

TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

August 19, 2019
Mentone Elementary School
Public Meeting Room
301 E Jackson Street
Mentone, Indiana
6:00 p.m.

Minutes

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Adam Heckaman.

The meeting was called to order by President Adam Heckaman and revealed all members present along with Blaine Conley, superintendent, Jessica McFarland, recording secretary, and student representatives Valeria Jimenez and Mackenzie Costello.

Mr. Heckaman announced the upcoming meetings: September 12, 2019, Public Work Session, Administration Office, 6:00 p.m.; September 16, 2019, Regular Meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 6:00 p.m.; October 10, 2019, Public Work Session, Administration Office, 6:00 p.m.; October 14, 2019, Regular Meeting, Mentone Elementary, 6:00 p.m.; November 14, 2019, Public Work Session, Administration Office, 6:00 p.m.; November 18, 2019, Regular Meeting, Mentone Elementary, 6:00 p.m.

Spotlight on the Valley:

The following new employees were introduced:

- ❖ Kara Smith, Instructional Assistant/Library Assistant, Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Joel Gindle, Assistant Principal, TVHS
- ❖ Emiley White, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Vera Whitted, Custodian, Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Alec Whitted, Custodian, Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Krista Neace, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary

Mike Jones was recognized for receiving the FFA Honorary American Degree for outstanding contributions to FFA.

Kris Walker was recognized for being in the top 30 in the state of Indiana for the prestigious teacher of the year award.

Lori Tilden-Geiger recognized the Tippecanoe Valley High School Distinguished Alumni Class of 2019. The Class of 2019 inductees are Terry and Sandra Tucker (Mentone High School-'59), John Hart (Mentone High School-'74), Ryan Williams ('76), Rick Shepherd ('86), Michael Jones ('93), Tim Fleck ('82), and Marty Gearhart ('82). A formal dinner will be held on September 12th to recognize the inductees followed by a full day of activities on September 13th.

Valeria Jimenez and Mackenzie Costello, student representatives provided the Board with an update of events happening at TVHS. Valeria noted that NWEA testing is underway as well as cross country and girls' golf. Mackenzie noted that the volleyball and football teams will start their season's this week. She also mentioned that a quarter drive is happening for the Feed my Starving Children food pantry.

Items from Visitors: None

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- ❖ Approval of the minutes of the July 11, 2019 executive session
- ❖ Approval of the minutes of the July 15, 2019 regular meeting and executive session
- ❖ Approved the hiring of the following personnel:
 - Robin Heckman, Math Teacher, TVMS
 - Kara Robinson, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
 - Brittany Meier, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
 - Brittany Julian, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
 - Rebecca Murphy, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
 - Kara Smith, Instructional Assistant/Library Assistant, Mentone Elementary
 - Dustin Williams, Instructional Assistant, TVMS
 - Hillary Rodewald, Instructional Assistant, Burket Educational Center
 - Joel Gindle, Assistant Principal, TVHS
 - Courtney Eaton, Bus Driver, TVSC
 - Emiley White, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
 - Vera Whitted, Custodian, Mentone Elementary

Alec Whitted, Custodian, Mentone Elementary
Krista Neace, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
Kayla Scott, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
Kevin Power, Custodian, TVHS
Catelyn Lee, Custodian, TVHS
Arthur Carver, Custodian, TVHS
Sarah Cabrera, Custodian, TVHS
Julie Anderson, Custodian, TVHS

- ❖ Approved the following extra-curricular assignments:
Brittany Watson, Varsity Girls' Softball Coach, TVHS
- ❖ Approved the resignation for the following personnel:
Jake Everett, Assistant Principal, TVHS
Cory Cooper, Assistant Principal, TVMS
Joshua Faris, Instructional Assistant, TVMS
Kasee Brady, Instructional Assistant, TVHS
Jason Rice, Assistant Football Coach, TVHS
- ❖ Approved 2019-2020 Teaching Assignments
- ❖ Approved 2019-2020 Extra-Curricular Assignments
- ❖ Approved Barton Coe Vilamaa Architects & Engineers for Softball Project
- ❖ Approved the following FFA field trips:
Overnight field trip for state leadership camp
Overnight, out-of-state field trip for World Food Prize
Overnight, out-of-state field trip for Southeastern National Livestock Judging Contest
Overnight field trip for the National Convention
Overnight field trip for the State Soils Judging Contest
Overnight field trip for the State Livestock Skill-A-Thon Contest

Aaron Zolman asked to have the approval of Barton Coe Vilamaa Architects & Engineers tabled until next month.

Todd Hoffman made the motion to approve the above listed consent agenda except for the Barton Coe approval and Lacey Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

Mr. Conley reviewed claims and payroll and asked for approval. Aaron Zolman made a motion to approve claims and payroll, as presented. Tom Bauters seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Conley reviewed the Financial Report for the Board.

Old Business:

The Board was asked to approve the following School Board Policy additions/changes:

Teacher Appreciation Grants
Early Entrance to Kindergarten
Expanded Criminal History Checks
Homeless Students

Lacey Wise made the motion to approve the School Board Policy additions/changes and Todd Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

The Board was asked to accept the following grant:

- ❖ Fulton County REMC Operation Roundup Fund, Akron physical education department, \$500.

Aaron Zolman made the motion to accept the grant and Lacey Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Conley read the Teacher Retirement Funding resolution to the Board and asked for their approval. Tom Bauters made the motion to approve the resolution as read and Todd Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adam Weesner from Barton Coe Vilamaa provided an update on the softball project at TVHS. He asked the Board for permission to advertise for bids. Aaron Zolman made the motion to advertise for bids and Tom Bauters seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Adam Heckaman, President

Aaron Zolman, Vice President

Tom Bauters, Secretary

Todd Hoffman, Board Member

Lacey Wise, Board Member