

## TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

February 8, 2016  
Tippecanoe Valley Middle School  
11303 W 800 S  
Akron, Indiana  
6:30 p.m.

### Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Dave O'Brien and revealed all members present along with Brett Boggs, superintendent, Blaine Conley, assistant superintendent, Jessica McFarland, recording secretary, Jonathan Engle and Madison Miller, student representatives.

Mr. O'Brien announced the upcoming meetings: March 14, 2016, Regular Meeting, Tippecanoe Valley High School, 6:30 p.m.; April 18, 2016, Regular Meeting, Akron Elementary, 6:30 p.m.; May 9, 2016, Regular Meeting, Mentone Elementary, 6:30 p.m.

Spotlight on the Valley:

Mallory Eaton was recognized for writing a grant to provide bowling education to TVSC. This was a highly competitive grant that awarded over \$2,000 in bowling equipment to TVSC.

Mr. Backus recognized several students, clubs and teams at TVMS. The following groups were recognized:

- 2016 TVMS & Kosciusko County Script's Spelling Bee Champion
- TVMS Ceiling Tile Project
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Football RRC North Champions
- TVMS Spell Bowl-RRC Champions
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Teams
- 7-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball B-Team
- 2016 Solo & Ensemble Contest-Gold Medal Winners
- 2016 Three Rivers Honor Band
- 2016 Circle the State Choir Participants

Mr. Boggs mentioned that TVSC was named to the Gaston Caperton Opportunity Honor Roll by the College Board.

Mr. Boggs also mentioned that the TVSC will hold a Corporation wide celebration on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> for the graduation rate being the best in Kosciusko County.

Items from Visitors: Heather Shriver, representing the Tippecanoe Valley Aquatic Club, expressed her concerns regarding the condition of the TVHS pool and lack of attendance during open swim on Sunday afternoons.

Lisa Paxton brought concerns to Board regarding the cash balance exceeding \$21 million in 2014.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- ❖ Approval of the minutes of January 18, 2016 regular meeting and executive session
- ❖ Approval of the minutes of January 18, 2016 board of finance meeting
- ❖ Accepted the hiring for the following personnel:
  - Laurie Swope, Custodian, Mentone Elementary
  - Kraig Bowers, Agriculture/FFA Consultant, TVHS
  - Michelle Neese, Instructional Assistant, TVMS
- ❖ Approval of the following extra-curricular assignments:
  - Chelsea Hoffman, 3-4 Volleyball, Akron and Mentone Elementary
  - Billie Jo Carlin, 3-4 Volleyball, Akron and Mentone Elementary
  - Chris Kindig, 3-4 Girls Basketball, Akron and Mentone Elementary
  - Julie Hayes, 3-4 Girls Basketball, Akron and Mentone Elementary
  - BJ Walls, 3-4 Boys Basketball, Akron and Mentone Elementary
  - Chad Patrick, 3-4 Boys Basketball, Akron and Mentone Elementary
  - Mark Wilcox, FFA Co-Sponsor, TVHS
  - Jeff Shriver, FFA Co-Sponsor, TVHS
  - Erin Eastgate, FFA Co-Sponsor, TVHS
  - Cami Shriver, FFA Co-Sponsor, TVHS
  - Micah Lukens, FFA Co-Sponsor, TVHS
- ❖ Accepted the resignation of the following personnel:
  - Alexandra Elliott, Instructional Assistant, TVMS

Jessica Creekmore, Nurse, TVMS

- ❖ Accepted the retirement of the following personnel:  
Beth Anglin, ECA Treasurer, TVMS
- ❖ Approved out-of-state field trip, TVMS
- ❖ Approved overnight trip to Indianapolis for JAG students, TVHS
- ❖ Approved maternity leave request for Gwen Cooper, Technology Associate, Akron & Mentone Elementary

Tom Craft asked to table the approval of hiring Chad Patrick as 3-4 grade basketball coach. Bryan Murphy made the motion to approve the above consent items with the exception of Chad Patrick and Tom Craft 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: Chris Muvceski from Skillman Corporation provided a brief update on the Akron building project. Chris indicated that estimating documents have been received and the project is within budget. He also asked for the Board's approval to release the construction documents for bidding. The bids will be opened on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Akron Elementary. Chris will bring the bids back in March for Board approval.

New Business: Mrs. Mills, Mr. Dahms, Dr. Bendicsen and Mr. Backus all gave presentations on their school improvement plans for 2015-2016. Each principal highlighted areas of strengths and areas that their school is working to improve. Todd Hoffman made the motion to approve each school improvement plan and Tom Craft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs presented to the Board for initial consideration an addition to School Board Policy regarding the new activities bus. The policy outlines the procedures employees must complete before driving the activities bus. The Board will be asked to approve the addition in March.

Mr. Boggs discussed the creation of a new public relations and marketing position at TVSC. This new position will be responsible for grant writing, public relations and marketing. Applications are currently being accepted with interviews to start within the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Boggs asked for the Board to approve a grant from the Dekko Foundation for the Mentone Kindergarten Readiness Center. Bryan Murphy made the motion to approve the grant and Stan Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

In conclusion, Madison Miller, student representative, noted that there will be a blood drive at the high school on Friday, February 12th. Other upcoming events include the winter homecoming at the boys' basketball game on February 19<sup>th</sup> and semi-formal on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Dave O'Brien, President

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Bryan Murphy, Vice-President

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Todd Hoffman, Secretary

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Stan Miller, Board Member

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Tom Craft, Board Member