

**TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

October 13, 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, and Jessica McFarland, recording secretary.

Mr. Murphy announced the upcoming meetings: November 10, 2014, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.; December 15, 2014, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.; January 19, 2015, regular meeting, Burket Educational Center, 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- ❖ Approval of the minutes of September 8, 2014 regular meeting and executive session
- ❖ Approval of the minutes of September 22, 2014 budget hearing and executive session
- ❖ Accepted the hiring for the following personnel:
  - Paula Foltz, Bus Driver, TVSC
  - Amanda Smith, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
  - Melea Gibbs, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
  - Alexis Wise, Instructional Assistant, TVHS
  - Tricia Johnson, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
  - Jayne Hargrove, Nurse, Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Approval of the following Extra Curricular Assignments
  - Buddy Busby, Head Swim Coach, TVHS
  - Valerie Drudge, Assistant Swim Coach, TVHS
  - Andrea Rudicel, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Volleyball, Akron Elementary
  - Kayla Rassi, Athletic Director, Akron Elementary
  - Pam Smith, Spell Bowl, Mentone Elementary
  - Karissa Cody, Spell Bowl, Mentone Elementary
  - Chelsea Hoffman, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball B-Team, TVMS
  - Janie Shriver, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball B-Team, TVMS
- ❖ Accepted the resignation of the following personnel:
  - Christina Short, Cook, TVHS
  - Shannon McSherry, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
  - Becky Gearhart, Bus Driver, TVSC
  - Carolyn Kirchenstien, Nurse, Mentone Elementary
  - Sally Ocock, Assistant Girls' Tennis Coach, TVHS
  - Kyleigh Gast, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach, Akron Elementary
  - Gene Hughes, Athletic Director, Akron Elementary
  - Tom Alexander, Assistant Swim Coach, TVHS
  - Robert Hinkle, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Coach, TVMS
- ❖ Approved TVHS Student Council overnight trip to Indianapolis
- ❖ Approved FFA overnight trip to the FFA National Convention in Louisville, KY
- ❖ Approved proposal for Fall Driver Education Session
- ❖ Approved contract with Beaver Dam Preschool
- ❖ Approved individual classified personnel salaries for 2014-2015
- ❖ Approved contracts with Area Five for Head Start Classroom at Akron Elementary

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

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

Mr. Boggs reviewed the Financial Report for the Board.

Items from Visitors: Chris Morehouse expressed concerns regarding lack of teachers at the high school. According to Mrs. Morehouse, her son will have to take summer school to get all the credits to graduate. She is also concerned with the size of study hall, citing that there are 50-60 kids in study hall at once. After Chris Morehouse commented that going through the proper chain of command at the high school is not working, Rod Eaton urged Mrs. Morehouse to personally contact him with her concerns. Bryan Murphy also commented that he attends several TVSC events so that he is easily accessible to patrons. Bryan Murphy concluded the discussion by commenting that they will look into the issues that she is having at the high school.

Todd Hoffman wanted to know when he will get billed for the remainder of the textbooks for the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Boggs explained during the second semester, once courses are determined for the entire year, the bills will go out.

Todd Hoffman had a follow-up concern relating to the chain of command at the high school. In his opinion, it is not working effectively and some of the same problems that he was having last year are occurring again. More specifically, problems with a dual credit math class are happening again and he feels like more guidance needs to be offered to students when signing up for classes. After a lengthy discussion, specifically about the dual credit class and resources available to struggling students, Bryan Murphy commented that they will look into a non-college credit course for pre-calculus.

Old Business: Mr. Boggs presented an update on student enrollment of 1,963 students as of count day, September 12th. This is 23 students fewer than reported on the 2013 Fall ADM official student count. The decrease can be attributed to a decreased kindergarten class at Mentone Elementary School.

Approve Resolution to Vacate Unimproved Public Ways and Sell Real Estate--Tabled

New Business: Mr. Boggs presented a change to the 2014-2015 master calendar. Because of the recent changes made in state standards, a staff development day has been scheduled for October 27, 2014. The original staff development day, January 5, 2015, will now be a regular student day. Mark Wise made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 master calendar revision and Rod Eaton seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

Kristen Horrell, Patti Newman and Inga Omondi presented Indiana's new college and career ready standards. They provided information on why Indiana adopted the new standards and what TVSC is doing to prepare students for the new assessments. Because of the newness of the standards, there is uncertainty what the new tests will look like. The instructional coaches, along with the teachers, are spending countless hours preparing curriculum maps, attending professional development classes, and conducting grade and department level meetings. Their efforts will prepare students with the tools needed to pass tests that are based on the new college and career ready standards.

Budget Adoption: Bryan Murphy stated, "The Hearing as required by law on the Capital Projects Fund Plan was held on September 22, 2014, and the purpose of this portion of this meeting is to adopt the Capital Projects Fund Plan." He then called upon Mr. Boggs to present Proof of Publication of the Notice to Taxpayers of Capital Projects Fund Plan (Exhibit A & B). After Mr. Boggs presented the necessary exhibits, Bryan Murphy entertained a motion made by Dave O'Brien and seconded by Rod Eaton to make the exhibits a part of the minutes of the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Bryan Murphy called upon Mr. Boggs to read the Resolution to Adopt the Capital Projects Fund. After Mr. Boggs reviewed the resolution, Bryan Murphy entertained a motion, made by Mark Wise, to adopt the Resolution to Adopt a Plan for Capital Projects Fund (Exhibit C) and to publish a Notice to Taxpayers of Adoption of Capital Projects Fund Plan (Exhibit D). Tom Craft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Bryan Murphy stated, "The Hearing as required by law on the School Bus Replacement Plan was held on September 22, 2014, and the purpose of this portion of this meeting is to adopt the School Bus Replacement Plan (Exhibit E)." He then called upon Mr. Boggs to present Proof of Publication of the Notice to Taxpayers of Capital Projects Fund Plan (Exhibit A & B). After Mr. Boggs presented the necessary exhibits, Bryan Murphy entertained a motion made by Dave O'Brien and seconded by Rod Eaton to make the exhibits a part of the minutes of the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Bryan Murphy called upon Mr. Boggs to read the Resolution to Adopt the 2015 Bus Replacement Plan. After Mr. Boggs reviewed the resolution, Rod Eaton made a motion to adopt the Resolution to Adopt the 2015 Bus Replacement Plan (Exhibit F). Tom Craft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

With regards to the Budget Adoption, Bryan Murphy stated, "The Hearing as required by law on the Budget and tax rates was held on September 22, 2014, and the purpose of this portion of this meeting is to adopt the Budget." He then called upon Mr. Boggs to present Proof of Publication of the Notice to Taxpayers of Capital Projects Fund Plan (Exhibit A & B). After Mr. Boggs presented the necessary exhibits, Bryan Murphy entertained a motion made by Dave O'Brien and seconded by Mark Wise to make the exhibits a part of the minutes of the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Bryan Murphy called upon Mr. Boggs to read the Resolution of Appropriations (Budget Form 4, Exhibit G). After Mr. Boggs reviewed the exhibit, Bryan Murphy entertained a motion, made by Tom Craft, to adopt the Resolution of Appropriations. Mark Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Rod Eaton made a motion to adopt the Blanket Resolution to Reduce Appropriations. Dave O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Angie Miller reported information for student representative, Madison Miller. Madison wanted to report about the homecoming activities this week at TVHS which includes: spirit day, powder puff game, boys' volleyball and the bon fire. She also said that there will be a car smash before the football game Friday night. Homecoming week will conclude with a dance following the football game Friday night.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Bryan Murphy, President

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Mark Wise, Vice President

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Dave O'Brien, Secretary

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Rod Eaton, Member

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Tom Craft, Member