

TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

May 11, 2009
LGI/Public Meeting Room
Mentone Elementary School
Mentone, Indiana
7:30 p.m.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Bryan Murphy and revealed all members present with the exception of Hal Hoffman and Dave O'Brien, along with Brett Boggs, Superintendent; and Sherri Adamson, recording secretary.

Mr. Murphy announced the upcoming meetings: May 17, 2009, Builders Trades Open House, 1:00-4:00 p.m.; June 8, 2009, regular meeting, Administration Office, 7:30 p.m.; June 29, 2009, Capital Projects Workshop, Administration Office, 7:30 p.m. and July 13, 2009, regular meeting, Administration Office, 7:30 p.m.

During Spotlight on Valley, Mrs. Catherine Miller, Principal, Mentone Elementary School, recognized the following groups and students: Mentone Pride Council and sponsor Misty Cripe; Mentone Math Team and sponsor Vonda Ryman; Mentone Spell Team; Paige Conley and Aris Long, Grade Five Spelling Bee winners; Hunter Early, Alex Kromkowski, Sydney Schaeffer, Blake McBrier, Braydon Ott, Makayla Ruiz, Gabriella Stanek, Dylan Warner, Breanne Conley and Madison Henninger for perfect writing scores on ISTEP; the officers and members of the Mentone Parent Support Group; Kevin Good, winner of the David Deuter Memorial Essay Contest.

Also recognized, Mr. Micah Lukens, Teacher, Burket Educational Center, winner of the Manzer Award for Economics presented by the Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana; Mr. Blaine Conley, Principal, Akron Elementary School, completion of Indiana Principal Leadership Academy.

Mrs. Diana Hoyt was honored by Mr. Earl Richter, Principal, Tippecanoe Valley Middle School. Mrs. Hoyt will retire at the end of this school year. She has been in education for thirty-five years.

The business portion of the meeting was reconvened in the public meeting room with Rod Eaton making a motion to approve the consent agenda as follows: approved April 20, 2009 regular meeting and executive session minutes; accept the resignation of Jane Jackson, Athletic Secretary, TVHS; accept the retirement of Dr. Daniel Kramer, Assistant Superintendent; approve hiring Elijah Campbell and Terra Kohler, part time summer custodians, Mentone Elementary School; approved overnight/out-of-state conference request to Chicago, Illinois for Angie Miller, Kirk Doehrmann, Mike Schmidt, and Director of Special Services; approved Athletic Training Agreement with Kosciusko Community Hospital; approved Agreement with Harmony Publishing; approved non-school Sunday activity for Cub Scouts at Mentone Elementary; approved overnight extra curricular trip for TVHS Baseball Teams. Mark Wise seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Boggs reviewed the Financial Report for the Board.

During items from the visitors, Julie Canada, Akron Parent, shared her desires with the Board for a sound system for the Akron Elementary School gym. During a recent production, audio was very poor in the facility. Mr. Boggs indicated that type of sizeable expenditure is typically provided for through Capital Projects. He will arrange for a vendor look at the situation.

Chris Morehouse, Mentone Parent, has a child attending the middle school next year. She asked about the possibility of a bullying project similar to the one implemented at the high school. Mr. Boggs suggested she contact Mr. Richter and Susanne Seibrase, Guidance Counselor, TVMS, to begin that discussion.

Mr. Eaton made a motion to approve the changes to the Student/Faculty/Athletic Handbooks for the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Wise seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

On other new business, Alan Stewart, Hattersley, presented an updated timeline for the Guaranteed Energy Savings Project at Burket. He indicated trenching on County Road 700 should begin tomorrow; the location of the entrance for the geo thermal has been moved to the west for better future access; asbestos testing will begin this week; and equipment has been ordered. The first progress meeting will take place on June 4, 10:00 a.m. at Burket.

Mr. Boggs announced the Summer Food Service Program allowing children 18 and younger to eat free lunch, regardless of free/reduced status, during the weekdays, 11:00-12:30 p.m. at Akron Elementary, Mentone Elementary, and Tippecanoe Valley High School. The program is federally funded and will begin June 8 and end August 7.

Mr. Wise approved a statement regarding student cell phones and "sexual conduct" to be placed in the 2009-2010 student handbooks. Mr. Eaton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

In other new business, Mr. Eaton made a motion to approve hiring Donna Lehmann as Director of Special Services. Mrs. Lehmann's 220-day contract will begin on July 1, 2009 at a salary of \$70,000.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Bryan Murphy, President

Rod Eaton, Vice President

Mark Wise, Member