

TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

September 14, 2015
Mentone Elementary School
Public Meeting Room
301 E Jackson St
Mentone, Indiana
6:00 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 Jonathon Engle, student representative.

Mr. Murphy announced the upcoming meetings: September 21, 2015, Budget Public Hearing, Administration Office, 7:00 p.m.; October 12, 2015, Regular Meeting & Budget Adoption, Mentone Elementary, 6:00 p.m.; November 9, 2015, Regular Meeting, Mentone Elementary, 6:00 p.m.

Spotlight on the Valley: Mr. Boggs announced that TVHS will host ISM College Planning on Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:00 p.m. This free presentation will allow students and parents to hear valuable information on college admissions and financial planning.

Brenda Utter, program coordinator for the Warsaw Adult Education, was on hand to provide the Board information on the adult education program that is offered at Akron Elementary. Debbie Johnston, Special Education Teacher at TVHS, teaches the adult education program at Akron Elementary. The program offers people of any age the opportunity to earn their high school equivalency degree.

Items from Visitors: None

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- ❖ Approval of the minutes of August 10, 2015 regular meeting and executive session
- ❖ Approval of the minutes of the August 17, 2015 budget work session and executive session
- ❖ Accepted the hiring for the following personnel:
 - Holly Bradford, Kindergarten Teacher, Mentone Elementary
 - Brandon Swindell, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
 - Christina McVay, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
 - Kara Yates, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
 - Royetta Good, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
 - Ashley New, Cook, Akron Elementary
 - Judy McNeiley, Cook, Akron Elementary
 - Ron Bruner, Head Custodian, TVMS
 - Joy Ellis, Cook, TVMS
 - Helen Owens, Custodian, TVMS
 - Crystal Lewis, Cook, TVMS
 - Andria Smith, Custodian, TVHS
 - Heaven Peconga, Instructional Assistant, Little Vikings Preschool
- ❖ Approval of the following extra-curricular assignments:
 - Matt Craig, Head Swim Coach, TVHS
 - Karissa Cody, Steering Committee, Mentone Elementary
 - Julia Hayes, JV Girls Basketball Coach, TVHS
 - Sara Thomas, Student Council, TVMS
 - Krys Martin, Student Council, TVMS
- ❖ Accepted the resignation of the following personnel:
 - Matt Mobley, Mental Health Therapist, TVSC
 - Patty Terrel, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
 - Amanda Smith, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
 - Kieli Perkins, Cook, TVHS
 - Eric Sorenson, Technology Associate, TVHS
 - Hayley Cooper, 5th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Akron Elementary
- ❖ Approved out of state conference

❖ Approved 2015 Fall driver education session

Tom Craft made the motion to approve the above consent items as presented and Dave O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs reviewed claims and payroll and asked for approval. Stan Miller 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: The Board was asked to approve the food allergy policy that was originally presented in July. Stan Miller asked if all schools would be peanut free under the proposed policy. This question opened up the discussion on the proposed plan with several members of the public giving their input. Dave O'Brien suggested that the term "nut products" be used in place of peanut or peanut butter. After further discussion, Stan Miller made a motion to approve the food allergy policy with the proposed change of having Akron Elementary the only cafeteria that would be peanut-free. Dave O'Brien seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

The Board was asked to approve two additions to school board policy. At the August meeting, a debt management policy and an investment policy was presented for the Board's initial consideration. Dave O'Brien made a motion to approve the two new policies and Tom Craft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business: Mr. Conley provided an update on the elementary snack program that started at Akron and Mentone on September 14th. This program allows for the school's to distribute snacks the last hour of the school day and be fully reimbursed by the state.

Mr. Conley informed the Board and patrons of the hours that the weight room and cardio equipment is available to the public. The equipment is available Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 6:30-8:00 a.m. and Monday through Thursday evenings from 5:00-7:00 pm.

The Board was asked to approve a tentative agreement with the Tippecanoe Valley Classroom Teachers Association. After Mr. Boggs highlighted changes to the existing agreement, Tom Craft made a motion to approve the agreement and Todd Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Representatives from Barton-Coe-Vilamaa Architects and The Skillman Corporation presented an update on the Akron Building Project. The architects shared their preliminary plans for Akron Elementary and also shared several options for drainage.

Mr. Boggs asked the Board to approve the resolution approving the form of lease between the Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation and the Tippecanoe Valley-Akron School Building Corporation. Dave O'Brien made the motion to approve the resolution and Todd Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

In conclusion, Johnathan Engle, student representative, highlighted a few upcoming events at the high school. According to Johnathan, homecoming is coming up, as well as, a chili dinner before the September 25th football game. Proceeds from the chili dinner will go to replace the Prill School roof.

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