

**TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

*April 21, 2008  
Akron Elementary School  
Cafeteria/Media Center  
Akron, Indiana  
7:30 p.m.*

**Minutes**

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Pastor Phil Pratt led devotions.

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Wise and revealed all members present along with Brett Boggs, Assistant Superintendent and Sherri Adamson, recording secretary.

Mr. Wise announced the upcoming meetings: May 12, 2008, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.; June 9, 2008, regular meeting, Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.; July 14, 2008, regular meeting, Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.

During Spotlight on Valley, Mr. Blaine Conley, Principal, Akron Elementary School, recognized the following individual students and groups of students: Tristan Justice, David Deuter Memorial Essay Contest; Brandon Murphy, Akron Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Bee; Brandon Murphy, Daughters of American Revolution American History Essay Contest; Fall 2007 ISTEP+ Test Writing Achievement; Hannah Brower, Fall 2007 ISTEP+ Language Arts Achievement; 2007-08 Akron Pride Council; 2007-08 Akron Hoosier Spell Bowl Team; 2007-08 Math Academic Team for Hoosiers

The business portion of the meeting was reconvened in the media center with Hal Hoffman making a motion to approve the consent agenda as: Approved Mary Olson, Instructional Assistant, Akron; Approved Carmen Howard, Cheerleading, TVMS; Accepted the resignation of the following personnel: Julie Hall-Foreman, Teacher, TVHS; Jennifer Kimble, Custodian, TVMS; and Gina Wireman, Cheerleading, TVMS; Accepted the retirement of the following: Kathy Eggleston, Teacher, TVHS; Joyce Harmon, Teacher, TVHS; Jerry Jackson, Teacher, TVMS; Alona Leininger, Teacher, Akron; and Ken Murphy, Teacher, TVHS; Approved Summer School Programs for 2008; Approved Summer Recreation Programs for 2008; Approved Increase to Drivers Education Fee for 2008; Approved Revision of the 2008-09 School Calendar (Spring 2009 Parent/Teacher Conferences); Approved Intent to Apply for Title I for 2008-09 School Year; Approved 2008-09 Sports Medicine Services/Athletic Training Agreement with Kosciusko Community Hospital. Dave O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs asked that the March 10, 2008 minutes of the regular meeting be clarified to indicate the teacher work day is scheduled for May 30, 2008. Also, Kris Walker, Teacher, TVHS, spoke briefly to the Board on his request to attend an out-of-state conference in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Mr. Boggs congratulated Mr. Walker on his recognition for being asked to present at the program. Mr. O'Brien made a motion to approve the additional items, as requested. Rod Eaton seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs reviewed claims and payroll (Exhibit A) and asked for approval. Bryan Murphy made a motion to approve the claims and payroll, as presented. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs reviewed the Financial Report for the Board.

Julie Cannedy, President of the Akron Parent Support Group, addressed the Board with an overview of the programs, activities, and materials that are made possible to the school through the Group. She also invited the Board to the Akron Carnival scheduled for May 2, 2008. Mr. Boggs shared his appreciation of the Parent Support Group at Akron.

In old business, Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the changes to School Board Policy, Title I Parent Involvement. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Hal Hoffman asked Mr. Boggs to investigation other options to determine the Builders Trade home owner fee. He noted other area schools are building spec homes and would like to look at the possibility of the same type of program at the Corporation, in the future; adding that the addition of the financial portion of home building would be beneficial to the students. Rod Eaton shared his concern with a spec home type of program and his unwillingness to risk the taxpayers' dollars with that type of program. Mr. Boggs asked the Board to consider what is the purpose of the program, the goals of the program, and if they want a program to generate revenue or cover the costs of the program. Being no further discussion, Mr. O'Brien made a motion to approve the increase of the Builders Trades home owner's fee to \$5.50 per square foot effective with the 2008-09 school year. The increase has been proposed by the local Builders Trades Advisory Committee and would be utilized to cover rising transportation costs to worksite.

Mr. Hoffman made a motion to approve the Senior Trip to Washington D.C. for the 2008-09 school year for April 22-26, 2009. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Conley, Mr. Earl Richter, Principal, Tippecanoe Valley Middle School, and Mr. Mike Schmidt, Assistant Principal, Tippecanoe Valley High School, presented the Board the student handbook changes for 2008-09 school year. The changes will be brought to the May meeting for approval.

Due to the inability for Fulton and Kosciusko Counties to collect spring taxes, information was shared with the Board in regard for the need of Tax Anticipation Warrants. Sherri Adamson will work with Lynn Potrosky, Bose, McKinney, and Evans, to prepare the appropriate documents for the May meeting. Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation will look to borrow 3.5 million dollars.

Mrs. Adamson reminded the Board the Builders Trades Open House is scheduled for May 18, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the house located at Boyer Lake in Newcastle Township.

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