

TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

September 12, 2016
Mentone Elementary
301 E Jackson St.
Mentone, Indiana
6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Pastor Jason Rice of the Mentone United Methodist Church led devotions.

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

Mr. O'Brien announced the upcoming meetings: October 10, 2016, Regular Meeting, Mentone Elementary, 6:30 p.m.; November 14, 2016, Regular Meeting, Mentone Elementary, 6:30 p.m.; December 12, 2016, Regular Meeting, Mentone Elementary, 6:30 p.m.

Spotlight on the Valley:

The following new employee was introduced to the Board:

Rachel Haney, Kindergarten Teacher, Mentone Elementary

Elizabeth Bendicsen and Andrea Michel provided a presentation on the changes taking place within the media centers of the Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation.

Items from Visitors: None

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- ❖ Approval of the minutes of the August 8, 2016 regular meeting and executive session
- ❖ Approval of the minutes of the August 18, 2016 budget workshop and executive session
- ❖ Approval of the hiring for the following personnel:
 - Brittany Harris, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
 - Cheryl Burke, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
 - Jasmin Pineda, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
 - Anne Stoneburner, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
 - Rachel Haney, Kindergarten Teacher, Mentone Elementary
 - Amanda Richards, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
 - Britnee Sheetz, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
 - Sarah Shepherd, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
 - Elizabeth Przewoznik, Study Hall Supervisor, TVMS
 - Kapri Gardner, Custodian, TVHS
 - Judith Orians, Cook, TVHS
 - Seth Fincher, Instructional Assistant, TVHS
- ❖ Approval of the following extra-curricular assignments:
 - Mary Beth Francis, 5th Grade Volleyball Coach, Akron Elementary
 - Precious Brenton, Assistant Volleyball Coach, TVMS
- ❖ Accepted the resignation of the following personnel:
 - Marlene Pletcher, Cook, TVHS
 - Julie Hayes, JV Girls' Basketball Coach, TVHS
 - Billie Jo Carlin, Assistant Track Coach, TVMS
 - Terrye Kirchenstien, Assistant Track Coach, TVHS
 - Tim Meyer, Custodian, TVHS
 - Darin Holsopple, Head Football Coach, TVHS
 - Brandon Gall, Assistant Football Coach, TVHS
- ❖ Accepted the termination of the following personnel:
 - Bill King, Head Custodian, Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Approval of the following maternity leave requests:
 - Krystyna Martin, Art Teacher, TVMS
 - Sara Thomas, Language Arts Teacher, TVMS

Todd Hoffman made the motion to approve the above consent items and Stan Miller 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. Bryan Murphy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs reviewed the Financial Report for the Board.

Old Business: Jim Mitterling from The Skillman Corporation was on hand to provide an update on the Akron Elementary School project. According to Jim, work is on schedule and within the next four weeks the foundation will be complete in the new office area and the west gym wall will be completed. Tom Craft expressed concerns over a lack of permanent fencing to enclose the water detention area. According to Mr. Mitterling, there is only about 6 inches of water in the retainage area at a time but they will be obtaining quotes to install a fence as soon as possible.

The Board was asked to approve making health insurance available for all full time regular bus route drivers. Bryan Murphy made a motion to approve health insurance for bus drivers and Tom Craft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business: The Board was asked to approve a resolution in support of Indiana's small, rural schools. Mr. Boggs read the resolution and explained that he will personally give this to our representatives Wednesday afternoon. Copies of the resolution will be placed in buildings for employees to sign and show their support before the Wednesday meeting. Stan Miller made a motion to approve the resolution and Todd Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs brought to the Board an addition to school board policy for initial consideration regarding extracurricular participation by homeschooled students. The addition to school board policy will be brought back in October for approval.

The Board was asked to approve a grant from the Kosciusko County Community Foundation in the amount of \$500. The grant will be used to purchase outdoor games to be used at Akron Elementary during the construction process. Tom Craft made a motion to approve the grant and Todd Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board was asked to approve a donation from the TVHS athletic booster club in the amount of \$500. The donation will be used to plant trees around the high school softball field. Bryan Murphy made the motion to approve the donation and Stan Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dave O'Brien opened up the meeting for the 2017 budget hearing. Hearing no public comments, the hearing was closed.

Johnathon Engle and Cheyene Oldfather, student representatives, reported that peer facilitators from the high school have started to pair with students at both elementaries. Also, the cheer block has been tailgating before home football games which have been gaining momentum. They reported that homecoming was two weeks ago and that students raised money during homecoming week to be donated to Feed my Starving Children.

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