

TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

March 9, 2015
Tippecanoe Valley High School
Lecture Room
8345 South State Road 19
Akron, Indiana
6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Pastor Rod Ruberg of the Riverview Community Church led devotions.

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: April 20, 2015, regular meeting, Akron Elementary, 6:00 p.m.; May 11, 2015, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary, 6:00 p.m.; June 8, 2015, regular meeting, Administration Office, 6:00 p.m.

Spotlight on the Valley:

The following groups were recognized:

- ❖ TVMS Science Teacher, Larry DuBose
- ❖ Students in Kosciusko Youth Leadership Academy, Fulton County Youth Leadership Academy & Kosciusko Endowment Youth Services
- ❖ TVHS Band and Director Janell Riner
- ❖ TVHS Girls' Basketball Team

Items from Visitors: None

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- ❖ Approval of the minutes of February 9, 2015 regular meeting and executive sessions
- ❖ Accepted the hiring for the following personnel:
 - Jenna Burton, Special Education Teacher, TVHS
 - Trent Nolan, Custodian, TVHS
 - Dedra Ruff, Cook, TVMS
 - Jennifer McQuinn, Instructional Assistant, TVMS
- ❖ Accepted the resignation of the following personnel:
 - Holli Mares, Custodian, TVHS
 - Abigail Schwendeman, Special Education Teacher, TVHS
 - Billy Gillman, Custodian, Akron Elementary
 - Camille Sherow, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Accepted donation by K21 Health Foundation
- ❖ Approved Sunday afternoon facility usage at Mentone Elementary

Dave O'Brien made the motion to approve the above consent items and Todd Hoffman 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.

Old Business: None

New Business: The presentation on Career and Technical Education was postponed until the April meeting.

Dr. Bendicsen presented information on the ACP English class that will be offered as a dual credit class at Tippecanoe Valley High School. Mr. Walker will receive training this summer and will be teaching the class next school year. Students will earn college credit through Indiana University after successfully completing this class.

Dr. Bendicsen presented information on the current graduation rate at the high school. According to Dr. Bendicsen, the current graduation rate of 79% is calculated based on the number of incoming freshman that complete high school in four years. Dr. Bendicsen identified critical areas that need work in order to show improvement in the graduation rate. The tracking of students plays a crucial role in the graduation rate and needs improved. The high school will continue to offer basic skills classes, English and Math labs, and partner with the Bowen Center to provide emotional help to students.

Mrs. Mills provided an update on the ISTEP testing throughout the school district. The first round of testing wrapped up this week and IREAD 3 will begin next week. The second round of ISTEP will begin the last week in April. Between the ISTEP testing, students will also be tested using Acuity and Scholastic Reading Inventory.

Mr. Boggs asked the Board for permission to publicize the Notice of Project Hearing and Preliminary Determination Hearing for the Akron Elementary School Project. Tom Craft made a motion to authorize the publication and Stan Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs presented for initial consideration an addition to School Board Policy regarding an Outside Activities of Staff policy. The policy will be brought back to the School Board in April for approval.

Mr. Boggs presented the 2015-2016 school calendar for initial consideration. The school calendar includes 180 student days, 185 teacher days, first student day on August 10, 2015 and the last day on May 18, 2016. Julie Canada, parent, questioned whether there was data to support the extension of the school day implemented two years ago. After a brief discussion, Bryan Murphy indicated that attendance and test scores will be examined to determine if there is a correlation. The master calendar will be brought back to the School Board in April for approval.

Madison Miller and Brandon Murphy, student representatives, reported that \$1,296 was raised for Riley Children's hospital last week. The amount is expected to increase because some of the fundraising events had to be postponed due to the Girls' basketball games. Also noted was the school musical performance of Grease, set to take stage March 19-21, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Bryan Murphy, President

Dave O'Brien, Vice-President

Tom Craft, Secretary

Stan Miller, Board Member

Todd Hoffman, Board Member