

TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

November 10, 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 Brandon Murphy and Madison Miller, student representatives.

Mr. Murphy announced the upcoming meetings: December 15, 2014, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.; January 19, 2015, regular meeting, Burket Educational Center, 6:30 p.m.; February 9, 2015, regular meeting, TVMS, 6:30 p.m.

Spotlight on the Valley:

The following groups were recognized:

TVHS FFA Chapter-Awarded the 2-star chapter award

TVHS FFA Sponsor Lisa Paxton-Recipient of Honorary Hoosier Degree award

TVSC Special Education Program

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- ❖ Approval of the minutes of October 13, 2014 regular meeting and executive session
- ❖ Accepted the hiring for the following personnel:
 - Jennifer Perry, Custodian, TVHS
 - Maegan Martin, Custodian, TVHS
 - Taylor Peterson, Cook, TVHS
 - Penni Harley, Cook, TVHS
 - Kaela Virgil, Nurse, TVMS
 - Lynndy Cox, Cook, Akron Elementary
- ❖ Approval of the following Extra Curricular Assignments
 - Justin Branock, Varsity Baseball Coach, TVHS
 - Staci Lind, Girls' Tennis Coach, TVHS
 - Daryl Shoemaker, Varsity Softball Coach, TVHS
 - Thadd Mellott, 5th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach, Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Accepted the resignation of the following personnel:
 - Michelle Turnipseed, Cook, TVHS
 - Gene Hughes, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
 - Marie Morrison, Custodian, TVHS
 - Angela Conner, Cook, Akron Elementary
 - Cathy Young, Cook, Akron Elementary
 - Bobby Adams, Assistant Football Coach, TVMS
 - Billie Jo Carlin, JV Volleyball Coach, TVHS
 - Jordan Littlejohn, 6th Grade Boys' Basketball, TVMS

Mark Wise made the motion to approve the above consent items and Dave O'Brien 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: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Dr. Bendicsen presented two additional dual credit course offerings for the Board's approval. The two new classes will be American Studies and Spanish 3 and will give students the opportunity to earn up to 6 college credits from Grace College. Dave O'Brien made a motion to approve the additional dual credit classes and Mark Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bendicsen presented plans for organizing a Tippecanoe Valley High School Parent Advisory Group and dissolving the current TVHS Parent Teacher Organization. According to Dr. Bendicsen, the previous PTO does not meet the needs at TVHS. The new organization's goals are to gather input from concerned individuals and improve lines of communication between students, staff, parents and administration. Tom Craft made the motion to dissolve the TVHS Parent Teacher Organization and activate the TVHS Parent Advisory Group. Mark Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Backus presented three changes to the current TVMS student handbook for Board approval. The changes include addition of a common homeroom time once per week, changes to athletic grade checks, and allowing water bottles in classrooms. Mark Wise made a motion to approve the three additions and Rod Eaton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Wilks presented the revised seclusion and restraint policy and plan for initial consideration. Mrs. Wilks summarized the changes that were made from the previous approved document. The Board was asked to review the plan and approve it in December.

Mrs. Wilks presented the High Ability Program Manual for initial review. The manual highlights the definition of high ability, the program's goals, and how the students will be identified. The Board was asked to review the plan and approve it in December.

Each of the building principals presented the 2014 A-F Accountability Report Cards for their school. Along with the presentation, each principal detailed out goals and plans to improve the grade. Those changes include: continued remediation, additional reading and math blocks, math and reading software, and increased administrative classroom walk-throughs.

Mr. Boggs presented a quick overview of the preliminary savings that TVSC is experiencing due to the lighting project that took place this summer. In summary, it appears that 35,000 kilowatt hours were saved when comparing the September and October 2014 electric invoice with the September and October 2013 invoice. If this proves to be consistent, TVSC anticipates saving \$10,000 - \$12,000 a year from the electrical upgrades.

Additional New Business: Mr. Boggs presented a resolution to correct the legal description of the property in the bond documents for Mentone Elementary. Rod Eaton made a motion to approve the resolution and Dave O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Madison Miller and Brandon Murphy reported that all fall sports have ended at the high school and all winter sports have started. According to the students, homecoming activities went smoothly and were enjoyed by all.

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