

### **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: May 18, 2008, Builders Trades Open House, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Boyer Lake; June 9, 2008, regular meeting, Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.; July 14, 2008, regular meeting, Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.; and August 11, 2008, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

During Spotlight on Valley, Mrs. Catherine Miller, Principal, Mentone Elementary School, recognized the following individual students and groups of students: Mentone Spell Bowl Team and Coach, Sally Bales; Mentone MATH Team and Coach, Vonda Ryman; Mentone Elementary School Student Council and Sponsor, Misty Cripe; Mentone Elementary School Spelling Bee Champion Taylor Trippiedi and Runner Up Lauren Early; Alex Kromkowski for a perfect score on Grade 3 ISTEP, Language Arts; Dylan Warner for a perfect score on Grade 3 ISTEP, Math; Grade 3, 4, and 5 students who received Perfect 6 on Fall 2007 ISTEP Writing Rubric.

Also, during Spotlight on Valley, Mr. Kirk Doehrmann, TVHS Principal, recognized his retiring teachers: Kathy Eggleston, Joyce Harman, and Ken Murphy; Mr. Earl Richter, TVMS Principal, recognized Jerry Jackson as he retires at the end of the school year; and Mr. Blaine Conley, Akron Principal, recognized Alona Leininger for her retirement at the conclusion of the school year.

The business portion of the meeting was reconvened in the Public Meeting Room with Hal Hoffman making a motion to approve the consent agenda as: approved the minutes of April 21, 2008, regular and executive session; approved hiring Wes Backus, Builders Trades Teacher, TVHS and Joshua Clark, part time custodian, TVMS; and approved Renee Gagnon as Assistant Girls' Softball, TVHS. Dave O'Brien seconded the motion. 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. Rod Eaton seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs reviewed the Financial Report for the Board.

Mr. Boggs presented to the Board the Resolution for Tax Anticipation Warrants. Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the Resolution for Tax Anticipation Warrants. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. Mr. Wise indicated Fulton County has established a committee to investigate why there is a delay in certification of assessed value and to look at ways to avoid the situation in the future. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eaton made a motion to approve the Notice to Bidders for Tax Anticipation Warrants. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. O'Brien made a motion to approve the changes to the student handbooks, which were presented at the April meeting. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Angie Miller, Curriculum Director, reviewed for the Board the outcome of the recent accreditation visit of AdvancEd (formerly known as North Central Association). Mrs. Miller indicated the commendations from the visiting team were:

- ❖ *Creation of Burket Alternative Education Center*
- ❖ *Use of Research-based Instruction Models, such as Readers' & Writers Workshop*
- ❖ *Development of partnerships with local businesses and utilizing community resources (Partners in Education)*

The visiting team cited the following recommendations:

- ❖ *Provide more opportunities for parents and community input*
- ❖ *Share information through frequent communication to all*

Mrs. Miller indicated recommendations would be addressed in the next two years. However, the corporation is fully accredited for the next five years. Mr. Boggs indicated this was a positive report and should be celebrated as such.

Mr. Murphy motioned for approval for Mr. Boggs to precede his pursuit of an Indiana Pollution Prevention (P2) Grant and with development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for facility upgrades to be made at Burket Educational Center citing his belief of improvements can be done without an increase in tax rate.

Mr. Doehrmann and Doug Heinold, Teacher, TVHS, presented information to the Board on Project Lead the Way introduced by Purdue University to allow students the opportunity for pre-engineering coursing to enhance current curriculum and drive instruction. Purdue University has indicated 40% of their engineering students have been involved in Project Lead the Way prior to attending Purdue University. The future would allow for students to earn credits through Purdue University for some of the courses. Because of the advanced technology available at the high school, new computers will not be needed to implement the program. However, Mr. Heinold will take a 2-week training this summer in order to implement the program. The program allows for a \$15,000 grant application. Mr. Murphy motioned for Mr. Doehrmann to proceed with the grant application and implementation of the program for next school year. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Brad Lee, Lee Company, presented to the Board a timeline and options for replacement of the high school gym bleachers. For some time, the Board has been concerned about the ability of the bleachers to meet the needs of our patrons and Indiana Code. However, there is concern about the decrease in seating space that is inevitable with the installation of new bleachers. Vendors have estimated the loss of seating space to be between 22-28% in order to accommodate Indiana Code and ADA requirements. A timeline was discussed with an estimation of:

- ❖ Development of specifications: 30-45 days
- ❖ Notice to Bidders and Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Hearing: 30 days
- ❖ Delivery and installation: 8 weeks

There was some discussion as to whether the bleachers could be installed by phase-work during volleyball season. The Board will take the information under advisement.

In other new business, Mr. O'Brien made a motion to accept resignations from teachers: Jennifer Smith, Mentone and Alison Larty, TVHS and TVMS. Mr. Eaton seconded the motion. The Board noted Miss Larty is resigning to teach in Ecuador for two years. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the Sunday Activity for Fellowship of Christian Athletics, TVMS. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Stacie Hoffman, Student Representative, announced Wednesday there will be a Blood Drive at the high school beginning at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Wise shared that Stacie Hoffman was the Athlete of the Week recently in the Rochester Sentinel.

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