

Minutes

Prior to calling the meeting to order, President Mark Wise introduced Larry Howard, United We Stand Ministries, 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. Also in attendance, Mr. Kirk Doebrmann, Mr. Mike Schmidt, Mr. Blaine Conley, Mrs. Catherine Miller, and Ms. Cheryl Meyers, Administrators.

Mr. Wise announced the upcoming meetings: September 30-October 2, 2007, ISBA Fall Conference, Indianapolis; October 8, 2007, Regular Meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.; November 12, 2007, Regular Meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.; and December 10, 2007, Regular Meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Bernadean Howard was recognized for her retirement from Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation by Mr. Blaine Conley, Akron Principal. Mrs. Howard retired after 40 years of teaching 4th grade at Akron Elementary School.

Mr. Wise read the consent agenda. Before making a motion to approve, Rod Eaton recognized Kosciusko County Fraternal Order of Police for their \$750 donation that will be used to fund the random drug testing program. Mr. Eaton made a motion to approve the following: approved the minutes of August 13, 2007, regular meeting and executive session; approved the minutes of August 27, 2007, regular meeting and executive session; approved hiring the following personnel: Synthia Clinger, Instructional Assistant, Akron; Brooke Hallstrom, Instructional Assistant, Akron and Phelix Omondi Onyango, Instructional Assistant, TVMS; accepted donation from Kosciusko County FOP for \$750; approved Conflict of Interest Statement for Rod Eaton; approved Agreement with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield as Third Party Administrator for Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation Health Insurance Benefit Plan; approved 2007-08 salaries for: Administrators/Directors/Coaches, Secretary/Treasurers, Custodians, Bus Drivers, Instructional Assistants, Cooks, School Nurses, and other classified employees (Exhibit K). Hal Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Kramer reviewed claims and payroll (Exhibit L) and asked for approval. Bryan Murphy made a motion to approve the claims and payroll, as presented. Mr. Eaton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Kramer reviewed the Financial Report for the Board.

Being no items from the visitors, Dr. Kramer read the Resolution for Additional Appropriations (Exhibit M) in order to appropriate Professional Development Grant monies. Mr. Hoffman made a motion to approve the Resolution for Additional Appropriations. Dave O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Cheryl Meyers, Director of Special Services, and Micah Lukens, Teacher of Alternative Education, presented to the Board demographics and information regarding the Alternative Education Program at Burket Educational Center.

Mr. Wise indicated the concern of the Board has been that students do not seem to be transitioning back to the high school building. Adding, at times the building is full and there is still a need for students to attend, but are turned away because of space at Burket. He questions whether students are being encouraged to get back to a traditional classroom setting. Ms. Meyers shared that students are given a choice to return to the high school once credit retrieval has concluded. She indicated there

is much communication and record keeping on the students, but many want to stay at Burket because of fear of failing at the high school or they enjoy being at Burket Educational Center.

Mr. Hoffman indicated there were four of the current Board members on the Board when the Alternative Education program was developed. At that time, the Board was led to believe students would transition back to the high school building once credits were retrieved or other obstacles that kept students from achieving in the traditional schools setting were no longer issues.

Mr. Eaton acknowledged that he was on the original committee established before the program began and the reason for the committee and development of the alternative education program was to eliminate expenditures to the Warsaw program which never had space available for Tippecanoe Valley students. He also stated when discussion of the program at the committee level began, he was not for voluntary attendance and thought student attendance should be mandatory. He soon realized after visiting other programs, voluntary attendance is necessary for a successful program, but he never thought the intent of the committee's decisions were for students to not transition back to the regular classroom setting.

Ms. Meyers shared her concerns that students entering mid-semester were being told by the counselor's at the high school credits could not be earned, so those students were coming to Burket in order to pick up credits as transient students. The Board's concern was that transient students be sent to the high school at semester break. Ms. Meyers indicated the communication between the Alternative Program and the high school is improving and that would be the desire of both. But seniors who come to Tippecanoe Valley and are so far behind in credit retrieval are choosing to stay at Burket. Mr. Hoffman thought it shouldn't be the choice of the student.

Eight of last year's students in the Alternative Education Program have chosen to stay at the high school and continue to work on the credit retrieval program, PLATO. Written Service Plans are being prepared at the high school in order for those students to begin to transition back to the regular classroom. Many initiatives, like this, will induce and alleviate difficulties as students begin to transition back to the regular classroom. But students still need the encouragement, and at times the insistence to get back to a traditional classroom.

Mr. Wise affirmed the Board would like the students at the Alternative Education Program to transition back to the high school. The Board feels that it is possible for the students at the Alternative Education Program to be able to make that transition. The Board feels it is an obligation for the Board to try and mainstream as many students as possible, citing the understanding that students getting behind at their credits, once they are caught up, if possible, the Board would like to see those students return to the high school.

Mr. Wise asked that Ms. Meyers meet with Dr. Kramer, as soon as possible, and form a committee to develop policies and procedures addressing the issues discussed to bring before the Board for approval.

With regards to the Capital Project Fund Plan, Mr. Wise stated, "The Hearing as required by law on the Capital Projects Fund Plan was held on August 27, 2007, and the purpose of this portion of this meeting was to adopt the Capital Projects Fund Plan." He then called upon Dr. Kramer to present Proof of Notice to Taxpayers (Exhibit A) and Proofs of Publication (Exhibit B & C). After Dr. Kramer presented the necessary exhibits, Mr. Wise entertained a motion made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Hoffman to make the exhibits a part of the minutes of the meeting. Mr. Wise called upon Dr. Kramer to read the Resolution to Adopt a Plan for a Capital Projects Fund. After Dr. Kramer reviewed the resolution, Mr. Wise entertained a motion, made by Mr. O'Brien, to adopt the Resolution to Adopt a Plan for Capital Projects Fund (Exhibit D) and to publish a Notice to Taxpayers of Adoption of Capital Projects Fund Plan (Exhibit E). Mr. Eaton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

With regards to the School Bus Replacement Plan, Mr. Wise stated, "The Hearing as required by law on the School Bus Replacement Plan was held on August 27, 2007, and the purpose of this portion of this meeting was to adopt the School Bus Replacement Plan (Exhibit F)." He then called upon Dr. Kramer to present Proof of Notice to Taxpayers of School Bus Replacement Plan (Exhibit G) and Proofs of Publication (Exhibit B & C). After Dr. Kramer presented the necessary exhibits, Mr. Wise entertained a motion made by Mr. Eaton and seconded by Mr. Murphy to make the exhibits a part of the minutes of the meeting. Mr. Wise called upon Dr. Kramer to read the Resolution to Adopt the Year 2007 Bus Replacement Plan. After Dr. Kramer reviewed the resolution, Mr. Hoffman made a motion to adopt the Resolution to Adopt the Year 2007 Bus Replacement Plan (Exhibit H). Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

With regards to the Budget Adoption, Mr. Wise stated, "The Hearing as required by law on the Budget and tax rates was held on August 27, 2007, and the purpose of this portion of this meeting was to adopt the Budget." He then called upon Dr. Kramer to present Proof of Notice to Taxpayers (Exhibit A) and Proofs of Publication (Exhibit B & C). After Dr. Kramer presented the necessary exhibits, Mr. Wise entertained a motion made by Mr. Eaton and seconded by Mr. Murphy to make the exhibits a part of the minutes of the meeting. Mr. Wise called upon Dr. Kramer to read the Resolution of Appropriations (Budget Form 4, Exhibit I) and Resolution of Tax Rates (Budget Form 5, Exhibit J). After Dr. Kramer reviewed the exhibits, Mr. Wise entertained a motion, made by Mr. O'Brien, to adopt the Resolution of Appropriations and Resolution of Tax Rates. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Kramer presented to the Board the Blanket Resolution and CPF Emergency Allocation to reduce appropriations. Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve both resolutions. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eaton made a motion to approve Kelley Rensberger, Instructional Assistant, Burket Educational Center. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Kramer presented to the Board preliminary student enrollment for 2007-08 school year, indicating official enrollment will be Friday, September 14, 2007.

Staci Hoffman, read to the Board her request as junior representative to the School Board. She will serve for a two-year term. Robert Bitting is the senior representative. Staci shared with the board the following happenings at the high school: September 26, Blood Drive; ISTEP testing next week; October 1-5 Homecoming week, including activities such as boys' volleyball, powder puff football, bonfire, pep rally, and Olympics.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mark Wise, President

Hal Hoffman, Vice President

Dave Wise, Secretary

Rod L. Eaton, Member

Bryan D. Murphy, Member