

## TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

November 14, 2016  
Mentone Elementary  
301 E Jackson St.  
Mentone, Indiana  
6:30 p.m.

### Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Dave O'Brien and revealed all members were present except for Bryan Murphy. Also in attendance was 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: December 12, 2016, Regular Meeting, Mentone Elementary, 6:30 p.m.; January 16, 2017, Regular Meeting, Burket Educational Center, 6:30 p.m.; February 13, 2017, Regular Meeting, Tippecanoe Valley Middle School

Spotlight on the Valley:

The following new employee was introduced to the Board:

Aaron Leedy, Director of Marketing, Public Relations and Grant Writing, TVSC

The TVMS Spell Bowl was recognized for their success at the regional and state competitions.

Mr. Backus presented an update on the TVMS 1-1 initiative for the spotlight on student achievement.

Mr. Boggs noted two upcoming events for community and staff of TVSC: QPR for Suicide Prevention at Mentone Elementary on November 15 at 4:15 p.m. and the Survivors of Suicide Loss Day on November 19 at TVHS from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Items from Visitors: None

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- ❖ Approval of the minutes of the October 10, 2016 regular meeting and executive session
- ❖ Approval of the hiring for the following personnel:
  - Aaron Leedy, Director of Marketing, Public Relations and Grant Writing, TVSC
  - Nicole McNeiley, Instructional Assistant, TVMS
  - Kaleb Prater, Instructional Assistant, TVMS
  - Kelly Hart, Cook, TVHS
  - Brandon Oswald, Custodian, TVHS
- ❖ Approval of the following Extra-Curricular Assignments:
  - Kyle Brown, Varsity Assistant Football Coach, TVHS
  - Chris Fuller, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Coach, TVMS
- ❖ Accepted the resignation of the following personnel:
  - Cassandra Jensen, Director of Marketing, Public Relations and Grant Writing, TVSC
  - Irish Johnston, Custodian, TVMS
  - Jack Shambaugh, Boys' Tennis Coach, TVHS
  - Kelsey Miller, Cook, TVHS
- ❖ Approval of the following maternity leave requests:
  - Hayley Whitaker, Kindergarten Teacher, Akron Elementary
  - April Stiles, Family and Consumer Science Teacher, TVMS
- ❖ Approval of overnight trip for TVHS girls varsity basketball team
- ❖ Approval of senior out-of-state trip

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. Todd Hoffman 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 a few weeks behind the initial schedule due to a shortage in masons. Several aerial pictures were presented showing the progress to date.

Blaine Conley provided an update on the Farm to Fork project at the high school. Mr. Conley presented pictures of students completing the shelter that will eventually house the cattle. Upon completion of the fence, which should happen within the week, cattle will be brought in that will eventually be used in cafeterias within the Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation.

#### New Business:

The Board was asked to approve a donation from the Kosciusko County Historical Society Genealogy Library and a donation from Dr. Michael Bendicsen. Tom Craft made a motion to approve the donations and Todd Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Michael Bendicsen provided an overview of the student assistance plan at the high school. The student assistance plan allows for each student to receive two 50 minutes sessions at no cost from the Bowen Center. So far this school year, 33 students have been referred to the Bowen Center and 22 of those have met with staff from the Center.

Scott Backus, Michael Bendicsen and Chrissy Mills presented their school's 2016-2017 School Improvement Plan (SIP) and gave highlights to the Board. The Department of Education requires that each school submit a SIP once a year.

Mr. Boggs presented the 2017-2018 master calendar for the Board's initial consideration. He noted that the first and last student days for the 2017-2018 school year will correspond with the current school year. Thanksgiving break will again be three days and Christmas break will start on December 20th. The master calendar will be brought back to the Board for approval in December.

Johnathon Engle and Cheyene Oldfather, student representatives, reported that the school board forum hosted by the Political & Economic Studies class at the high school was a success. They also reported that the Peer Facilitator group received a youth mental health training from the Bowen Center and that the Student Council will be adopting five families to provide meals to this Thanksgiving.

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