

TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

September 8, 2014
Mentone Elementary School
301 E Jackson Street
Mentone, 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, Jessica McFarland, recording secretary, and Madison Miller, student representative.

Mr. Murphy announced the upcoming meetings: September 15-16, ISBA Fall Conference, Indianapolis; September 22, 2014, Budget Public Hearing, Administration Office, 7:00 p.m.; October 13, 2014, regular meeting & budget adoption, Mentone Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.; November 10, 2014, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.

Spotlight on the Valley:

Cami Shriver, Crystal Heckaman, and Brittani Bush-Garber were recognized for organizing the Rachel's Challenge presentations. Cory Cooper and Scott Backus were recognized for their efforts with the United Way campaign for the 2014-2015 school year. Duane Hackworth received the TVSC Pillar Award for Outstanding Support Staff.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- ❖ Approval of the minutes of August 11, 2014 regular meeting and executive session
- ❖ Approval of the minutes of August 18, 2014 budget workshop and executive session
- ❖ Approval of the minutes of August 28, 2014 special session and executive session
- ❖ Accepted the hiring for the following personnel:
 - Chris Rassi, 4th Grade Teacher, Akron Elementary
 - Mandy Gearhart, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
 - Melea Gibbs, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
 - Candace Shepard, Media Center Aide, TVMS
 - Maria Lancon, Cook, Akron Elementary
 - Angela Conner, Cook, Akron Elementary
 - Cathy Jo Young, Cook, Akron Elementary
 - Jennifer Randall, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
 - Chelsea Fox, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
 - Shelby Clevenger, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
 - Shawn Kercher, Cook, TVMS
 - Aisha Cooper, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
 - Elizabeth Bendicsen, Half-time Media Specialist, Mentone Elementary
 - Shalee Phipps, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
 - Tabatha Harger, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
 - Angela Woodward, Instructional Assistant, Burket Educational Center
 - Chuck Drudge, Bus Driver, TVSC
 - Paula Foltz, Bus Driver, TVSC
- ❖ Approval of the following Extra Curricular Assignments
 - McKenna Grossman, Student Council Sponsor, TVMS
- ❖ Accepted the resignation of the following personnel:
 - Magdalene Gang, Custodian, TVMS
 - Penny Railsback, Media Center Aide, TVMS
 - April Jones, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
 - Tori Quillen, Instructional Assistant, Little Vikings Preschool
 - Yenefur Jimenez, Cook, Akron Elementary
 - Elizabeth Aucacama, School Psychologist, TVSC
 - Tricia Chupp, Cook, Mentone Elementary
 - Todd Volk, Varsity Softball Coach, TVHS
 - Brandon Cody, Varsity Baseball Coach, TVHS

- ❖ Approved the maternity leave for Kristen Ekhoﬀ, Math Teacher, TVHS
- ❖ Accepted the donation of trash receptacles from Wabash valley Manufacturing
- ❖ Tabled resolution to vacate unimproved public ways and sell real estate
- ❖ Approved agreement for speech/language services
- ❖ Approved classified and administrative 2014-2015 salaries
- ❖ Approved 2015 school bus order

Tom Craft wanted the approval of Kristen Ekhoﬀ's maternity leave pulled out for further discussion and Mark Wise wanted the approval of the resolution to vacate unimproved public ways to be pulled out for further discussion.

Tom Craft made the motion to approve the above consent items with the exception of the above noted items. Mark Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Tom wanted to publically recognize Kristen Ekhoﬀ for the sacrifice she is willing to make during her maternity leave. Because she teaches dual credit classes, she will have to return to teaching on a part-time basis only a month after her child is born. This is needed so that the students who are taking the class are eligible for the dual credit. Mark Wise made the motion to approve Kristen Ekhoﬀ's maternity leave and Tom Craft seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

Mark Wise wanted to walk out and view the property in question regarding the resolution to vacate unimproved public ways. After viewing the property and a brief discussion, Mark Wise made the motion to table the resolution for further discussion and Rod Eaton seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs reviewed claims and payroll and asked for approval. Dave O'Brien 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: Rodney Smythe presented concerns regarding procedures at Mentone Elementary on the first day of school. His concern was that anyone was let into the school on the first morning and felt like that could present safety issues. Scott Backus, TVSC Safety Officer, felt like that was something that the safety team could discuss and create a plan for next year.

Todd Hoffman raised a question regarding the property that was on the agenda to be vacated and sold. His concern was that if the school keeps the property and the homeowners keep using it, then should the homeowners sign a release of liability to the school. Mr. Boggs indicated that we are working with an attorney and will consult him on Todd's question.

Todd was also concerned about the number of hiring's and resignations for the school corporation. Dave O'Brien replied that the number of instructional assistants needed sometimes is not known until school starts. Chrissy Mills, Principal at Akron Elementary, spoke on behalf of her school. She indicated that a lot of her instructional assistants are going to school and when the finish they move on to the field of study. Also, she saw some leave due to their spouse getting a job out of the area or their children finishing school.

Old Business: None

New Business: Mr. Boggs presented an update on student enrollment of 1,971 students as of August 22nd. The student enrollment was slightly below enrollment a year ago but above enrollment last February 2014.

Mr. Boggs presented an update on non-resident student transfers. As of Friday, September 5, TVSC had a total of 93 non-resident students enrolled from ten different school districts.

Mr. Conley reported on the new Heritage Language Class at TVHS. The class, which was recommended by the IDOE, will focus on students who speak Spanish at home. The class will develop Spanish speaking students writing, reading, speaking and listening processes.

Mr. Backus and Mr. Hutton presented an overview of the 2015 Secured School Safety Grant. In 2015, the grant will be used to purchase a GPS system to monitor the presence of students on buses. In addition, the grant will also allow for purchases of barriers to be placed at the main entrances of the high school and middle school. Dave O'Brien made a motion to approve the 2015 Indiana Secured School Safety Grant Agreement and Rod Eaton seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

Madison Miller, student representative, was asked for an update from the high school. She thought that Rachel's Challenge went really good and that there was a lot of positive feedback. She also wanted to announce that the

school will be participating in a campaign during October to raise money for breast cancer awareness. She announced that the October 3rd football game against Rochester will be a “pink out” and that pink shirts will be for sale at the high school.

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