

## MINUTES

### INDIANA AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

October 27, 2008

A special monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District was held on Monday, October 27, 2008, at 7:30 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. Donald Gardner, Business Manager/Board Secretary and Christina Lane, Solicitor were also present.

#### WELCOME TO VISITORS

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

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Josie Cunningham addressed the board regarding the artificial turf issue. Ms. Christina Airhart also spoke on the artificial turf issue.

#### SGA

Ms. Meghan Mack and Mr. John Fluharty updated the board with respect to recent SGA events at the senior high school.

#### AUDIT REPORT

Mr. Sam Catanese and Ms. Kathleen Wallace, from The Catanese Group, presented the exit audit report to the board.

#### 403(B) CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT

Submitted for the board's information was a memo from Mr. Gardner to the board members in connection with IRS 403(b) consulting services. (Exh. 1)

It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mrs. Baker that the agreement between the Indiana Area School District and Henderson Brothers, Inc; Nationwide, FSB and Capital Retirement Plan Services, Inc. in connection with IRS 403(b) consulting services at a cost of \$1200 per year be approved, contingent upon solicitor approval of the contract documents. Motion passed unanimously.

#### BUDGET TRANSFERS

It was moved by Mr. Werner and seconded by Mr. Girardi that the budget transfers necessary in connection with the 2007-2008 year-end audit be approved as submitted. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 2)

**SENIOR HIGH PROJECT – CHANGE ORDER**

It was moved by Mr. Schroth and seconded by Mr. Trimarchi that the board approves GC-29 at a decrease of \$610.00 (deduct a credit for installation cost of the Cascade batting cage netting) from the general contractor. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 3)

**AGREEMENT – FLORIDA VIRTUAL SCHOOL**

It was moved by Mr. Girardi and seconded by Mr. Steve that the board approves the Course Content License Agreement between the Indiana Area School District and Florida Virtual School in connection with the IDEAL Program. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 4)

**CONFERENCE REQUEST**

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi that attendance by Grace Feng, senior high Chinese teacher, at the American Council on Teaching Foreign Languages in Orlando, FL from November 21-23, 2008 at a cost to the district not to exceed \$275 and \$75 for a substitute be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

**FIELD TRIP REQUEST**

It was moved by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Mrs. Billon that an educational field trip by approximately 40 Senior High students and 2 adults to Killington, VT from February 12 – 15, 2009 for the purpose of skiing and sightseeing at no cost to the district be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

**SUBSTITUTE LIST, EMPLOYMENT OF FOOD SERVICE WORKER, AND EXTRA DUTY/EXTRA PAY ASSIGNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Werner and seconded by Mr. Steve that the board approves the following personnel items:

- 1) In accordance with the recommendation of administration, changes to the teacher substitute list be approved as submitted. (Exh. 5)
- 2) Based on the recommendation of administration, Kolleen Palmer be employed as a food service worker at the senior high school (5 hours) effective October 28, 2008 at an hourly rate of \$7.15, said employment to be subject to her satisfactory completion a 76-day probationary period.
- 3) Based on the recommendation of administration, the following extra duty/extra pay assignment be approved for the 2008-2009 school year.

Asst Cheerleader Coord-SH (\$1330.07)      Heather Brunetta      Elementary

Motion passed unanimously.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Clawson congratulated the seven elementary teachers who received the Technology Initiative Grants. She explained that the money from the Education Initiative Grants has been redirected to the Technology Initiative Grants. Teachers who received these grants were award interactive white boards in connection with the Classroom for the Future grant. Dr. Clawson congratulated Ben Fiscus for breaking the IASD record in touchdowns. She also announced that Indiana Area School District has met the Keystone Achievement Award for the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Feasibility Study – Mrs. Paccapaniccia said that she would like the board to review the proposals and narrow the list down to three firms.

Mr. Schroth asked about the court decision that Mrs. Cunningham mentioned in her public comments section. Mrs. Cunningham spoke about the decision that was posted on the Supreme Court's website, but Ms. Lane stated that the attorney of record has not received any official word.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance/Audit – Mr. Werner said that the local audit process is on schedule.

ICTC – Mrs. Billon said that an ICTC faculty member or student is featured on the Bill Otto show the third Wednesday of every month.

ARIN – Mrs. Baker said that they are still in negotiations with their unions.

Recreation Department – Mr. Steve said that they are planning the winter sports schedule. Mr. Girardi expressed concerns that the flyers are not being distributed to the parents on time from the elementary schools.

The ARC – Mr. Anderson said that the Arc held a disabilities/abilities workshop at the Rustic Lodge. He said there were 173 attendees with a 50-attendee waiting list.

Olweus Bullying Prevention – Mrs. Baker said that she attended a 3-day training on this program. She said that the committee is learning the parameters of this program.

Turf/Stadium – Mr. Steve did a presentation on the turf/stadium proposal. (Exh. 6)

**ENCLOSURES**

Conference Resumes: Janice Brocious	(Exh. 7)	Michael Rieg	(Exh. 8)
Pam Distefano	(Exh. 9)	Mary Jane Chakot et al	(Exh. 10)
Connie Scanga & Marlene Galore	(Exh. 11)		
Patrick Snyder & Todd Myers	(Exh. 12)		
Madeline Rupert	(Exh. 13)	Howard Murray et al	(Exh. 14)
Alison Billon	(Exh. 15)	Kathy Baker	(Exh. 16)
Deborah Clawson	(Exh. 17)	Joseph Trimarchi	(Exh. 18)
ARIN IU28 – minutes – September 16, 2008	(Exh. 19)		

ARIN IU28 – agenda – October 21, 2008 (Exh. 20)

**WINTER COACHES' MEETING**

A winter coaches' meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Senior High School Library. Board Members are invited to attend. Please notify Mrs. Markle if you wish to attend.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Mrs. Paccapaniccia announced that the next board meeting would be the regular meeting on November 17, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

**NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. before the open meeting to discuss attorney/advisor and personnel issues.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Mr. Schroth, seconded by Mr. Werner and unanimously approved, the special meeting of the Indiana Area Board of School Directors of October 27, 2008 was properly adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

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Donald T. Gardner, Jr., Secretary