

MINUTES

INDIANA AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

October 9, 2006

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District was held on Monday, October 9, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the administrative board 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. Airhart, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Balint, Mrs. Billon, Mrs. Hatcher, Mrs. Paccapaniccia, Mrs. Schrecongost, Mr. Schroth and Mr. Trimarchi.

Dr. Deborah Clawson, Acting Superintendent; Mr. Donald Gardner, Business Manager/Board Secretary; and Ms. Trish Andrews, Solicitor were also present.

WELCOME TO VISITORS

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

IAEA

Mrs. Cunningham thanked the board for helping to make the joint picnic a success on Friday.

MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Balint, seconded by Mr. Airhart, the minutes of the meetings of September 11, 2006 and September 25, 2006, were unanimously approved as submitted. (Exh. 1,2)

TREASURER'S REPORT & PAYMENT OF BILLS

Upon motion by Mr. Balint, seconded by Mr. Airhart, the Treasurer's Report and the bills for the month of September 2006 were unanimously approved as submitted. (Exh. 3,4)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance – Executive Session on October 19, 2006
2. Athletics - Next Meeting on October 17, 2006
3. Building and Grounds
4. Instruction - Next Meeting on October 18, 2006

PRESENTATION – SENIOR HIGH GYMNASIUM/FITNESS CENTER PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Thomas Harley updated the board regarding the senior high gymnasium/fitness center project.

PERSONNEL ISSUES

It was moved by Mrs. Schrecongost and seconded by Mr. Anderson that the board approves the following personnel items.

1. Resignation of Secretary

The resignation letter submitted by Nancy Lankard, senior high athletic department secretary, be accepted with regret effective November 10, 2006 due to retirement. (Exh. 5)

2. Employment of Custodian

Based on the recommendation of administration, William Fedder, be employed as a custodian effective October 10, 2006, at an hourly rate of \$ 6.20 for a probationary period in accordance with the AFSCME contract and thereafter at an hourly rate of \$6.50; said employment subject to his satisfactory completion of a 30-day probationary period.

3. Employment of Communication Skills Specialist

Based on the recommendation of administration, Beth Anne Stevens be employed as a communication skills specialist for the 2006-2007 school year, effective October 10, 2006 for a period not to exceed 130 days, 7 hours per day, at a daily rate of \$65.00; said employment being in accordance with the special contract with the communication skills specialists.

4. Employment of Instructional Assistant

That based on the recommendation of administration, Lindsey Milner be employed as an instructional assistant effective October 10, 2006 at an hourly rate of \$5.15 per hour; said employment to be subject to her satisfactory completion of a 90-day probationary period.

5. After School Math Tutoring Program Instructor

Based on the recommendation of administration, Laura Irvin be employed as an after-school math program substitute instructor for students in grades 3-6 at an hourly rate of \$33.73. The program will run 10 to 12 sessions, one afternoon per week, immediately after school.

6. Reappointment of GED Test Center Director

Based on the recommendation of administration, Timothy Petro be reappointed GED Test Center Director at the hourly rate of \$33.73 through June 30, 2007. Rita Sistik will be the alternate.

7. Substitute List

Based on the recommendation of administration, the changes to the Teacher Substitute Lists be approved as submitted. (Exh. 6)

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

FINANCE AND INSTRUCTION

It was moved by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Billon that the board approves the following financial and instructional requests.

1. Conference Requests

A) That attendance by Susan Kovalcik, Eisenhower elementary teacher, at the Character Education Partnership 13th National Forum in Arlington, VA from October 26-28, 2006 at a cost to the district not to exceed \$150 for a substitute and \$750 (funded by Roy Hunt Award) be approved.

B) That attendance by Linda Lansberry, Eisenhower elementary teacher, at the Character Education Partnership 13th National Forum in Arlington, VA from October 26-28, 2006 at a cost to the district not to exceed \$150 for a substitute and \$750 (funded by Roy Hunt Award) be approved.

C) That attendance by James Geidel, East Pike elementary teacher, at the UCSMP Pre-Transition Mathematics Teachers' Meeting in Chicago, Ill from October 27-28, 2006 at a cost to the district not to exceed \$550.00 plus \$75 for a substitute be approved.

2. Field Trip Request

That an educational field trip by approximately 20-30 Senior High students and 4-6 adults to Killington, VT from January 12-15, 2007 for the purpose of skiing and sightseeing in Vermont at a cost to the district of \$75 for a substitute teacher be approved.

3. Proposal for Drivers' Education Vehicle

The purchase of a 2005 Ford Taurus Sedan from Roy Johns Auto Sales at a cost of \$9,600 as submitted. (Exh. 7)

4. Education Initiative Grants

The following proposals received the highest combined total of the scores by the Education Initiative Grant readers. The administration joins the committee in recommending that these proposals be funded in the amounts indicated. (Exh. 8)

Funding the Education Initiative Grant proposals listed below, not to exceed the amounts indicated. All funds to be expended in these projects must be obligated prior to June 1, 2007.

Author	School	Title	Grant
Greta Helsel, Elaine Maudie, Grace Bennett, Helen DeGaetano, Don Halin, Linda Medvetz, Joanne Lonsdale, Molly Weber, Julianne Laird	All four elementary schools	Living the Life of a Soldier During the Civil War	\$1000
Jennifer Rinkevich	Eisenhower	Learning About the World's Cultures Through Art	\$1000
John Hartman, Susan Baker, Mark Rend	Senior High	Senior High Robotics Competition	\$1000
Linda Stewart and 4 th , 5 th and 6 th grade teachers	Horace Mann	One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish	\$1000
Angie Petroff and Katie Bungo	Horace Mann	Run, Spot, Run	\$1000
Katie Slatcoff	Junior and Senior High	Language Portfolios	\$1000
Margie Pina, Nancy Obush and Barbara Miller	Ben Franklin	Kid Fit	\$995
Julianne Laird, Beth Grafton, Karen Swisher, Linda Jennings	Horace Mann and Eisenhower	Fiddle Club: A Model for Intergenerational Cross-cultural Musical Experiences	\$987
Alicia Clark and Julie Duffee	Horace Mann	The Gingerbread Exchange	\$987
Shelly Keil	East Pike	Soar to Success	\$914.28
Lois Rebovich and Lori Dadson	Junior and Senior High	Exploring the use of Puppets with Mentally Handicapped Students	\$550
Susan Kovalcik and Linda Lansberry	Eisenhower	Building Students with Character from the Inside Out	\$500
Jacqueline Gentile	Junior High	My Math, My Scores, My Life – It's Up To Me!"	\$432.86

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

EXTRA DUTY/EXTRA PAY ASSIGNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Paccapaniccia and seconded by Mr. Airhart that, based on the recommendation of administration, the following extra duty/extra pay assignment be approved for the 2006-2007 school year.

SH Dramatics-Vocal Director (1,724.41)

Robert Jarvis

Not an employee

Motion passed 8-1 on a roll call vote with Mrs. Schrecongost voting no.

SENIOR HIGH GYMNASIUM/FITNESS CENTER

It was moved by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Billon that the Board approves the following motions in connection with the senior high gymnasium/fitness center project:

- 1) That the design development plans be accepted as presented and that the architect be authorized to prepare the construction documents. (Exh. 9)
- 2) That a proposal from AGX, Inc. to provide asbestos testing at a cost of \$1,500 be approved. (Exh. 10)
- 3) That the contract for architectural services between the Indiana Area School District and Thomas R. Harley be approved as submitted. (Exh. 11)

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

GRIEVANCE HEARING

It was moved by Mrs. Schrecongost and seconded by Mrs. Billon that IAEA Grievance 0506-05, Letter in file pertaining to PSSA administration standards, be sustained as a result of a hearing held on October 9, 2006. Motion failed 2-6-1 on a roll call vote with Mr. Anderson and Mr. Balint voting yes. Mrs. Paccapaniccia abstained.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student		
<i>Name</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Award/Accomplishment</i>
Joseph Appolonia and Emily Scott	12	2005 Homecoming King and Queen
Jason Snyder	12	Received the Scott Zellem MVP Award

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Paccapaniccia noted that the Physical Education Program Curriculum was in the process of being rewritten.

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Mr. Airthart and seconded by Mr. Schroth that Leonard Anderson be approved to serve as the official liaison between the Indiana Area School District and The Arc's Parent Transition Group. (Exh. 12)

ENCLOSURES

- Activity Fund Treasurers' Reports – All Buildings (Exh. 13)
- Enrollment Report – October 1, 2005 – October 1, 2006 (Exh. 14)
- Interscholastic Game Personnel Report – September 2006 (Exh. 15)
- Investment Analysis – October 1, 2006 (Exh. 16)
- Conference Reports: Marsha Gatti et al (Exh. 17) Pat Snyder et al (Exh. 18)

Jody Lewandowski (Exh. 19) Natalie George (Exh. 20)
Jacalyn Matz (Exh. 21)

Principal's Newsletters: Ben Franklin – October 2006 (Exh 22)
 East Pike – October 2006 (Exh. 23)
 Eisenhower - October 2006 (Exh. 24)
 Jr. Highlights – October 2006 (Exh. 25)
 Indiana Reporter – 2006 (Exh. 26)

WINTER COACHES' MEETING

A winter coaches' meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rustic Lodge. Board Members are invited to attend. Please notify Mrs. Markle if you wish to attend.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Mr. Trimarchi announced that next board meeting would be the special meeting on October 23, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. before the open meeting for the purpose of conducting a grievance hearing and discussing labor relation and personnel issues and continued after the open meeting. There will also be an executive session on October 16, 2006 to discuss personnel issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Balint, seconded by Mrs. Billon, and unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Indiana Area Board of School Directors of October 16, 2006 was properly adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Donald T. Gardner, Secretary