

**TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

December 15, 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, except for Tom Craft, present along with Brett Boggs, superintendent, Blaine Conley, assistant superintendent and Jessica McFarland, recording secretary.

Mr. Murphy announced the upcoming meetings: January 19, 2015, regular meeting, Burket Educational Center, 6:30 p.m.; February 9, 2015, regular meeting, TVMS, 6:30 p.m.; March 9, 2015, regular meeting, TVHS, 6:30 p.m. Mr. Boggs announced the following community information meetings regarding the Akron Elementary School Project: Tuesday, January 13, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the Akron Elementary School gym; Thursday, January 15, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the Mentone Elementary School large group instruction room.

**Spotlight on the Valley:**

The following groups were recognized:

Katie Gunter, Austin Nickerson & Scott Smith-West Point/Indianapolis Leadership Conference

Raymond Jarvis-U.S. Presidential Scholar Nominee

Nikki Rutherford-T.V.S.C. Pillar Award for Outstanding Support Staff

Tippecanoe Valley High School Viking Guard

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

- ❖ Approval of the minutes of November 10, 2014 regular meeting and executive session
- ❖ Approval of the minutes of November 17, 2014 public work session
- ❖ Accepted the hiring for the following personnel:
  - Kristy Koch, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
  - Gloria Baca, Cook, Akron Elementary
  - Nikkole Greer, Instructional Assistant, Little Vikings Preschool
- ❖ Accepted the resignation of the following personnel:
  - Shelby Clevenger, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
  - Tori Quillen, Instructional Assistant, Little Vikings Preschool
  - Gloria Werner, Special Education Teacher, TVHS
  - Mirannnda Figert, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Coach, Akron Elementary
  - Jennifer Ousley, Cook, TVHS
- ❖ Approved extension of maternity leave for Rachel Haney, kindergarten teacher, Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Approved maternity leave for Hayley Whitaker, reading interventionist, Akron Elementary
- ❖ Approved Assistant Superintendent's contract addendum
- ❖ Approved the reappointment of Jill Gross & Honey Kuhn to the Bell Memorial Public Library Board
- ❖ Approved overnight trip to semi-state for TVHS wrestling team
- ❖ Approved overnight trip to state finals for TVHS wrestling team

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

Mr. Boggs reviewed the Financial Report for the Board.

Items from Visitors: Dawson Honeycutt, freshman at TVHS, presented a petition to the Board to have all world religions presented in the World History class or no religions at all. He felt like the current textbook promoted the Islam religion. Lance Bailey also expressed concern over the curriculum and textbooks in the World History class, as

well as a parent of a 7<sup>th</sup> grader. Jerry Hendrix, TVHS freshman, commented that he had been through the middle school class as well as the freshman World History class. He felt like that all religions were taught, however, Christianity was brushed past in the current textbook.

Scott Backus, Principal at TVMS, spoke that state standards have not changed since he began teaching in 1998. Mr. Boggs and the Board encouraged the students to meet with Dr. Bendicsen to express their concerns with what is being taught and to be involved in the textbook adoption process. The Board also instructed Lance Bailey to setup a meeting with Mr. Boggs and Dr. Bendicsen to address his concerns and those of other community members.

Old Business: Mr. Boggs presented the resolution to vacate the unimproved public way adjacent to the Mentone Elementary school for the Boards approval. Mr. Boggs noted that a survey will be completed once the resolution is passed to determine the precise amount of land to be sold. Mr. Boggs explained the survey will determine if an appraisal will be legally required. Mark Wise wanted to make sure that an appraisal would be done regardless of the determination of the survey. He also wanted to make sure that the Board would approve the purchase price of the land in question. After a brief discussion, Mark Wise made the motion to approve the resolution adding that an appraisal and the sales price will be approved by the Board. Dave O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

In November, Mrs. Wilks presented the High Ability Program Manual and the Revised Seclusion and Restraint Policy and Plan for initial consideration with approval sought in December. With no questions regarding either item, Mark Wise made the motion to approve the High Ability Manual and Dave O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mark Wise made a motion to approve the revised Seclusion and Restraint Policy and Plan and Dave O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business: Mr. Backus, Principal at TVMS, presented the TVMS Student Achievement Plan for 2014-2015. Mr. Backus was required to complete the student achievement plan based on the school accountability letter grade received from the state. He briefly highlighted major areas of the plan including: curriculum mapping by every staff member as of 12/31/14, implementation of Viking Time, remediation, a Facebook page launch along with a Twitter feed from the middle school.

Mr. Conley presented the Heritage Language Grant for Board approval. TVSC was awarded a one-time \$10,000 grant to help aide English as a Second Language Learners in school. Rod Eaton made a motion to approve the grant and Mark Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs presented the following Kosciusko Endowment Youth Services (KEYS) Grants:

- Chaitra Adams, Akron Elementary, Reading comprehension games, \$389.00
- Julie Baxter, Akron Elementary, Replacement/Additional Rhythm Instruments, \$159.00
- Jenny Stiffler, Akron Elementary, Kindergarten Hatchery, \$155.00
- Cathy Olson, Mentone Elementary, Accessibility to the curriculum for special needs students, \$548.00
- Staci Revere, Mentone Elementary, Read-Along Books for Students, \$402.00
- Aaron Engbrecht, TVHS, Equipment for the Viking Den Café and Store, \$796.00
- Kyler Kearby, TVMS, Whiteboards for Math Instruction, \$180.00

Mark Wise made the motion to accept the KEYS grants awarded and Rod Eaton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bendicsen, Principal at TVHS, presented for the Board to approve the adoption of an Archery and Hunter Education Program at TVHS. After a brief presentation from Conservation Officer John Cook, Dave O'Brien made a motion to approve the program. Rod Eaton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs presented the resolution to establish a rainy day fund to the Board. The resolution allows TVSC to transfer any unused and unencumbered funds to the rainy day fund. Any expenditure made from this fund will be subject to Board approval. Mark Wise made the motion to approve the resolution and Dave O'Brien seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs presented to the Board a policy to implement the Rainy Day Fund. Rod Eaton made a motion to approve the policy and Dave O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Sandy Rivers and Mrs. Stephanie Anglin gave a brief presentation of the career counseling program at TVHS sponsored through WorkOne. Students, who were identified based on test results, are eligible to use the counseling service to gain useful knowledge regarding certain career paths and colleges that they may be interested in. There is also remediation available for students with identified weaknesses within certain subject areas.

Mr. Boggs recognized school board members Mark Wise and Rod Eaton for their years of service as a TVSC school board member. Mr. Boggs highlighted their significant accomplishments and presented both with a plaque.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Dave O'Brien

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Tom Craft

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Stan Miller

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