wise seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Kramer reviewed the Financial Report for the Board.

There being no items from the visitors or old business to discuss, Dr. Kramer presented to the Board the proposed school calendar for the 2007-2008 school year. He indicated meetings have taken place with the local teachers for reaction and the calendar is comparable to this year's calendar. He asked the Board to approve with the stipulation allowing the Superintendent to adjust the March parent/teacher conference dates as the corporation is reviewing grading periods at the elementary level. Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the 2007-2008 School Calendar giving Dr. Kramer the authority to make adjustment to the March parent/teacher conference dates, if needed. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Regarding current calendar information, Dr. Kramer announce the upcoming staff development on February 14 has been cancelled and that day will be a full day for students, along with Presidents' Day on February 19th, which was originally scheduled as a emergency make-up day. The changes are due to recent school cancellations.

Dr. Kramer shared information with the Board he received from the Fulton County and Kosciusko County Auditors addressing the timelines of tax collections for 2007 due to changes in the assessment process. Kosciusko County has indicated there may be a provisional statement allowing some collection and distribution before June 2007. Fulton County indicated collection and distribution could be as late as November 2007. Due to delay in tax distributions, the corporation will be forced to borrow sometime in late May or early June. Information is still being gathered as to determine the amount of funds which will need to be borrowed in order to meet corporation obligations.

Mr. Wise made a motion to approve Tracy Murphy, Instructional Assistant, Akron. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. O'Brien commented on his discussion with Dr. Kramer regarding All Day Kindergarten. Dr. Kramer had indicated both, Akron and Mentone Elementary, have facilities capable of handling the all day program. He also congratulated the Girls' Basketball Team on their Sectional victory.

In closing, Robert Bitting and Sarah Tillman, shared the high school is raising money for Riley Hospital this week through different activities. Mr. Boggs recognized Sarah for her winning essay for the DAR Good Citizen Award.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dave O'Brien, President

Bryan Murphy, Vice President

Rod Eaton, Secretary

Hal Hoffman, Member

Mark Wise, Member