

TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

August 11, 2014
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, Blaine Conley, assistant superintendent and Jessica McFarland, recording secretary

Mr. Murphy announced the upcoming meetings: August 18, 2014, Budget Workshop, Administration Office, 7:00 p.m.; September 8, 2014, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.; September 22, 2014, Budget Public Hearing, Administration Office, 7:00 p.m.; October 13, 2014, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.

Mark Gordon provided an update on the soccer program at TVHS. Currently, there are 20 students participating and 14 matches on the schedule. The first game will be Saturday, August 16th at 1:00 p.m. against Whitko.

Mr. Boggs recognized the Tippecanoe Valley High School Distinguished Alumni Class of 2014. The Class of 2014 inductees are Mike Yazel ('77), DeShawn (VanDeWater) Wert ('82), Dr. Katti (Stroup) Sneed ('88), Diana (Erp) Nettleton ('89), Amy (Heckaman) Parker ('97), Richard Terpstra ('98), Brooke Smalley ('00), Adam Heckaman ('01), and Andrew Heckman ('03). A formal dinner will be held on September 18th to recognize the inductees followed by a full day of activities on September 19th.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- ❖ Approval of the minutes of July 14, 2014 regular meeting and executive session
- ❖ Accepted the hiring for the following personnel:
 - Ethyn Brumbaugh, 5th Grade Teacher, Akron Elementary
 - Elizabeth Aucacama, School Psychologist, TVSC
 - Robert Hinkle, ½ time Math Teacher, TVMS
 - Christine Sheets, Cook, Akron Elementary
 - Peggy McQuinn, Instructional Assistant, TVMS
 - Gloria Werner, Special Education Teacher, TVHS
 - Doug Makula, English Teacher, TVHS
 - Jenna Burton, Instructional Assistant, TVHS
 - Melissa Holstein, Instructional Assistant, TVHS
 - Hayley Cooper, 4th Grade Teacher, Akron Elementary
- ❖ Approval of the following Extra Curricular Assignments
 - Mark Gordon, Club Soccer Coach, TVHS
 - Jack Shambaugh, Boys Tennis Coach, TVHS
- ❖ Accepted the resignation of the following personnel:
 - Melanie Mason, Language Arts, TVHS
 - Shelby Claxton, Cook, Akron Elementary
 - Candace Shepard, Instructional Assistant, TVMS
 - Heather Wilson, Cook, TVHS
 - Sarah Theile, Special Education Hearing Impaired Teacher, TVSC
 - Brittany Childers, Custodian, Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Accepted donation for the TVHS Student Council from Kosciusko County Community Foundation
- ❖ Approved 2014-2015 Teaching Assignments
- ❖ Approved 2014-2015 Extra Curricular Assignments
- ❖ Approved Conflict of Interest Statements for Rod Eaton & Mark Wise

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

Mr. Boggs reviewed claims and payroll and asked for approval. Rod Eaton made a motion to approve the claims and payroll, as presented. Tom Craft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs reviewed the Financial Report for the Board.

Items from Visitors: Chris Morehouse questioned the status of AP English being offered at the High School due to Melanie Mason resigning. Mr. Boggs assured her that there will be a replacement qualified to teach AP English and that the class will still be offered for the 2014-2015 school year.

Old Business: Mr. Boggs requested approval of an addition to School Board Policy on student attendance. The additional policy would allow the School Board to authorize and excuse student absences for participation in the Indiana State Fair. Mark Wise made the motion to approve the policy and Dave O'Brien seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs requested approval for a revision to School Board policy on possessing firearms on school property. Tom Craft made the motion to approve the policy and Rod Eaton seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business: Mr. Boggs presented for initial consideration a revision to School Board Policy on vacation and sick leave payments to terminated employees. Rod Eaton and Mark Wise questioned taking away something that was earned by former employees. The Board discussed reasons behind the proposed addition to School Board policy and were asked to consider the revision for approval.

Mr. Conley presented results from the 2013-2014 ISTEP tests for grades 3-8. Overall, the Corporation as a whole is just under the state percentage for passing in both English and Math. However, the percentage of passing students since 2009 to current for TVSC has dramatically increased and is on an upward trend. Some reasons for the increase in passing students are: full day kindergarten, Acuity testing, and review for students that have not used certain math skills for some time. Mr. Conley explained that the State standards are changing and the Indiana Department of Education is offering free training sessions to anyone interested in learning more about the standards.

Mr. Backus presented an update on the safety upgrades made at every building at TVSC over the summer. The goal for the first round of security upgrades was to restrict access into each building. Each building is now equipped with a camera device at the main entry which allows building personnel to screen visitors to the building. A new, more secure entryway was created at the Middle School. Now everyone will be required to enter the school through the office during school hours. At Akron, doors were installed to restrict visitor access to non-office areas during school hours. As a result of the upgrades, visitors will only be able to access the office when entering the building. Signs have been placed at each door to instruct visitors on the proper procedure for entering each building. The upgrades were made possible due to a matching \$50,000 grant from the Department of Homeland Security. In 2015 the same type of grant will be used to purchase a GPS system to monitor the presence of students on buses.

Todd Glenn presented an update on the lighting project at the Middle School and High School. Over the summer the maintenance department updated lighting throughout the Middle School classrooms and gymnasium. At the High School, both gyms were updated. The lighting project will provide 50% or more reduction in electrical consumption throughout the two buildings. Mr. Glenn presented pictures that showed a noticeable improvement to the lighting in classrooms, hallways and gymnasiums. Also, the lights in the gymnasiums will not have to continuously stay on as there is no "warming up" period for the new lights. TVSC will be awarded a sizeable rebate check from Wabash Valley REMC for the upgrades completed and will be used as an example for future energy savings projects in the area.

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