

## **MINUTES**

### **INDIANA AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**January 12, 2009**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District was held on Monday, January 12, 2009, at 6:19 p.m. in the East Pike Administration Office, 501 East Pike, Indiana, PA. All members were notified of time and place of meeting, and a public notice was properly posted. The meeting began with the flag salute.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following members present: Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Billon, Mr. Girardi, Mrs. Paccapaniccia, Mr. Schroth, Mr. Steve, Mr. Trimarchi and Mr. Werner.

Dr. Deborah Clawson, Superintendent; Mr. Dale R. Kirsch, Business Manager/Board Secretary; and Ms. Trish Andrews, Solicitor were also present.

#### **WELCOME TO VISITORS**

Mrs. Paccapaniccia extended a welcome to the visitors attending the meeting.

#### **ARCHITECT PRESENTATIONS**

The board heard presentations for the feasibility study from the following four architectural firms: Eckles Architecture, HHSDR Architects, Hayes Large Architects LLP, and L. Robert Kimball & Associates.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler addressed the board about on-line courses.

#### **MINUTES**

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mrs. Baker that the minutes of the December 15, 2008 Board meeting be approved as submitted. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 1)

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT AND PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Upon motion by Mr. Steve, seconded by Mr. Werner, the Treasurer's Report and bills for the month of December 2008 were unanimously approved as submitted. (Exh. 2 & 3)

#### **SENIOR HIGH GYMNASIUM AND FITNESS CENTER UPDATE**

Mr. Pappal updated the board and answered questions pertaining to the senior high gymnasium and fitness center project.

#### **SINGLE AUDIT REPORT**

Submitted for the Board's information was the Indiana Area School District Single Audit Package for the Year Ended June 30, 2008 prepared by the District's independent auditor, Kotzan CPA & Associates, P.C. Representatives from Kotzan CPA & Associates will attend the January 26<sup>th</sup> board meeting to review the audit.

**ACT 1 - ACTION REQUIRED**

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi that in accordance with the provisions of Act 1 – The Taxpayer Relief Act of 2006 the Board adopt a resolution indicating that it will not raise the real estate tax millage above its index of 5.3%. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote. (Exh. 4)

**RESIGNATION OF BOARD TREASURER AND BOARD SECRETARY/APPOINTMENT OF BOARD TREASURER AND SCHOOL BOARD SECRETARY**

It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mr. Steve that the board accepts with regret the resignation of S&T Bank as Treasurer and Dale R. Kirsch as School Board Secretary effective January 12, 2009 and appoint Dale R. Kirsch as Treasurer and Anise M. Markle as School Board Secretary to fill the unexpired term of S&T Bank and Dale R. Kirsch respectively ending June 30, 2009 and that Dale R. Kirsch be elected Recording Secretary. Motion passed 7-2 on a roll call vote with Mr. Anderson and Mr. Schroth voting no. (Exh. 5,6)

**INSTRUCTION**

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve the following motions.

**Guest Teacher Consortium Resolution**

Submitted for the board's information was a resolution to join the ARIN IU 28 Guest Teacher Consortium at a cost of \$300 through June 30, 2009 and annually at a current cost of \$600. (Exh. 7)

The resolution with ARIN IU28 as submitted.

**Planned Course Of Study And Textbook Adoption**

That, on the recommendation of the superintendent based on the advice of the Social Studies curriculum committee, the new planned course for the World Religions elective; and the text *The World's Religions*, by Huston Smith, at a cost to the District not to exceed \$300.00.

**Results of disciplinary hearings**

The expulsion of student No. 0809-2 as a result of a disciplinary hearing held on January 12, 2009. Further, the solicitor is directed to prepare a formal resolution and adjudication for the board's consideration.

The expulsion of student No. 0809-3 as a result of a disciplinary hearing held on January 12, 2009. Further, the solicitor is directed to prepare a formal resolution and adjudication for the board's consideration.

Motion passed 8-0-1 with Mr. Anderson abstaining on the disciplinary hearing motion.

**SUBSTITUTE LISTS AND RESIGNATION OF PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL**

It was moved by Mr. Werner and seconded by Mrs. Billon that:

- 1) Based on the recommendation of administration, the changes to the Teacher and Food Service Substitute Lists be approved.
- 2) The resignation of Janine Petro, East Pike Guidance Counselor, be accepted with regret due to retirement effective January 30, 2009.

Motion passed 9-0 on a roll call vote. (Exh. 8, 9, 10)

**EXTRA DUTY/EXTRA PAY ASSIGNMENTS**

It was moved by Mr. Werner and seconded by Mrs. Baker that based on the recommendation of administration, the following extra duty/extra pay assignment be approved for the 2008-2009 school year.

Track/Head Coach (SH) \$6,679.64	Pat Snyder	Health/Phys. Ed.
Track/Asst Coach(SH) \$2,829.67	Parker Dunlap	Social Studies
Track/Asst Coach(SH) \$2,829.67	Mike Rieg	Social Studies
Track/Asst Coach(SH) \$2,829.67	George Caroff	Not an employee
Track/Asst Coach(SH) \$2,829.67	Steve Cochran	Math
Baseball/Head Coach(SH) \$5,673.23	John Fisanich	Not an employee
Baseball/Asst Coach(SH) \$2,829.67	Mike Sainai	Not an employee
Baseball/Asst Coach(SH) \$2,829.67	PJ Cubeta	Not an employee
Tennis/Head Coach(SH) \$4,004.08	Phil Palko	Science
Tennis/Asst Coach(SH) \$2,022.09	Brendon Hurd	Not an employee
Softball Coach (SH) \$5,673.23	Harold Wilson	Not an employee
Softball/Asst Coach(SH) \$2,829.67	Holly Myers	Not an employee
Volleyball/Asst Coach(JH) \$2,022.09	Paula McKee	Not an employee
Volleyball/Asst Coach(JH) \$2,022.09	Malinda Osterling	Math
Track/Asst Coach(JH) \$2,829.67	Paul McCue	Science
Track/Asst Coach(JH) \$2,829.67	Lisa Kinter	Health/Phys. Ed.
Track/Asst Coach(JH) \$2,829.67	Scott Mossgrove	Social Studies
Track/Asst Coach(JH) \$2,829.67	Tom Angelo	Math

Motion passed 6-3 with Mr. Anderson, Mr. Schroth and Mr. Trimarchi voting no.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Clawson thanked Mrs. Petro for her years of service and wished her well on her retirement. She congratulated Bethany Elliott for designing an ornament for the White House Christmas tree. Dr. Clawson commented on the recent band trip to the Fiesta Bowl and how well the students behaved on the trip.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Budget Guidelines – Mrs. Paccapaniccia said that this would be discussed at a future board meeting.
- Turf – The board had a brief discussion on financing and state contracts.
- Expiration of Food Service Contract – Mr. Kirsch explained that the food service contract must go out for proposals every five years. He said that the RFP is dictated by the state and it is very structured.
- Expiration of Transportation Contract – Mr. Kirsch explained that the contract is up at the end of the school year. He asked the board to authorize the administration to negotiate a new contract with our current contractor or solicit proposals. Mr. Travis spoke to the board about his experience with our current contractor.
- Town Hall Meeting – Mrs. Paccapaniccia said that she has spoken with Mary Beth Leidman and she has two dates available January 27 or January 28. She asked the board to let her know which date works best for them.

**ENCLOSURES**

Enrollment Report – January 1, 2008– January 1, 2009 (Exh. 11)  
Inprest Account (JH) – December 2008 (Exh. 12)  
Investment Analysis – January 2009 (Exh. 13)  
Interscholastic Game Report – December 2008 (Exh. 14)  
Vandalism Report – July 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008 (Exh. 15)  
Conference Resumes: Cynthia Zagurskie (Exh. 16) Erik Puskar (Exh. 17)  
Jennifer Westrick (Exh. 18) Christopher Stultz (Exh. 19)  
Michael Rieg (Exh. 20)  
Principal Newsletter - Horace Mann – January 2009 (Exh. 21)  
Senior High – January 2009 (Exh. 22)  
*Crimson Arrow* – January 2009 (Exh. 23)

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next board meeting will be the special meeting on January 26, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

**NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:18 p.m. before the open meeting to discuss personnel, real estate and attorney/advisor issues.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Mrs. Baker, seconded by Mr. Steve and unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Indiana Area Board of School Directors of January 12, 2009 was properly adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

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Anise M. Markle, Board Secretary