

## MINUTES

### INDIANA AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

**May 22, 2006**

The special monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District was held on Monday, May 22, 2006, at 7:26 p.m. in the East Pike multi-purpose room, 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, Mr. Balint, Mrs. Billon, Mrs. Hatcher, Mrs. Paccapaniccia, Mrs. Schrecongost, Mr. Schroth and Mr. Trimarchi. Mr. Airhart was out of town.

Dr. Kathleen Kelley, Superintendent; Dr. Deborah Clawson, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Donald T. Gardner, Jr. Business Manager; Trish Andrews, Interim Solicitor; and Mrs. Anise Markle, Secretary, were also present.

#### WELCOME TO VISITORS

Mr. Trimarchi extended a welcome to the visitors attending the meeting.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Janie McKirgan, parent, ask the board to reconsider eliminating the technology teacher position.

#### STUDENT PRESENTATION – EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance (Exh. 1)
2. Athletics
3. Building and Grounds (Exh. 2)
4. Instruction

#### TENTATIVE BUDGET ADOPTION

It was moved by Mr. Balint and seconded by Mr. Anderson that the Board adopts a tentative budget for the school year ending June 30, 2007, in the amount of \$40,836,656 as presented; that it be made available for inspection prior to the final adoption at the special meeting to be held on June 26, 2006; and that the necessary advertisement concerning the adoption of the budget be authorized and that the committee's recommendation of a zero (0) mill increase be accepted. Motion passed 6-2 on a roll call vote with Mrs. Billon and Mrs. Hatcher voting no.

#### RESOLUTION - STANDARDS FOR EFFECTIVE SCHOOL GOVERNANCE & CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS OF PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL BOARDS

Submitted for the Board's information was a resolution in connection with The Pennsylvania School Boards Association Standards for Effective School Governance And Code of Conduct for Members of Pennsylvania School Boards. (Exh. 3)

It was moved by Mrs. Schrecongost and seconded by Mr. Balint that the board approves the resolution in connection with The Pennsylvania School Boards Association Standards for Effective School Governance And Code of Conduct for Members of Pennsylvania School Boards as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

### **ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICY**

Submitted for the Board's information was a copy of Board Policy 011 – Board Governance Standards/Code of Conduct. (Exh. 4)

It was moved by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Balint that the following motion be tabled. Motion: That Board Policy 011 – Board Governance Standards/Code of Conduct be adopted as submitted. Motion failed 2-6 with Mrs. Billon, Mrs. Hatcher, Mrs. Paccapaniccia, Mrs. Schrecongost, Mr. Schroth and Mr. Trimarchi voting no.

It was moved by Mr. Schroth and seconded by Mr. Anderson that Board Policy 011 – Board Governance Standards/Code of Conduct be adopted as submitted. Motion passed 7-1 on a roll call vote with Mr. Anderson voting no.

### **BANK SERVICES – REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

Submitted for the Board's information were specifications and related documentation in connection with the procurement of banking services. (Exh. 5)

It was moved by Mr. Balint and seconded by Mrs. Billon that the Board accept the offer to provide banking services submitted by S&T Bank in accordance with the terms and conditions of their proposal. Motion passed 7-0-1 with Mr. Trimarchi abstaining.

### **APPOINTMENT OF BOARD TREASURER**

It was moved by Mrs. Paccapaniccia and seconded by Mr. Balint that the S&T Bank be appointed Treasurer of the Indiana Area School District for a term of one (1) year, effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, at no cost to the district. Motion passed 7-0-1 with Mr. Trimarchi abstaining.

### **DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES**

It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mr. Balint that the following be named as depositories for the Indiana Area School District for one (1) year effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

S&T Bank                      First Commonwealth Bank                      PNC Bank  
Motion passed 7-0-1 with Mr. Trimarchi abstaining.

### **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

Submitted for the Board's information was a memorandum dated May 1, 2006 from Mr. Gardner to Dr. Kelley in connection with the request for proposals for audit services for a five-year period ending June 30, 2001. (Exh. 6)

It was moved by Mr. Balint and seconded by Mrs. Billon that the Board accept the offer to provide audit services submitted by Clay & Gascoine in accordance with the terms and conditions of their proposal and that they be appointed as the district's independent auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. Motion passed unanimously.

**TAX EXONERATIONS**

Submitted for the Board's information was a memo and supporting documentation from Mr. Gardner to Dr. Kelley in connection with real estate tax liens for the 2005-2006 school year. (Exh. 7)

It was moved by Mrs. Schrecongost and seconded by Mr. Balint that the Board approves the listing of real estate taxes that have been liened in the following amounts:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>
Armstrong Twp	\$131,162.48
Indiana Borough	\$327,314.20
Shelocta Borough	\$ 7,703.50
White Twp	\$595,576.60
TOTAL	\$1,061,756.78

Motion passed unanimously.

**RESIGNATION OF PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL**

Submitted for the Board's information were letters of resignation from Rose Tripodi and Mary Kay Rura. (Exh. 8,9)

It was moved by Mrs. Hatcher and seconded by Mrs. Billon that the resignations of Rose Tripodi, Grant Writer and Title I Coordinator, effective the day the Title I Application is submitted in June 2006 and Mary Kay Rura, Ben Franklin elementary teacher, effective the last teacher day of the 2005-2006 school year be accepted with regret due to retirement. Motion passed unanimously.

**SUBSTITUTE LISTS**

It was moved by Mrs. Paccapaniccia and seconded by Mr. Anderson that, based on the recommendation of administration, the changes to the Teacher and Clerical Substitute Lists be approved as submitted. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 10, 11)

**EMPLOYMENT OF SUMMER MAINTENANCE WORKER**

It was moved by Mr. Balint and seconded by Mrs. Paccapaniccia that, based on the recommendation of administration, Matthew Reed, be employed as a summer maintenance worker effective May 30, 2006

and ending no later than August 31, 2006 at an hourly rate of \$5.15. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

### **FIELD TRIP REQUEST**

It was moved Mrs. Billon and Mrs. Hatcher that an educational field trip by approximately 12 senior high Latin students and 2 adults to Rome, Italy from November 18-26, 2006 for the purpose of studying Roman life, culture, architecture and Renaissance art at a cost to the district of \$320.00 for transportation and \$150 for a substitute teacher be approved. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

### **EMPLOYMENT OF PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL**

It was moved by Mrs. Hatcher and seconded by Mrs. Billon that, based on the recommendation of administration, Rachel Pazzaglia be elected to the elementary guidance counselor position effective May 23, 2006 in accordance with her certification and at an annual salary of \$43,308 (M.S., Step 1). Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

### **CONFERENCE REQUEST**

It was moved by Mrs. Paccapaniccia and seconded by Mrs. Billon that attendance by Eric Brocious, senior high business education teacher, at the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN from June 27 – July 3, 2006 at a cost to the district of \$346.22 be approved. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

### **SABBATICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

It was moved by Mrs. Schrecongost and seconded by Mr. Anderson that a sabbatical leave of absence be granted to William Lascelles, Latin teacher, effective the first workday of the 2006-2007 school year according to the terms and conditions as set forth in Article X, Section 8 of the collective bargaining agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

### **DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS**

It was moved by Mrs. Hatcher and seconded by Mr. Balint as the following:

- 1) That the Board of School Directors hereby approves the resolution and adjudication for student No. 0506-10 as a result of a disciplinary hearing held on May 22, 2006. Further, the Board authorizes the superintendent to forward a copy of the results of the hearing to the parents and student.
- 2) That the Board of School Directors hereby approves the resolution and adjudication for student No. 0506-11 as a result of a disciplinary hearing held on May 22, 2006. Further, the Board authorizes the superintendent to forward a copy of the results of the hearing to the parents and student. Motion passed unanimously.

### **EMPLOYMENT OF FOOD SERVICE WORKER**

It was moved by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Schroth that, based on the recommendation of administration, Pamela Conner be employed as a food service worker effective May 23, 2006 for 3 ½

hours at an hourly rate of \$5.15; said employment to be subject to her satisfactory completion of a 51-day probationary period. Motion passed unanimously.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Kelley congratulated Mrs. Tripodi and Mrs. Rura on their retirement and wished them well. She also welcomed Mrs. Pazzaglia to the district. Dr. Kelley congratulated the following teachers and students.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Students Grade</i>	<i>Award/Accomplishment</i>
Elizabeth Stein	11 <sup>th</sup>	One of the ten winners of the Tribune-Review Outstanding Young Citizens Award
Garnet Fryling	9 <sup>th</sup>	One of the ten winners of the Tribune-Review Outstanding Young Citizens Award
Senior Recognitions		See attached list (Exh. 12)
Indiana Area School District		Selected to participate in the pilot phase of the Educational Leadership Initiative.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Balint updated the board on HB5319 dealing with Internet safety in school districts.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mrs. Josie Cunningham complimented the board on hiring the elementary guidance counselor. Mr. Eric Lauber asked the board questions pertaining to the buget.

**ENCLOSURES**

- Imprest Account – Junior High – March - May, 2006 (Exh 13)
- Conference Resumes: Natalie George (Exh. 14) William Doody (Exh. 15)
- Janice Brocious and Valerie Haney (Exh. 16)
- Susan Novak and Karol McElfresh (Exh. 17)
- Shelly Keil and Tanya Sasala (Exh. 18)
- Cynthia Zagurskie (Exh. 19) Mark A. Hess (Exh. 20)
- Louise Peterman (Exh. 21) Carla Sandbothe (Exh. 22)
- Principal’s Newsletter: East Pike– May 2006 (Exh. 23)
- Horace Mann – May 2006 (Exh. 24)
- ARIN – Minutes – April 18, 2006 (Exh. 25)
- ARIN – Agenda – May 16, 2006 (Exh. 26)

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Mr. Trimarchi announced that the next meeting of the Board would be the regular meeting on June 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

**NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held from 5:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. before the open meeting to conduct disciplinary hearings, discuss attorney/advisor, real estate and personnel issues and continued after the open meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Mrs. Schrecongost and unanimously approved, the special meeting of the Indiana Area Board of School Directors of May 22, 2006 was properly adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

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Anise M. Markle, Secretary