

**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 Stacie Hoffman, Student Representative.

Mr. Wise announced the upcoming meetings: April 21, 2008, regular meeting, Akron Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.; May 12, 2008, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.; June 9, 2008, regular meeting, Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.

During Spotlight on Valley, Kris Walker, teacher, presented information about I-SAFE, an Internet Safety Program. The program is being implemented by a group of students from the TVHS Peers Facilitators. To date, the group has presented to a portion of the Akron Elementary students and plans to present to Mentone Elementary and Middle School students. Mr. Boggs asked that Mr. Walker acknowledge the appreciation of the Administration and School Board to those students who are assisting in the I-SAFE program.

Mr. Mike Schmidt, TVHS Assistant Principal, review the organization of the recently formed Probation Committee. The Committee is comprised of Kosciusko and Fulton County law enforcement and probation department personnel, along with a TVHS staff member, TVSC Mental Health Therapist, Director of Special Services, Alternative Education Teacher, and Mr. Schmidt. The Committee meets monthly to identify students on probation, formal or informal. The schools discussion is limited to attendance, behavior and grades of those students. Through the Committee's actions, students are associating fighting and other discipline issues at school result in probationary fines and requirements. Mr. Kirk Doehrmann, TVHS Principal, recognized Mr. Schmidt's efforts for the change in the "tone" at the building and stressing students to be respectful of others.

Mr. Doehrmann presented information on the GEI (General Education Intervention) tool in place at the high school. Student referrals are received from mid term reports, teachers, behavior/attendance issues. The tool is put in place by combining information gathered from teachers and meeting with the student, parent, school counselor, and administrator. Part of the GEI is to determine long term goals for the students and outline strategies for students to meet those goals. A portion of the GEI includes the utilization of PLATO, a computerized system used for credit reclamation. PLATO is available to students from 7:00 am. until the end of the school day. The administration also has plans for it to be available during summer school hours for students needing credits in classes not offered during summer school. Mr. Wise thanked the administration for getting the job done and striving for the success of students.

Mr. Doehrmann recognized Mrs. Jan Mills, TVHS Art Teacher, for the art work on display in the meeting room. Other works are present throughout the building.

After Mr. Wise read the consent agenda, Bryan Murphy made a motion to approve the following: approved minutes of February 11, 2008, regular meeting and executive session; approved hiring Cheryl Harshman, Instructional Assistant, Akron; Julie Kruger, part time Custodian, Akron; and Laura Wittner, part time Custodian, Mentone; approve Jason Arnett, Assistant Track Coach, TVHS; accepted resignation from Christy Carpenter, Bus Driver, and Janet Perkins, Technology Associate; approved maternity leave request for Billie Jo Carlin. 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. Hal Hoffman made a motion to approve the claims and payroll, as presented. Mr. O'Brien 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 information indicating Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation will have only Full Day Kindergarten in both elementary buildings beginning in the 2008-09 School Year. Mr. Eaton made a motion to approve Full Day Kindergarten for 2008-09 School Year. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Mr. Wise asked the impact of Full Day Kindergarten on the General Fund. Sherri Adamson, Treasurer, indicated the impact was determined by the tenure of the teacher involved with the program. Being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs presented to the Board a School Board Policy Change for the Title I Parent Involvement. Angie Miller, Curriculum Director, indicated the policy had been approved by the state Title I agency. The policy will be brought back to the April meeting for approval.

Mr. Boggs presented information regarding an increase in the square foot assessment to the owners of Building Trades homes. The TVHS Building Trades Advisory Board approved the increase from \$3.00 to \$5.50 per square foot on December 12, 2007. The increase would be used to offset transportation cost to transport students to the worksite throughout the day. This item will be brought back to the April meeting for approval.

In other new business, Mr. O'Brien made a motion to approve hiring David Swanson, Technology Associate, at \$35,000 per year for 240 days. Mr. Eaton seconded the motion. Mr. Boggs commended Mr. Brad Hagg, Technology Director, for his thorough hiring process. Being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Angie Miller acknowledged the NCA Quality Assurance Team Visit being conducted this week. Five area educators are visiting Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation for three days to assess accreditation of the corporation. Mr. Wise and Mr. Hoffman were involved with interview from the team today. Before leaving, the team will review an exit report with administrators. Mr. Boggs appreciated Mrs. Miller's efforts in coordinating the visit of the team.

Stacie Hoffman, Student Representative, reported a Blood Drive scheduled for Thursday, March 13; prom is scheduled for May 3; and TVHS Track is planning an Elementary Track and Field Day as a Fundraise in the future.

Mr. Wise asked about the status of the final student day due to cancellation days this year. Mr. Boggs indicated, currently, the last student day ~~and teacher work day~~ is scheduled for Thursday, May 29, 2008 and teacher work day is scheduled for Friday, May 30, 2008.

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