

TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

March 14, 2016
Tippecanoe Valley High School
8345 South State Road 19
Akron, Indiana
6:30 p.m.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Dave O'Brien and revealed all members except for Tom Craft, along with Brett Boggs, superintendent, Blaine Conley, assistant superintendent, Jessica McFarland, recording secretary, and Jonathon Engle, student representative.

Mr. O'Brien announced the upcoming meetings: April 18, 2016, Regular Meeting, Akron Elementary, 6:30 p.m.; May 9, 2016, Regular Meeting, Mentone Elementary, 6:30 p.m.; June 13, 2016, Regular Meeting, Administration Office, 6:30 p.m.

Spotlight on the Valley:

Jeff Krotke, new assistant softball coach, was introduced to the Board.

Mr. Boggs recognized Aggie Prater and Matt Cavender as the TVSC Pillar Award for Outstanding Support Staff recipients. Inga Omondi was awarded the TVSC World Class Teacher Award. Mr. Boggs also recognized Jacob McDonald for earning a gold rating at the state solo and ensemble competition.

Shelly Engle gave a brief explanation of what Professional Learning Communities are and how they are implemented at the high school.

Jeff Shriver introduced members of the Archery club at TVHS and gave an overview of the developing program. The students then gave a brief demonstration by shooting a full set of arrows into targets.

Jeff Shriver, Dan Franklin and Micah Lukens provided information on the Viking Room at the high school. The Viking Room will be a meeting room at the high school containing memorabilia from the school corporation's history. Students and staff are constructing a table made from the old light poles from the football field.

Items from Visitors: Dena Schipper and Chasity Osborn expressed concerns on how an incident with their sons was handled at the high school. They requested a meeting with the Board, the principals and teacher involved. Dave O'Brien told the two parents that the Board will take their request under advisement and will setup a meeting if it is deemed necessary.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- ❖ Approval of the minutes of February 8, 2016 regular meeting and executive session
- ❖ Approval of the minutes of March 2, 2016 executive session
- ❖ Accepted the hiring for the following personnel:
 - Robert Reid, Bus Driver, TVSC
 - Timothy Strahla, Technology Associate, TVMS
 - Taylor Brubaker, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
 - Dedra Ruff, Instructional Assistant, TVMS
 - Amie Rogers, Instructional Assistant, TVMS
 - Anna Rich, Nurse, TVMS
 - Teresa Weaver, Treasurer, TVMS
 - Brenda Alderfer, Instructional Assistant, TVHS
 - Kyle Wood, Agriculture Teacher, TVHS
- ❖ Approval of the following extra-curricular assignments:
 - Chad Patrick, 3-4 Boys Basketball, Akron and Mentone Elementary
 - Jeff Krotke, Softball Assistant Coach, TVHS
 - Kyle Wood, FFA Sponsor, TVHS
- ❖ Accepted the resignation of the following personnel:
 - Laurie Swope, Custodial, Mentone Elementary
 - Michael Clouser, Custodian, TVHS
- ❖ Accepted the termination of the following personnel:
 - Dennis Kamp, Bus Driver, TVSC

- ❖ Approved maternity leave request for Jeanna Lidecker, Teacher, Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Approved 2017 TVHS senior trip

Bryan Murphy 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. Stan Miller made a motion to approve claims and payroll, as presented. Bryan Murphy 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 summary of the bids received for the Akron Building project. According to Chris, a total of 52 bids were received for 12 bid categories. He asked the Board to approve the list of bids and give him permission to send out notices to proceed. Bryan Murphy made a motion to approve the contracts and Todd Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs asked for the Board to approve an additional to School Board Policy regarding the new activities bus. The policy outlines the procedures employees must complete before driving the activities bus. Stan Miller made the motion to approve the policy and Todd Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business: Darren Parker gave a presentation on additional Project Lead the Way Computer Science courses that will be offered at the high school next school year. According to Mr. Parker, the new three year program will provide classes to students interested in the Computer Science field. Mr. Parker will attend a two week training course each summer for the next three summers to be equipped with the skills needed to teach the new classes.

Chrissy Mills and Randy Dahms presented the new Project Lead the Way Launch program that will start next school year at Akron Elementary and Mentone Elementary. The elementary program provides hands on, inquiry based learning as opposed to traditional teaching methods. Offering PLTW courses at the elementary level will get students acclimated to the programs offered at the middle school and high school.

Randy Dahms and Chrissy Mills presented for the Board's approval the new standards based report cards that will be used in grades K-2. Standards based report cards will not contain a letter grade but will provide parents a more accurate picture of how well the student is performing using a number system. Standards based report cards will also help teachers align their instruction to their assessment. Stan Miller made a motion to approve the standard based report cards and Bryan Murphy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs asked for the Board to accept donations for the Viking Room at TVHS. Todd Hoffman made the motion to accept the donation and Stan Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs asked for the Board to accept a donation to Tippecanoe Valley Boomerang Backpacks from the K21 Foundation in honor of Rosy Jansma. Bryan Murphy made the motion to accept the donation and Todd Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs asked for the Board to approve a grant from the United Way of Fulton County for the Akron Literacy Program. Bryan Murphy made the motion to approve the grant and Stan Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs presented to the Board for initial consideration an addition to School Board policy regarding the smoke-free and tobacco-free policy. The revised policy will address the use of e-cigarettes and vaping devices. The Board will be asked to vote on the additional policy in April.

In conclusion, Johnathon Engle, student representative, noted that high school students had recently taken the ISTEP test and are getting class schedules set for next year. He also wanted to commend Noah Prater for the work he does in helping others with the tablets within the technology department.

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