

TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

May 14, 2007
Large Group Instruction – Recognition
Public Meeting Room – Business
Mentone Elementary School
Mentone, Indiana
7:30 p.m.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Dave O'Brien and revealed all members present along with Dr. Dan Kramer, Superintendent; Brett Boggs, Assistant Superintendent; Sherri Adamson, recording secretary and Robert Bitting, Student Representative.

Mr. O'Brien announced the upcoming meetings: May 20, 2007, Builders Trades Open House, 1:00-4:00 p.m.; June 11, 2007, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.; June 18, 2007, CPF Workshop, Mentone Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.; July 9, 2007, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 7:30 p.m. and August 13, 2007, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

During Spotlight on Valley, Mrs. Catherine Miller, Mentone Elementary Principals, recognized the following student groups and their sponsors: Mentone Spell Bowl Team, Mrs. Sally Bales, sponsor; Mentone Math Team, Mrs. Vonda Ryman, sponsor; and Mentone Student Council, Mrs. Misty Cripe and Mrs. Marsha Scott, sponsors. Mrs. Miller also recognized the following students for individual achievements: Cassidy Cave, Brooke Danner, and Maddison Henninger, perfect scores on Grade 3 ISTEP Language Arts; Shay Merley, perfect scores on Grade 3 ISTEP Language Arts and Math; Josh Petgen, Grade 4 Level Champion for Reader's Digest Word Power Challenge; Josh Tucker, Grade 5 Level Champion for Reader's Digest Word Power Challenge; Elizabeth Shepherd, Mentone Elementary School Spelling Bee Champion; Bryce Zimpleman, 3rd place in "What Indiana Means to Me" Essay Contest and Robby Groom, County winner for Indiana Troopers Association Essay Contest.

Also during Spotlight on Valley, Mrs. Priscilla Burdge, Mrs. Julia Teel and Mrs. Polly Finney were recognized by their building principals, Mr. Blaine Conley, Akron Elementary, and Mr. Earl Richter, Tippecanoe Valley Middle School, as they retire at the end of this school year.

After Mr. O'Brien read the consent agenda, Bryan Murphy made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read: approved minutes of April 16, 2007 regular meeting and executive session; approved minutes of May 7, 2007, special session; accepted the retirement of Julia Teel, Akron; approved the following extra curricular assignments: Bobby Adams, Assistant Football, TVMS; Christian Shaffer, Assistant Football, TVMS; and Samantha Stanek, Assistant Track, TVMS; approved hiring LeAnna Bell, LPN, School Nurse, Akron (187 days/\$14.00 per hour); approve Elementary and Middle School Textbook Adoption; approved Grants from: Fulton County Solid Waste for Tennis Court Bleachers, \$10,000 and K-21 Foundation for Infant Simulators, \$8,000. Mark Wise seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Kramer reviewed claims and payroll (Exhibit A) and asked for approval. Hal Hoffman made a motion to approve the claims and payroll, as presented. Rod Eaton 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 the changes to the Student Handbook for 2007-2008 School Year for second reading. There being no discussion, Mr. Eaton made a motion to approve the changes, as presented. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Dr. Kramer indicated Athletic Code and Coaches Handbooks will be brought to the June meeting for first reading.

Dr. Kramer presented to the Board the Resolution for Tax Anticipation Warrants and Notice to Bidders for Tax Anticipation Warrants indicating a total of \$3,500,000 (Three Million Dollars) will be bid to borrow in lieu of delayed local property tax draws. Mr. Wise shared his dismay with the governing body responsible for the delay in collections indicating it not only affects school funding but also other governmental entities in the county. He added the interest being paid to borrow the funding is funding not available for education which disappointed him. Mr. Wise moved to approve the Resolution for Tax Anticipation Warrants (Exhibit B) and Notice to Bidders for Tax Anticipation Warrants (Exhibit C). Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Kramer reported the Common Construction Wage Hearing regarding the Concession project was scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, 2007. Notice to Bidders have been advertised on May 10, 2007 and will be again on May 17, 2007 with Bid opening scheduled for May 24, 2007.

Kristen Horrell and Karla Hayden, All Write!! Mentors, and Angie Miller, Director of Curriculum, presented to the Board information on Reader's Workshop, including implementation in classrooms at Tippecanoe Valley and the impact the program is having on student achievement in reading.

In other new business, Julie Hall-Foreman, Special Needs Teacher, requested a transfer to the high school from Akron Elementary. At the high school she will serve as a half time Special Needs Teachers beginning with the 2007-08 School Year. Mr. Wise made a motion to approve Mrs. Foreman's request for transfer. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robert Bitting, Student Representative, announced the recent Blood Drive at the high school was successful. Also, recognized the Boys' Golf Team for their TRC Championship.

Mr. Eaton mentioned he was approached by a local Fireman who would like to discuss the installation of emergency sirens at the main campus. Dr. Kramer indicated, Mr. Boggs and himself were aware of the discussion and would plan to meet with Fire Department representatives.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dave O'Brien, President

Bryan D. Murphy, Vice President

Rod Eaton, Secretary

Hal Hoffman, Member

Mark Wise, Member