

TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

January 18, 2016
Burket Educational Center
5095 S 700 W
Burket, Indiana
6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Before the meeting was called to order, Ryan Petgen from Pleasant View 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, Johnathon Engle and Madison Miller, student representatives.

Mr. Murphy announced the upcoming meetings: February 8, 2016, Regular Meeting, Tippecanoe Valley Middle School, 6:30 p.m.; March 14, 2016, Regular Meeting, Tippecanoe Valley High School, 6:30 p.m.; April 18, 2016, Regular Meeting, Akron Elementary, 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Murphy led the reorganization of the school board by first taking nominations for president. Tom Craft nominated Dave O'Brien for president and Stan Miller seconded the nomination. Todd Hoffman made a motion to close nominations and Tom Craft seconded the motion. The nomination for president passed 4-0. Mr. O'Brien then took nominations for vice president. Tom Craft nominated Bryan Murphy for vice president and Todd Hoffman seconded the nomination. Tom Craft made a motion to close nominations and Stan Miller seconded the motion. The nomination for vice president passed 4-0. Lastly, Mr. O'Brien took nominations for secretary. Bryan Murphy nominated Todd Hoffman for secretary and Stan Miller seconded the motion. Tom Craft made a motion to close the nominations and Bryan Murphy seconded the motion. The nomination for secretary passed 4-0.

Mr. Boggs then recommended that the Board approve the appointment of Jessica McFarland, Corporation Treasurer. Bryan Murphy made the motion and Tom Craft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board voted on school board meeting times for 2016. Bryan Murphy made a motion to keep the meeting times at 6:00 p.m. and Todd Hoffman made a motion to change the times to 6:30 p.m. After a brief discussion, Stan Miller seconded Todd's motion to change the meetings to 6:30 p.m. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Spotlight on the Valley: Gwen Cooper, new technology associate at Mentone and Akron Elementary and Travis Adams, new bus mechanic were introduced to the Board.

Mr. Dahms, Ashley Dubois and Kari Thomson gave a presentation of the Mentone Kindergarten Readiness Center. Several parents were on hand to share their experience with the preschool.

Mr. Hutton, Mr. Lukens and Mr. Petre gave a presentation about the Burket Educational Center. Mr. Hutton opened up by giving a brief overview of the expectations of students at Burket and some changes that were made this year regarding student behavior. Mr. Petre, JAG specialist at Burket, provided a summary of the work he does with students preparing them to enter the workforce. Mr. Lukens gave a brief history of Burket Educational Center and highlighted three students for their outstanding accomplishments at Burket.

Dr. Bendicsen was called upon to report the newly released graduation rate. He reported that the graduation rate for the 2014-2015 year was 92.3%. This was a significant increase from the 79.7% for the previous year.

Items from Visitors: Lisa Paxton spoke on her own behalf and gave an overview of the issues that led to her resignation.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- ❖ Approval of the minutes of December 7, 2015 regular meeting and executive session
- ❖ Accepted the hiring for the following personnel:
 - Gwen Cooper, Technology Associate, Akron & Mentone Elementary
 - Travis Adams, Assistant Bus Mechanic, TVSC
- ❖ Approval of the following extra-curricular assignments:
 - Chelsea Hoffman, 7th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach, TVMS
 - Sherrill Hamman, Yearbook Sponsor, Mentone Elementary
 - Chris Rassi, Assistant Baseball Coach, TVHS
 - Greg Prater, Assistant Baseball Coach, TVHS
 - Kylene Crabb, 5th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach, Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Accepted the resignation of the following personnel:

Sara Elder, Instructional Assistant, TVHS
Brandon Swindell, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
Gene Noble, Assistant Bus Mechanic, TVSC
Debra Zawlocki, Family & Consumer Science Teacher, TVHS
Lisa Paxton, Agriculture Teacher, TVHS
Rebecca Frazier, Custodian, Mentone Elementary

- ❖ Approved proposal for Spring 2016 Driver Education Program
- ❖ Approved overnight trip to Indianapolis for TVHS wrestling team
- ❖ Approved overnight trip to East Chicago for TVHS wrestling team
- ❖ Approved Tippecanoe Valley wastewater treatment plant operations contract
- ❖ Approved appointment of corporation physician

Tom Craft wanted to pull out the approval of the wrestling team overnight trips for further discussion. Bryan Murphy made the motion to approve the above consent items with the exception of the wrestling trips and Tom Craft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. After a brief discussion on the wrestling trips, Tom Craft made a motion to approve the trips 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 claims and payroll, as presented. Stan Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs reviewed the Financial Report for the Board.

Old Business: Adam Weesner from Barton, Coe, Vilamaa and Chris Muvceski from Skillman Corporation were on hand to provide a brief update on the Akron building project. Chris gave an overview of the phasing and logistics of the project. Adam presented the Board with gym floor options and options for concrete additives to ensure dryness when laying floors throughout the building. Detailed diagrams were also presented to the Board of the proposed drainage and detention plans.

New Business: Mrs. Mills, Principal at Akron Elementary, gave a presentation of the ISTEP+ results from the 2014-2015 school year. She explained that the overall percentage of students passing the test throughout the state in grades 3-8 dropped from 74% to 52.6%. She also provided the Board with results of students passing for Mentone Elementary, Akron Elementary and TVMS.

Mr. Conley presented the 2016-2017 master calendar for the Board's approval. He noted that the first and last student days for the 2016-2017 school year will correspond with the current school year. Thanksgiving break will be extended to three days and Christmas break will start on December 22nd. Tom Craft made the motion to approve the 2016-2017 master calendar and Bryan Murphy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs asked for the Board to approve a grant from United Way for the Mentone Kindergarten Readiness Center. Tom Craft made the motion to approve the grant and Todd Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs presented the resolution to transfer appropriations to the Board for their approval. Todd Hoffman made a motion to approve the resolution and Tom Craft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

In conclusion, Madison Miller, student representative, noted that the winter sports are in full swing at the High School with both, the girls' and boys' basketball teams, coming off a good weekend. Johnathon Engle noted that the chili dinner to raise money for roof repairs at the Prill School was well attended.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dave O'Brien, President

Bryan Murphy, Vice-President

Todd Hoffman, Secretary

Stan Miller, Board Member

Tom Craft, Board Member