

TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

April 16, 2007

Akron Elementary School
Recognition of Students – Cafeteria
Business Meeting – Media Center
Akron, Indiana
7:30 p.m.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Dave O'Brien and revealed all members present with the exception of Bryan Murphy: along with Dr. Dan Kramer, Superintendent; Brett Boggs, Assistant Superintendent; Sherri Adamson, recording secretary and Sara Tillman, Student Representative.

Mr. O'Brien announced the upcoming meetings: May 14, 2007, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.; June 11, 2007, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.; and July 9, 2007, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

During Spotlight on the Valley, Mr. Blaine Conley, Akron Principal, introduced the following individual and student groups: William Inglehearn, DAR History Essay Contest Winner; Jon Martin Fullton County David Deuter Memorial Essay; Erika Webb winner of the Akron Elementary School Spelling Bee; Akron M.A.T.H. Team with Mrs. Susan Walker, coach; Akron Spell Bowl Team with Mrs. Hayley Whitaker, coach; and Akron Pride Council with Mrs. Julia Teel, advisor. Mr. Conley thanked the staff members and parents for their support of these students and their activities.

After Mr. O'Brien read the consent agenda, Rod Eaton made a motion approve the consent agenda as follows: approved minutes of March 12, 2007, regular meeting & executive session; approve hiring Cynthia Lester as part time custodian at Tippecanoe Valley High School; approve the extra curricular assignment of Carmen Howard as assistant cheerleader coach at Tippecanoe Valley Middle School; accepted the following retirements: Priscilla Burdge, Akron; Polly Finney, Tippecanoe Valley Middle School; and Dennis Grossnickle, Tippecanoe Valley High School; accepted the resignation of Jennifer Baldwin, Nurse, Akron; approved maternity leave request for Jennifer Smith, Mentone; approved summer school programs for 2007; approved summer sports programs for 2007; approve payment of claim no. 2 to R.E. Crosby for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Hal Hoffman seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Kramer reviewed claims and payroll (Exhibit A) and asked for approval. Mr. Hoffman made a motion to approve the claims and payroll, as presented. Mark 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, Dr. Kramer presented to the Board revision to the School Board Policy regarding: Annuity, Retirement, and Severance Programs; Policies Relating to Non-Instructional Personnel; Disclosure of Student Lists; and Notice to Parents and Students of their Rights Concerning Education Records. Mr. Eaton made a motion to approve the revision to School Board policy. Mr. Wise seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

In new business, Mr. Conley, Akron Principal, presented the changes to the elementary student handbook. Those changes included specific hand held electronic type games not permitted at school, monitoring animals and pets brought to school due to safety issues and receiving prior approval from the administration and determination of relation to curriculum, reporting of unexcused absences and tardiness to the Welfare Department. Mr. Conley indicated at the two elementary schools there were over 1300 tardy students recorded in the first semester. The new policy will address students who are habitual offenders of the tardy policy.

Mr. Kirk Doehrmann, Principal, Tippecanoe Valley High School, noted the change at the high school for the student handbook was the deletion of tardiness affecting a 2% drop in final grade. He believes tardiness can be addressed without tying into the grades of students. He also indicated the Viking Code and Coaches Handbooks are being thoroughly reviewed and will be brought to the June Board meeting for first reading and the July meeting for approval.

Dr. Kramer indicated he had reviewed the changes to the student handbook at Tippecanoe Valley Middle School with Mr. Earl Richter, principal. The changes reflect times of the day for cell phone usage and cell phone usage on the school bus, which Mr. Brett Boggs, Assistant Superintendent, will be implementing on all buses. Also, slight wording to dress and appearance in regards to hair color and styling.

In light on the current issues with the local tax situation, Dr. Kramer asked the Board to table the approval of the Resolution for Tax Anticipation Warrants and Notice to Bidders. These items will be brought to the May 14th meeting.

In other new business, Mr. Eaton approved the Notice to Bidders for the Concession Stand. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. Dr. Kramer indicated a special meeting will be scheduled for Monday, May 7, 2007 in order to award the bids for the Concession Stand. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Doehrmann explained the recent process recently utilized while interviewing prospective candidates for the assistant principal position at the high school. He commented he received thirty-eight applications for the position. Mr. Wise made a motion to approve Mr. Mike Schmidt as assistant principal at Tippecanoe Valley High School with a contract of 220 days at \$66,500. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eaton made a motion to approve an over night trip for Tippecanoe Valley High School students to attend the International Symposium for Service Learning in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 13-15, 2007. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Doehrmann added the high school was just notified today the Pike Lumber Company Donor Club through the Northern Indiana Community Foundation granted \$1881.00 to pay for the cost associated with this student trip.

Sarah Tillman, Student Representative, announced the Academic Team would be traveling to North Judson on April 17th, the Viking Football was to have a fundraiser at Hacienda in Warsaw on April 17th, and the next Blood Drive at the high school is May 8th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dave O'Brien, President

Rod Eaton, Secretary

Hal Hoffman, Member

Mark Wise, Member