

## TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

April 20, 2015  
Akron Elementary School  
School Gymnasium/Media Center  
202 N Rural St  
Akron, Indiana  
6:00 p.m.

### Minutes

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Pastor Jeff Sumner of the Olive Branch 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 Madison Miller, student representative.

Mr. Murphy announced the upcoming meetings: May 11, 2015, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary, 6:00 p.m.; June 8, 2015, regular meeting, Administration Office, 6:00 p.m.; July 13, 2015, regular meeting, Administration Office, 6:00 p.m.

The Project Hearing and Preliminary Determination Hearing were conducted regarding the Akron Elementary School Project.

#### Spotlight on the Valley:

The following groups were recognized:

- ❖ Akron Student Council
- ❖ Akron Spell Bowl
- ❖ Akron Math Team
- ❖ Akron Spelling Bee Winner and Regional Winner
- ❖ Akron Spelling Bee Runner Up
- ❖ Circle the State with Song
- ❖ No Bully Flyers
- ❖ Reading Club

Items from Visitors: None

#### Approval of Consent Agenda:

- ❖ Approval of the minutes of March 9, 2015 regular meeting and executive sessions
- ❖ Approval of the minutes of March 26, 2015 executive sessions
- ❖ Accepted the hiring for the following personnel:
  - Samantha Shepherd, Custodian, TVHS
  - Korey Betts, Custodian, TVHS
  - Sarah Kreft, Instructional Assistants, Mentone Elementary
  - Shelly Yarian, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
  - Natasha Ault, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
  - Martha Ruiz, Custodian, Akron Elementary
  - Betty Gentry, Cook, TVMS
  - Tonya Mappin, Custodian, Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Approval of the following extra-curricular assignments:
  - Greg Prater, Assistant Baseball Coach, TVHS
  - Evan Speicher, JV Softball Coach, TVHS
  - Joe Egner, Assistant Softball Coach, TVHS
  - Darren Parker, Boys' & Girls' Golf Coach, TVHS
- ❖ Accepted the resignation of the following personnel:
  - Michelle Janisse, Math Teacher, TVHS
  - Billi Reiter, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
  - Shalee Phipps, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
  - Michelle Holloway, Custodian, Mentone Elementary
  - Natalie Monesmith, Cook, TVHS
  - Chris Kindig, JV Softball Coach, TVHS
  - Buddy Busby, Swimming Coach, TVMS

Shelly Fry, Cook, TVMS

- ❖ Accepted the retirement of the following personnel:  
Miriam Ruppel, Third Grade Teacher, Akron Elementary
- ❖ Accepted the termination of the following personnel:  
Trent Nolan, Custodian, TVHS
- ❖ Approved 2016 TVHS Senior Trip
- ❖ Approved 2015 Summer School & Summer Camps
- ❖ Approved Summer 2015 Driver's Education Program
- ❖ Approved overnight trip to Munciana Volleyball Facility for the TVHS Volleyball Team
- ❖ Approved Akron Youth League Softball request

Stan Miller made the motion to approve the above consent items with the exception of the approval of Miriam Ruppel's retirement and Todd Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Tom Craft wanted to publicly thank Miriam Ruppel for her years of service at Akron Elementary. Tom Craft made the motion to approve the retirement of Miriam Ruppel 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 claims and payroll, as presented. Todd Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs reviewed the Financial Report for the Board.

Old Business: Mr. Boggs presented for approval an addition to School Board Policy regarding an Outside Activities of Staff policy. Dave O'Brien made a motion to approve the addition to School Board Policy. Todd Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs presented the master calendar for the 2015-2016 school year for approval. A few visitors and teachers were in attendance to voice their concerns or support for the proposed calendar. Mark Wise, Pam Smith and Julie Canada were all concerned about the start day and the short notice given to parents. Kayla Rassi explained the extra four days would make a huge difference in standardized test results. It was noted that this calendar was prepared with input from the Teacher's Association and, overall, teachers wanted extra time before ISTEP. Dave O'Brien made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 master calendar. Todd Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Chaitra Adams, Akron Elementary, Engaging Leveled Reading Material, \$119  
Ryan Adams, Akron Elementary, Math Lego Kits, \$829.95  
Rhonda Jewell, Akron Elementary, Investing Our World for Primary Aged Students, \$260.11  
Deb Miller, Akron Elementary, Character Education Curriculum, \$485  
Jeanna Lidecker, Mentone Elementary, Purchase of Books for Reading Center, \$246  
Janie Shriver, Mentone Elementary, Books and Tickets to Round Bard Production of Miss Nelson is Missing, \$880  
Tana Tinkey, Mentone Elementary, Purchase of instruments, puppets, books, & DVDs, \$703  
June Yazel, TVHS, Purchase candle mold & ice cream maker for Prill Project, \$250

Tom Craft made the motion to accept the KEYS grants awarded and Stan Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Miller, Mr. Backus, and Mr. Hutton presented changes to student and staff handbooks for initial consideration. Final approval of the handbook changes from the Board will be obtained in May.

Mr. Conley presented the TVSC Wellness Policy for the Board's approval. Tom Craft made a motion to approve the wellness policy. Dave O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Conley presented an overview of the social studies textbook selection process. He explained that teachers and parent representatives participated in the Social Studies Textbook Caravan in South Bend where they were able to preview textbooks from several companies. After the Caravan, textbook companies presented to staff members as well as high school students. Mr. Conley reviewed the textbooks selected by the textbook adoption committee, explaining that each textbook has a digital component available. Tom Craft made the motion to adopt the social studies textbooks presented and Stan Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Conley presented the TVSC Food Service Code of Conduct for initial consideration. Final approval of the code of conduct from the Board will be obtained in May.

Mr. Hutton, Assistant Principal at TVHS, provided a brief overview of the contract with Bowen Center for the Student Assistance Counseling Program. This program will allow for Bowen to provide two counseling sessions to each high school student at no cost. Todd Hoffman made the motion to approve the contract with Bowen Center and Tom Craft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs presented the tree planting project at TVHS. He explained that trees native to Indiana will be planted along the east and south sides of TVHS. Tom Craft made the motion to approve the tree planting project and Stan Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs presented the partnership between United Way of Kosciusko County and TVSC to bring Kindergarten Countdown Camp to Mentone and Akron Elementary Schools. This camp, which is financially supported by the United Way, provides kindergarten orientation to future kindergarten students who have not participated in preschool. Stan Miller made the motion to approve Kindergarten Countdown Camp and Dave O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Wilks presented plans for a Kindergarten Readiness Center at Mentone Elementary. This preschool would service up to 20 students per day and will be modeled after a preschool at Claypool Elementary. The goal of the pilot preschool program is to provide a resource to parents in the Mentone area that is not currently available and to retain students within TVSC. Todd Hoffman made the motion to approve the Mentone Readiness Center and Tom Craft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Madison Miller, student representative, reported that the TVHS prom will take place on May 9, 2015. She also wanted to remind everyone of the birthday celebration for TVHS on June 20, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Bryan Murphy, President

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Dave O'Brien, Vice-President

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Tom Craft, Secretary

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Stan Miller, Board Member

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Todd Hoffman, Board Member