

TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

May 9, 2016
Mentone Elementary
Public Meeting Room
Mentone, Indiana
6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Rev. Amber Karkosky-Litten of the Mentone United Methodist Church led devotions.

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, Jonathon Engle & Madison Miller, student representatives.

Mr. O'Brien announced the upcoming meetings: June 13, 2016, Regular Meeting, Administration Office, 6:30 p.m.; June 27, 2016, CPF Workshop, Administration Office, 6:30 p.m.; July 11, 2016, Regular Meeting, Administration Office, 6:30 p.m.; August 8, 2016, Regular Meeting, Mentone Elementary, 6:30 p.m.

Mr. O'Brien also announced other upcoming important dates: Building Trades Open House, Sunday, May 15 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.; Burket Graduation, Thursday, May 19th at 10:00 a.m., TVHS Graduation, Sunday June 5, Baccalaureate at 2:00 p.m., Commencement at 2:45 p.m.

Spotlight on the Valley:

The following groups were recognized:

Mentone Student Council
Mentone Spell Bowl
Mentone Math Team

Mr. Boggs also recognized Austin Nickerson for being honored as a district star in agriculture placement.

Mr. Boggs and the Board recognized Madison Miller for serving as the High School student representative. She was presented with a card and an engraved pen and pencil set.

Marjorie Sanders and Pamela Smith, 2016 retirees, were recognized for their years of service to Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation. Each retiree received a card, gift card, and glass apple.

Items from Visitors: None

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- ❖ Approval of the minutes of April 18, 2016 regular meeting and executive session
- ❖ Approval of the hiring for the following personnel:
 - Beth Landis, Family & Consumer Science Teacher, TVHS
 - Justin Wiard, Custodian, TVHS
 - Vera Whitted, Custodian, Akron Elementary
 - Jennifer Kimble, Head Custodian/Maintenance, Burket
- ❖ Accepted the resignation of the following personnel:
 - Tim Strahla, Technology Associate, TVHS
 - Samantha Leav, Math Teacher, TVMS
 - Ron Bruner, Head Custodian, TVMS
 - Andria Smith, Custodian, TVHS
- ❖ Approved maternity leave request for the following personnel:
 - Valerie Lukens, Kindergarten Teacher, Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Approved use of school bus request
- ❖ Approved math textbook adoption

Todd Hoffman asked to remove the approval of the 2016-2017 lunch prices from the consent agenda. Bryan Murphy made the motion to approve the above consent items with the exception of the 2016-2017 lunch prices and Todd Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Todd Hoffman made a motion to table the approval of the 2016-2017 lunch prices and Tom Craft seconded that 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: It was noted that drainage work has started and fencing has been put around the perimeter of Akron Elementary for the building project. The first phase of the online auction has been completed and some of the items purchased have already been removed. Lastly, Mr. Boggs wanted to mention that the groundbreaking for the Akron Building Project will take place on May 18th at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Boggs asked for the Board to approve the revisions to student, staff, athletic and coaches' handbooks for the 2016-2017 school year. The revisions were presented to the Board in April for initial consideration. Bryan Murphy made the motion to approve the policy and Todd Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business: Mr. Boggs asked for the Board to accept a donation from the Psi Lota Xi Sorority. According to Meagan Wilks, Special Services Director, the donation will be used to aid two hearing impaired students with hearing equipment. Tom Craft made the motion to accept the donation and Stan Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Backus, Principal at TVMS, presented an additional life skills curriculum that will be offered at the middle school for the Boards' approval. Todd Hoffman made the motion to approve the additional curriculum and Tom Craft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bendicsen, Principal at TVHS, presented the "I Decide for Me" curriculum for the Boards' approval. Tom Craft made a motion to approve the additional curriculum and Bryan Murphy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bendicsen presented a new peer tutoring course to be offered to high school students this fall for the Board's approval. This class will allow students to receive credit for providing tutoring to special needs students. Stan Miller made a motion to approve the new peer tutoring course and Todd Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Burkhart gave a brief overview of the Viking Strong Committee and the purpose behind providing a standardized strength and conditioning program Corporation wide for students and athletes. Darin Holsopple and Mallory Eaton presented a slide show of their visit to Center Grove High School where the strength and conditioning class is a part of their school curriculum. Stan Miller made a motion to proceed with the strength and conditioning class and Tom Craft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs asked the Board to adopt the Uniform Internal Control Standards for Indiana Political Subdivisions. Bryan Murphy made the motion to adopt the internal control standards and Todd Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

In conclusion, Johnathon Engle and Madison Miller, student representatives, noted that prom was held Saturday, May 7th in South Bend and was a huge success. The two representatives also commented that finals are quickly approaching and that schedules for next year are being set.

Note: This was the first school board meeting recorded by RTCTv to be broadcast on their local cable television station. A link to the broadcast will also be available on RTCTv's website.

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