

## TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

February 17, 2020  
Tippecanoe Valley Middle School  
11303 W 800 S  
Akron, Indiana  
6:00 p.m.

### Minutes

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Aaron Zolman.

The meeting was called to order by President Aaron Zolman and revealed all members present including Blaine Conley, superintendent, Jessica McFarland, recording secretary. Student representatives Valeria Jimenez and Mackenzie Costello were also present.

Mr. Zolman announced the upcoming meetings: March 12, 2020, Public Work Session, Administration Office, 6:00 p.m.; March 16, 2020, Regular Meeting, Tippecanoe Valley High School, 6:00 p.m.; April 16, 2020, Public Work Session, Administration Office, 6:00 p.m.; April 20, 2020, Regular Meeting, Mentone Elementary School, 6:00 p.m.; May 14, 2020, Public Work Session, Administration Office, 6:00 p.m.; May 18, 2020, Regular Meeting, Akron Elementary School, 6:00 p.m.

Spotlight on the Valley:

The following new employees were introduced:

- ❖ Hunter Ackerman, Social Studies Teacher, TVHS

Mr. Backus, Principal at TVMS, highlighted many of the student successes and events that have taken place at the Middle School over the last year. Mr. Backus also shared student achievement data with the Board.

The following donations/grants were recognized:

- ❖ Anonymous Donation for Magical Meadows Therapeutic Horseback Riding, \$420
- ❖ State Representative Ethan Manning Donation, Life Skills Class, \$300
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Source Bank Donation, \$400
- ❖ Indiana Youth Institute School Capacity Grant

Mackenzie Costello and Valeria Jimenez, student representatives, provided the Board with an update of events happening at TVHS. Riley week kicked off on Monday with fundraising activities continuing all week. First period classes are competing to raise the most money for Riley with the winning class receiving a free breakfast. The Riley Wagon will be selling snacks to purchase and on Friday everyone will wear red for Riley. Friday night at the basketball game, senior winter sport athletes will be recognized and FFA week will kick off next week.

Items from Visitors: None

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- ❖ Approval of the minutes of the January 16, 2020 executive session
- ❖ Approval of the minutes of the January 20, 2020 regular meeting
- ❖ Approved the hiring of the following personnel:
  - Sonia Cox, Instructional Assistant, TVMS
  - Hunter Ackerman, Social Studies Teacher, TVHS
- ❖ Approved the following extra-curricular assignments:
  - Cory Patrick, Assistant Track Coach, TVHS
  - Duane Burkhart, Assistant Boys' Golf Coach, TVHS
  - Nick Kindig, Boys' Golf Coach, TVHS
- ❖ Approved the resignation for the following personnel:
  - April Slone, Cook, TVHS
  - Miranda Cramner, Cook, TVHS
- ❖ Approved FFA Sunday Field Trip
- ❖ Approved FFA Overnight, Out-of-State Field Trip

Adam Heckaman made the motion to approve the above listed consent agenda and Todd Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

Mr. Conley reviewed claims and payroll and asked for approval. Lacey Wise 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:

Jim Mitterling was on hand to provide the Board with an update on the softball facility project. According to Jim the masonry has been completed. Because of the fair weather, the masons power-washed the exterior of the building and scraped the inside and filled in holes. The roof framing has now been completed along with the hanging of exterior doors. Interior electrical and plumbing work has continued. The water lines and sanitary lines will be started soon.

The Board was asked to approve the addition to School Board Policy regarding public concerns and complaints. This policy was brought to the Board last month for initial review. Todd Hoffman made a motion to approve the addition to School Board Policy and Tom Bauters seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

The Board was asked to accept the following donations:

- ❖ Anonymous Donation for Magical Meadows Therapeutic Horseback Riding, \$420
- ❖ State Representative Ethan Manning Donation, Life Skills Class, \$300
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Source Bank Donation, \$400

Adam Heckaman made the motion to accept the grants and Lacey Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board was asked to accept the following grant:

- ❖ Indiana Youth Institute School Capacity Grant

Adam Heckaman made the motion to approve the grant and Lacey Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Conley brought to the Board for their initial consideration the following additions/revision to School Board Policy:

- ❖ Evaluation and Goals
- ❖ Salary
- ❖ Alcohol and Controlled Substance Testing Policy for Commercial Driver's License Employees
- ❖ Metal Detector Policy

The School Board Policies will be brought back to the Board in March for final approval.

Todd Glenn, Maintenance Director, provided an update on the chiller replacement project at TVHS.

Mr. Conley read the 2020 Census Resolution and asked for Board approval. Todd Hoffman made a motion to approve the resolution and Tom Bauters seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board was asked to approve new courses for the 2020-2021 school year at TVHS. Adam Heckaman made a motion to approve the new class and Lacey Wise seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board was asked to approve the following field trips:

- ❖ JAG State Competition
- ❖ Livestock Judging Contest-Blackhawk East
- ❖ Livestock Judging Contest-Illinois Central College
- ❖ Livestock Judging Contest-Joliet Junior College
- ❖ Livestock Judging Contest-Lakeland Junior College

Lacey Wise made a motion to approve the field trips and Adam Heckaman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Aaron Zolman, President

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Lacey Wise, Vice President

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Tom Bauters, Secretary

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Todd Hoffman, Board Member

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Adam Heckaman, Board Member