

TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

August 13, 2013
Administration Office
8343 South State Road 19
Akron, Indiana
6:30 p.m.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Bryan Murphy and revealed all members present along with Brett Boggs, Superintendent and Jessica McFarland, recording secretary.

Mr. Murphy announced the upcoming meetings: August 29, Budget Public Hearing, Administration Office, 7:00 p.m.; September 9, regular meeting and budget adoption, Mentone Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.; October 14, 2013, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.

Spotlight on the Valley: Mr. Boggs recognized Anna Higgins and Brandon Murphy as the 2013-2014 junior and senior school board representatives. Anna Higgins, senior at TVHS, is involved in swimming, student council and FCA. She is planning on going to school to become a speech pathologist. Brandon Murphy, junior at TVHS, is involved in track, football, student council, FCYLA, and is a peer facilitator. He is undecided about his future but is interested in becoming a teacher or a doctor.

Mr. Boggs recognized the Tippecanoe Valley High School Distinguished Alumni Class of 2013. The Class of 2013 inductees are Ron Newlin ('76), Chuck Howard ('88), Dr. Marilyn (King) Kindig Stahl ('83), Orville Haney ('98), Brandon Miller ('92), Dr. Cameron Vanlaningham ('98) and Kenia (Ramirez) Rosas ('00). A formal dinner will be held on September 12th to recognize the inductees followed by a full day of activities on September 13th.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- ❖ Approval of the minutes of July 8, 2013 regular meeting and executive session
- ❖ Approval of the minutes of August 5, 2013 budget workshop and executive session
- ❖ Accepted the resignation of the following personnel:
 - Shelley Abbott, Speech Pathologist, Mentone Elementary
 - Janet Vigar, Cook, TVMS
 - Lauren Allen, Cook, Mentone Elementary
 - Angie Biltz Smith, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
- ❖ Accepted the hiring for the following personnel:
 - Paige Davis, 3rd Grade Teacher, Mentone Elementary
 - Noemi Malagon, Spanish Teacher, TVHS
 - Shelly Holloway, Head Cook, TVHS
 - Dora Maish, Head Cook, TVMS
- ❖ Approved maternity leave for the following personnel:
 - Meagan Wilks, Director of Special Services, TVSC
- ❖ Approved out-of-state conference for reading interventionists
- ❖ Approved contract with Kosciusko County Head Start for lease at Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Approved 2013-2014 teaching assignments
- ❖ Approved 2013-2014 extracurricular assignments

Dave O'Brien made the motion to approve the above consent items. Tom Craft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs reviewed claims and payroll and asked for approval. Mark Wise made a motion to approve the claims and payroll, as presented. Dave O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs reviewed the Financial Report for the Board.

Items from Visitors: None

Old Business: Mr. Boggs presented the TVHS 1:1 Student & Parent Agreement for approval. There being no questions, Rod Eaton made a motion to approve the 1:1 Student & Parent Agreement and Mark Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs presented the addition to the School Board Policy on Student Promotion/Retention preventing a student from being retained in a grade level for the sole purpose of improving the student's ability to participate in extracurricular activities. Dave O'Brien made a motion to approve the addition and Tom Craft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business: Mr. Boggs presented a report on continuing accreditation being awarded to TVSC by AdvancED Accreditation Commission. After a several month process that included an internal review completed by staff members and an external review completed by the AdvancED team, TVSC was awarded national accreditation. This accreditation provides TVSC national recognition among schools that strive for excellence.

Mr. Boggs presented the opportunity for TVSC to receive up to \$50,000 in a matching grant from the Secured School Safety Grant Program. This grant will allow TVSC to make safety upgrades that restrict access and expedite the notification of first responders. After forming the Kosciusko County School Safety Commission, TVSC's school safety specialists, Jon Hutton and Scott Backus and maintenance director, Todd Glenn will be diligently working to determine the most important safety needs within TVSC.

Mr. Boggs presented an agreement with Administrator Assistance to provide two recently retired superintendents to initiate a strategic planning process at TVSC. The strategic planning process will include a committee of 32 people to help develop a plan of continuous improvement at TVSC. Tom Craft made a motion to approve the agreement and Dave O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs presented an agreement with Four County Counseling Center for approval. The agreement will provide TVSC a school psychologist two days a week from Four County Counseling Center. Tom Craft made a motion to approve the agreement and Rod Eaton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs gave a report on the confirmed student enrollment as of August 9, 2013. Mr. Boggs is optimistic that the confirmed number of 1,960 students will continue to grow as the start of school approaches.

Mr. Boggs also presented a report on non-resident student transfers to TVSC as of August 9, 2013. The total number as of that date was 76 students from seven different school districts. This number has increased from the prior year of 71 students. Mr. Boggs expects the current number to grow as the beginning of the school year approaches.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Bryan Murphy, President

Mark Wise, Vice President

Dave O'Brien, Secretary

Rod Eaton, Member

Tom Craft, Member