

MINUTES

INDIANA AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

January 25, 2010

A special monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District was held on Monday, January 25, 2010, at 7:30 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: Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Billon, Dr. Ferguson, Mr. Girardi, Mrs. Paccapaniccia, Mr. Schroth, Mr. Steve, Mr. Trimarchi and Mr. Werner.

Dr. Deborah Clawson, Superintendent; Mr. Dale R. Kirsch, Business Manager/Recording Secretary; Ms. Trish Andrews, Solicitor; and Ms. Grace Castro, Student Representative, were also present.

WELCOME TO VISITORS

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

BOARD PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Mrs. Paccapaniccia read a statement reporting the timeline and process to date for the facility study.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kenneth Sherwood spoke on grade configuration.

Brian Okey spoke on movement of ninth grade, possible affect on elementary schools and value of community neighborhood schools.

Michael Powers spoke on the movement of ninth grade to the high school and impact on the other buildings.

Faye Bradwick spoke on movement of ninth grade to the senior high and impact on elementary schools.

Josie Cunningham spoke regarding the challenges facing school districts and the need to compromise.

Matt Baymer spoke regarding movement of ninth grade to the high school and costs of the projects included in the facility study.

Laura Thomas spoke on the value of class sizes, Horace Mann Elementary School and enrollment projections.

Thomas Nakrocis spoke on enrollment projections.

Brian Petersen spoke on movement of ninth grade to the senior high and impact on elementary schools.

Victoria Rosenberger described the Elm Street program in Indiana Borough.

Sean McDaniel spoke regarding movement of ninth grade to the senior high, impact on elementary schools and value of the community schools.

SGA

Student representatives expressed their appreciation of the school board members as part of school director recognition month.

ARIN-minutes-November 17, 2009 (Exh.8)
ARIN-agenda-January 19, 2010 (Exh.9)

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Mrs. Paccapaniccia announced that the next board meeting would be the regular meeting on February 8, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. before the open meeting to discuss labor relations and personnel issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Girardi, seconded by Mrs. Baker and unanimously approved, the special meeting of the Indiana Area Board of School Directors of January 25, 2010 was properly adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

Anise M. Markle, Board Secretary