

Minutes

Prior to calling the meeting to order, President Mark Wise introduced Terry Canfield, Akron Church of God, who led devotions.

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

Mr. Wise announced the upcoming meetings: August 27, 2007, Budget Public Hearing, Mentone Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.; September 10, 2007, Regular Meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.; and September 30-October 2, 2007, ISBA Fall Conference, Indianapolis; October 8, 2007, Regular Meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Wise read the consent agenda, Hal Hoffman made a motion to approve the following: approved minutes of July 9, 2007, regular and executive session; approve minutes of August 6, 2007, Budget Work Session; approved hiring the following personnel: Kyleigh Gast, Grade 1 Teacher, Akron Elementary; Inga Vandermark Omondi, Grade 4 Teacher, Akron Elementary; Bodie Bender, P.E. Teacher, TVMS; and Marsha King, Math Teacher, TVMS; accepted the retirement of Bernadean Howard, Teacher, Akron Elementary; accepted the resignations of Nathan Speitel, Teacher, TVMS; Laura Wittner, Part Time Custodian, Mentone Elementary; and Lisa Sponseller, Occupational Therapist; approved Summer School Contracts for 2007; approved the Teaching Staff for 2007-08 School Year; approved Extra Curricular Assignments for 2007-08 School year; approved the appointment of Cindy Border to INCOLSA Board; approved Sport Medicine Services/Athletic Training Agreement with Kosciusko Community Hospital (Exhibit A). Bryan Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Kramer reviewed claims and payroll (Exhibit B) and asked for approval. Rod Eaton made a motion to approve the claims and payroll, as presented. Dave O'Brien seconded the motion. Mark Wise commented on the utility bills for the two elementary schools indicating the difference monetarily in the bills even though the kilowatt usage was comparable. Dr Kramer indicated the difference was due to the demand charge at Mentone Elementary and he would be in contact with the utility company to review the situation. After no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Kramer reviewed the Financial Report for the Board.

During items from visitors, Chris Moorehouse, patron, thanked the board for listening to her concerns at the previous meeting and her phone conversation with Dr. Kramer as he indicated an instructional assistant will be placed in Grade 4 at Mentone to assist with the large class size. Ms. Moorehouse reported her research in finding the increase in student achievement is directly related to class size and if the corporation has nine million dollar invested, why can't additional teachers be hired to reduce class sizes.

Mr. Wise indicated a portion of the investment was borrowed money due to a delay in tax collections from Fulton and Kosciusko Counties. Dr. Kramer added the monies invested are from all funds within the corporation and not just the General Fund where certified staff members are hired.

Ms. Moorehouse also cited information from the Indiana Department of Health indicating each student is to have 30 square feet of classroom space. Mr. Wise indicated Tippecanoe Valley meets this requirement due to elementary classroom sizes are 900 square foot.

Furthermore, Dr. Kramer shared with the Board and patrons the enrollment at Mentone Elementary has dropped from 569 students (official enrollment) in 2006-07 to 526 students (unofficial enrollment) in 2007-08 school year. This decrease in enrollment impacts state tuition support by reducing revenues. As one teacher is hired in the corporation, it is approximately a \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollar) expenditure, including fringe benefits, to the corporation. As 6 or 7 teachers are hired, this is a dramatic effect on the General Funds of the School Corporation. Since the 2007 School Budget has not been approved by the State and we are two-thirds through the fiscal year for the school budget, it would not be of the best interest of the corporation financially to hire additional staff with the uncertainty of 2007 revenues.

Jerilyn Britton shared her disagreement with some of the supplies on the classroom supply list. Particularly, reams of copy paper and Kleenex boxes. She felt as though the school should supplies those with funds generated through tax collections. Dr. Kramer indicated supply lists are not approved by the School Board and her concerns should be addressed with the building principal who develops the supply list with input from the classroom teacher.

Being no old business to discuss, the new business included approval of Getting Ready for Kindergarten contracts for Ashley DuBois, Sandy Moriarty and Rachel Parker, Mentone Elementary and Kathy Good, Deb Lee, and Deb Tillman, Akron Elementary; approved Inga Osmondi, Assistant Volleyball, TVHS; accepted the resignation of Matt Richie, Teacher, Mentone and JV Basketball Coach; approved hiring Rachel Parker, Half-time Kindergarten Teacher, Mentone Elementary, on a temporary contract and Deborah Fisher, Speech Language Therapist. Mr. Hoffman made a motion to approve the new business in its entirety. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Kramer reported all staffing is in place for the school year with the exception of a half time Science teacher at the high school.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mark Wise, President

Hal Hoffman, Vice President

Dave O'Brien, Secretary

Rod L. Eaton, Member

Bryan D. Murphy, Member