

TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

April 18, 2016
Akron Elementary
School Gymnasium/Media Center
Akron, Indiana
6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Pastor Dave Eaton of the Akron United Methodist Church led devotions.

The meeting was called to order by President Dave O'Brien and revealed all members present except for Bryan Murphy, 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: May 9, 2016, Regular Meeting, Mentone Elementary, 6:30 p.m.; June 13, 2016, Regular Meeting, Administration Office, 6:30 p.m.; July 11, 2016, Regular Meeting, Administration Office, 6:30 p.m.

Spotlight on the Valley:

Mr. Boggs recognized TVHS Senior Shay Merley for being awarded the 2016 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.

The following groups were recognized:

- Akron Student Council
- Akron Spell Bowl
- Akron Math Team
- State Swimming Finalist - Carson Parker
- ESL/WIDA Program – Inga Omondi
- Dekko Foundation Birthday Award - Andrea Michel

Items from Visitors: Matt Smith questioned which items from Akron Elementary were going to be sold in the first round of the online auctions. He was concerned that items were being sold that were still needed for instruction during the construction period. After further explanation by Mr. Boggs, it was determined that some of the items posted on the online auction website are not supposed to be auctioned off until later in the construction process.

Joe Secrist brought concerns regarding teacher and staff email addresses not being updated on the website. He also was concerned that events around the school corporation are being scheduled on the same night, therefore making it impossible for parents to attend both events. Lastly, he brought up concerns regarding a question that was asked of students during a convocation on Friday. According to Mr. Secrist, students do not feel like the school cares about their mental and emotional well-being. He was concerned about the perception that most students have of the school. Mr. Boggs encouraged Mr. Secrist to speak with Dr. Bendicsen regarding his concerns.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- ❖ Approval of the minutes of March 14, 2016 regular meeting and executive session
- ❖ Approval of the hiring for the following personnel:
 - Jacqueline Burkett, Cook, TVMS
- ❖ Approval of the following extra-curricular assignments:
 - Kory Fields, Assistant Track Coach, TVMS
 - Steve Moriarty, Golf Coach, TVMS
- ❖ Accepted the resignation of the following personnel:
 - Bob Hinkle, Math Teacher, TVMS
 - Martha Ruiz, Custodian, Akron Elementary
 - Kyle Brown, Assistant Football Coach, TVHS
 - Jeffrey Hoover, Assistant Track Coach, TVMS
- ❖ Accepted the retirement of the following personnel:
 - Marjorie Sanders, 4th Grade Teacher, Mentone Elementary
 - Pam Smith, 3rd Grade Teacher, Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Accepted the termination of the following personnel:
 - Mason Veach, Technology Associate, TVHS
- ❖ Approved maternity leave request for the following personnel:
 - Lacey Jones, Special Education Teacher, Mentone Elementary

Ashley Hohman, 3rd Grade Teacher, Akron Elementary

- ❖ Approved 2016 Summer School & Summer Camps
- ❖ Approved 2016 Summer Driver Education Session
- ❖ Approved overnight trip to Munciana Volleyball Facility for the TVHS Volleyball Team
- ❖ Approved overnight trip to Cedar Point for the TVHS Volleyball Team
- ❖ Approved out-of-state field trip for TVMS & TVHS Wrestling Teams
- ❖ Approved out-of-state professional leave request for Dan Franklin

Todd Hoffman made the motion to approve the above consent items 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. Tom Craft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs reviewed the Financial Report for the Board.

Old Business: Mr. Boggs discussed the online auction that will take place starting April 21, 2016 to sell items from Akron Elementary. According to Mr. Boggs, there will be several items added to the auction as construction progresses and more items are available to sell. He also informed the Board and patrons that there will be a public groundbreaking ceremony on Wednesday, May 18th at 1:30 p.m. Lastly, Mr. Boggs announced that construction should begin this week starting with drainage work.

Mr. Boggs asked for the Board to approve an additional 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. Tom Craft made the motion to approve the policy and 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, Tug-of-War Kit to aid in Teaching Math Skills, \$126
Rhonda Jewell, Akron Elementary, Geometric Math Manipulatives, \$387
Jeanna Lidecker, Mentone Elementary, LED Light Table, \$805
Amanda Medley, Mentone Elementary, Whiteboards for Math Instruction, \$220
Deb Miller, Akron Elementary, Books and Games for Character Education, \$354
Mike Miller, TVHS, Freedom Shrine Display of Important U.S. History Documents, \$500
Cathy Olson, Mentone Elementary, Materials to Help with Social Skills Instruction, \$940
Chris Rassi, Akron Elementary, High Interest Biography and Mystery Books, \$390

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

Mr. Boggs asked for the Board to approve a grant from the Kosciusko Community Foundation. Todd Hoffman made the motion to accept the donation and Tom Craft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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 and Mr. Glenn gave a presentation on the renovation to the Tippecanoe Valley High School Football Field/Track and Soccer Facilities.

Dave O'Brien opened up the meeting for the additional appropriation hearing. There being no comments from the public, Dave O'Brien entertained a motion to adopt the additional appropriation resolution. Tom Craft made the motion and Stan Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs announced that the TVHS building trades will hold their open house at the house they built this school year for Preston and Ashley Singleton. The open house will be on Sunday, May 15, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

In conclusion, Johnathon Engle, student representative, noted that ISTEP testing got underway at the high school. He also commented regarding the convocation on mental health that took place on Friday, April 15th. He wanted to point out all the good things that the school has done to help students with their mental health and emotional needs.

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