

## MINUTES

### INDIANA AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

February 12, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District was held on Monday, February 12, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Pike 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, and Mr. Trimarchi. Mr. Schroth was absent due to a death in his family.

Dr. Deborah Clawson, Acting Superintendent; Mr. Donald Gardner, Business Manager/Board Secretary; and Mrs. Christina Lane, Solicitor were also present.

#### WELCOME TO VISITORS

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

#### MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Balint, seconded by Mrs. Schrecongost, the minutes of the meetings of January 8, 2007, January 22, 2007 (with noted correction made by Mr. Anderson) and January 29, 2007, were unanimously approved as submitted. (Exh. 1,2,3)

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Mrs. Hatcher, seconded by Mr. Airhart, the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2007 were unanimously approved as submitted. (Exh. 4)

#### PAYMENT OF BILLS

Upon motion by Mrs. Billon, seconded by Mrs. Hatcher, the bills were approved as submitted on a 7-0-1 roll call vote with Mr. Balint abstaining. (Exh. 5)

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – Mr. Balint said that there would be a report on Act 1.

Athletics – Mr. Airhart read a letter from the Steelers declining an invitation to practice at our football field.

Buildings and Grounds – Mr. Anderson noted that the energy conservation initiative has started.

Instruction – Mrs. Paccapaniccia said that the GPA requirement for the dual enrollment was lowered to 3.0 and that they are looking into a partnership with Westmoreland Community College. Mr. Anderson addressed the class rank issue.

**CURRICULUM PRESENTATION**

Mrs. Mary Bender, junior high music teacher, presented the revised planned courses of study for the junior high music program. (Exh. 6)

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

Submitted for the Board's information was the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report prepared by the business office for the period ending June 30, 2006. (Exh. 7)

**REQUEST FOR 2005 PENNSYLVANIA TAX INFORMATION**

On an annual basis, the district secures a listing of district taxpayers from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue in order to assist in the collection of delinquent earned income taxes. The cost of the listing will be reimbursed by the district's earned income tax collector, Pennsylvania Municipal Services Company. (Exh. 8)

It was moved by Mr. Airhart and seconded by Mr. Anderson that, the Board approves an agreement between the Indiana Area School District and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Revenue, for the acquisition of information contained on the Pennsylvania Personal Income Tax returns for 2005 in order to administer and enforce the provisions of its local earned income tax. Motion passed unanimously.

**PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

Submitted for the board's information was a summary PDE form in connection with a Preliminary Budget for 2007-2008 fiscal year. (Exh. 9)

It was moved by Mr. Balint and seconded by Mrs. Paccapaniccia that Resolved, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2007 that the Preliminary Budget of the Indiana Area School District of the Board of Directors be adopted. The necessary revenue for meeting the budgeting requirements shall be provided by the following taxes:

1. A .75% tax on earned income received and net profits earned during the period beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 upon residents of the Indiana Area School District. (This tax continues in force and effect from year to year without annual reenactment.)
2. A 0.5% tax on the transfer of real property, effective January 1, 1977, revised March 10, 1987, upon real property transferred within the Indiana Area School District. (This tax continues in force and effect from year to year without annual reenactment.)

A tax on real estate which is hereby levied and assessed at the rate of 88.18 mills on the dollar on the total amount of the assessed value of all real estate taxable for school purposes in the Indiana Area School District or at the rate of \$8.82 on each \$100.00 of such assessed valuation. Of such millage, 25.00 mills are levied and assessed for general purposes and 63.18mills for additional monies to pay minimum salaries and increments of the teaching and supervisory staff as provided by law, to pay rentals due to the State Public School Building Authority, and to make sinking fund payments on general obligation bonds.

Motion passed 7-1 on a roll call vote with Mr. Balint voting no.

**CONSIDER LOCAL TAX STUDY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

RESOLVED, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007 by the board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District, as follows:

It was moved by Mr. Airhart and seconded by Mr. Balint that the board, by majority consent, hereby accepts the recommendation of the Local Tax Study Commission made at the Board's meeting of November 13, 2006 and that the board place on the May 15, 2007 ballot for the approval of voters an additional .7% Earned Income and Net Profit tax. The revenue generated from this tax shall be used primarily to fund homestead/farmstead exclusions for qualified homestead/farmstead property. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

It was moved by Mrs. Schrecongost and seconded by Mrs. Paccapaniccia that the board hereby directs the administration to publish the following advertisement once a week for three weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the school district and on the district's website. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote. (Exh. 10).

**SUBSTITUTE LISTS**

It was moved by Mrs. Hatcher and seconded by Mrs. Billon that, based on the recommendation of administration, the changes to the Teacher and Food Service Substitute Lists be approved as submitted. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 11,12)

**EMPLOYMENT OF SCHOOL NURSE ASSISTANT**

It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mrs. Hatcher that based on the recommendation of administration, Beth Mauk, be employed as a school nurse assistant effective February 13, 2007, at \$90.00 per day for the number of days worked during the 2006-2007 school year; said employment to be an 8-hour day, which includes a ½-hour unpaid lunch period. Motion passed 7-1 on a roll call vote with Mr. Trimarchi voting no.

**EXTRA DUTY/EXTRA PAY ASSIGNMENT**

It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mrs. Hatcher that, in accordance with the recommendation of administration, the following extra duty/extra pay assignment for the 2006-2007 school year be approved.

Boys' Tennis/Asst Coach-SH(\$1,906.01 )    Kent Lloyd            Not an employee

Motion passed 6-2 on a roll call vote with Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Schrecongost voting no.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Clawson thanked Mrs. Bender for her initiative in restructuring the revised planned courses of study for the junior high music program, and recognized Mrs. Bender's creativity and careful attention to all

students' needs in that revision process. Dr. Clawson congratulated the girls' and boys' freshman basketball teams, both of which are section champions for this season. Also, our girls' Varsity basketball team achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the section, and will soon begin play-offs. A reminder was given that Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> will now be a school day due to our cancellation of school on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Finally, Dr. Clawson mentioned Mr. Joseph Fedor, our head custodian at Horace Mann Elementary, whose home was destroyed by fire last week. District employees have already begun to contribute clothing and funds for this family's immediate needs, and our thoughts are with Mr. Fedor and his family.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Anderson commented on the ultra-low sulfur fuel issue, the changes in the Indiana Gazette's editorial policy, and he took exception to the Gazette report that we had our last game in the old gym. Mr. Anderson also said Mr. Schroth was planning to continue his vision statement and that it would be held at a later date due to his absence at the meeting.

**ENCLOSURES**

Activity Fund Treasurers' Reports – All Buildings	(Exh.13 )		
Enrollment Report – February 1, 2006- February 1, 2007	(Exh. 14)		
Interscholastic Game Personnel Report – January 2007	(Exh. 15)		
Investment Analysis – February 1, 2007	(Exh. 16)		
Conference Resumes:	Anne Solarz (Exh. 17)	Sue Brown et al	(Exh. 18)
	Lori Dadson & Lois Rebovich		(Exh. 19)
	Sue Brown et al (Exh. 20)	Rachel Pazzaglia	(Exh. 21)
Principal's Newsletters:	Ben Franklin – February 2007		(Exh. 22)
	East Pike – February 2007		(Exh. 23)
	Horace Mann – February 2007		(Exh. 24)
Chartwells Newsletter	(Exh. 25)		
<i>Crimson Arrow</i> – February 2007	(Exh. 26)		

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Mr. Trimarchi announced that the next board meeting would be the special meeting on February 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Mrs. Schrecongost, seconded by Mrs. Billon, and unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Indiana Area Board of School Directors of February 12, 2007 was properly adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Donald T. Gardner, Jr., Secretary