

MINUTES

INDIANA AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

February 22, 2010

A special monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District was held on Monday, February 22, 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, Dr. Ferguson, Mr. Girardi, Mrs. Paccapaniccia, Mr. Schroth, Mr. Steve, and Mr. Trimarchi. Mrs. Billon and Mr. Werner were absent.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Werner arrived during public comment.

Brian Okey spoke regarding public comment only being held at the beginning of the meeting and asked that the board consider permitting public comment at the end of the meeting also. Mr. Okey also spoke regarding the feasibility study.

Kelly Thomas spoke regarding the PTA sponsored program "Read Across America".

Michael Powers spoke regarding grade realignment and the feasibility study.

Ken Sherwood spoke regarding class size.

Matt Baumer and Jeff Raykes spoke regarding the feasibility study.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi that the minutes of the February 8, 2010 board meeting be approved as submitted. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 1)

EMPLOYMENT OF NURSE

It was moved by Mr. Girardi and seconded by Mrs. Baker that, based on the recommendation of administration, Mrs. Deborah Stultz be employed as a certified school nurse with employment contingent upon her maintaining her emergency certification and/or obtaining permanent certification effective February 23, 2010 at an annual salary of \$54,192 (MS, Step 1). Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Facility Study
 - a. Update on Building Options – L. Robert Kimball Architects
 - b. Preliminary Financial Information - Mr. Kirsch
 - c. Proposed Timeline
2. Band Shelter by Mr. Rizzo and Representatives from the Band Boosters – will be rescheduled
3. Building Budget Planning – Mrs. Daskivich, Mr. Stultz and Mr. Minnick
4. Ninth-grade Transition – Dr. Clawson presented information on the 9th grade transition conference she attended last month in Colonial Heights, Virginia.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Use of Facility Request - Indiana County Child Day Care Program fee
2. Prom 2011 – Mr. Bertig and two students presented information on a proposal to change the facility and date of the 2011 Prom.
3. Electricity Demand Response Program – Mr. Kirsch presented information on a proposal to participate in an electricity demand response program that could generate up to \$26,308 for the district in the first year.
4. ARIN Electric Consortium – Mr. Kirsch presented information on a consortium for the purchase of electricity once the rate caps expire January 2011.
5. 2010-2011 School Calendar – Dr. Clawson presented information on the calendar and deviations from the ICTC approved calendar.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Clawson reported on the current school calendar due to the number of snow days. It is unknown at this time whether PDE will consider a waiver of making up snow days.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. ARIN – Received a clean state audit. Dr. Coad and Mr. Munsch will be invited to present the 2010-2011 budget. The annual conference is in Leechburg School District this year. Information on the Northwest Regional WAN and its expansion was presented to the IU board. Considering a meeting with legislators for the school board members in Armstrong and Indiana counties.
- b. Recreation Department – The 2010 budget for the district will be \$37,500 rather than \$55,000 and it should go down further for 2011 since maintenance duties have been taken over by the municipalities and school district.
- c. Olweus – Elementary teams are being trained.

ENCLOSURES

Conference Resumes: Teresa Rinehart and Tammie Brunetta (Exh. 2)
Karlene Gutierrez et al (Exh. 3)
ARIN-minutes-January 19, 2010 (Exh. 4)
ARIN-agenda-February 16, 2010 (Exh. 5)

NEXT BOARD MEETING

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

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held from 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. before the open meeting to discuss labor relations and attorney/advisor issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Steve, seconded by Mrs. Baker and unanimously approved, the special meeting of the Indiana Area Board of School Directors of February 22, 2010, was properly adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Anise M. Markle, Board Secretary