

## TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

March 11, 2013  
Tippecanoe Valley High School Lecture Room  
8345 South State Road 19  
Akron, Indiana  
6:30 p.m.

### Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Bryan Murphy and revealed all members present along with Brett Boggs, Superintendent and Jessica McFarland, recording secretary.

Mr. Murphy announced the upcoming meetings: April 15, regular meeting at Akron Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.; May 13, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.; June 10, regular meeting at the Administration Office, 6:30 p.m.

Spotlight on the Valley-Mr. Doehrmann, Principal at Tippecanoe Valley High School was introduced. Mr. Doehrmann then gave an overview of what has been happening at the High School in the last year. He stated that the High School received an A rating and had an 84% graduation rate last year. This year the graduation rate is 79.4% with 40% of students enrolled in dual credit classes. He also expressed gratitude towards the school improvement team at the high school. The goal of the school improvement team this year is to improve the culture within the school, emphasizing trust, respect and responsibility. He then gave an overview of project based learning and introduced the following teachers and their students: Mr. Walker and his Spanish 2 class, Mrs. Buss and her English 9 class, Mrs. Mason, and Mrs. Yazel and Mr. Shriver and their US History and English 11 class. Each class presented their projects and described how project based learning has helped in changing the way learning is taking place in the classroom. Following the project based learning presentations, the peer facilitators gave a presentation/overview of the programs in place within the entire school corporation to help other students with problems they are facing.

#### Approval of Consent Agenda:

- ❖ Approval of the minutes of February 11, 2013 regular meeting and executive session
- ❖ Approved the hiring of the following personnel:
  - McKenna Grossman, Instructional Assistant, TVMS
  - Candace Shepard, Instructional Assistance, TVMS
  - Maggie Gang, Part-time Custodian, TVMS
  - Jessie Ingle, Part-time Custodian, TVHS
  - Nathan Miller, Route Bus Driver, South End
- ❖ Approved extracurricular assignment of the following personnel:
  - Chris Kindig, JV Softball Coach, TVHS
- ❖ Accepted the resignation of the following personnel:
  - Amy Bode, School Psychologist, Mentone Elementary & Little Vikings Preschool
- ❖ Approved termination of employment for the following personnel:
  - Robert Nette, Part-time Custodian, TVMS
- ❖ Approved maternity leave for Abby Turner, Fourth Grade Teacher, Akron
- ❖ Approved Overnight at Yorktown for TVHS Volleyball Team
- ❖ Approved Senior Trip for 2014
- ❖ Approved Donation to Boomerang Backpacks by Rosy Jansma (K21 Health Foundation Board of Directors)

Mark Wise made the motion to approve the above items and Dave O'Brien seconded the motion. 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. Tom Craft seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs reviewed the Financial Report for the Board.

Items from Visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Norris expressed concerns regarding class size at Mentone Elementary. They felt like the student teacher ratio was too high for grades three through five and would like to see approximately 22 to 23 students per class. After further discussion, the board determined that they will examine class size further in an attempt to decrease this ratio.

Old Business: None

New Business: Mr. Boggs presented the board with an updated agreement with Pike Lumber Company extending the Forestland Management Agreement for ten years.

Mr. Boggs presented the report on student enrollment as of February 15, 2013. The reports indicated a decline of 48 students from September 14, 2012 to February 15, 2013. He indicated several reasons for the decline including job relocation and financial hardships.

Discussion of 2013-2014 Master School Calendar-Mr. Boggs presented the board with four options for a 2013-2014 master school calendar. After a lengthy discussion and several comments from visitors, a fifth calendar was proposed setting the first student day as August 16, 2013 and the last student day as May 29, 2014. Master calendar option #5 will be brought to the board for approval in April.

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