

## MINUTES

### INDIANA AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

February 23, 2009

A special monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District was held on Monday, February 23, 2009, 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, and Mr. Werner. Mr. Trimarchi was absent.

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

#### WELCOME TO VISITORS

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

#### SGA

Nathan Decker, Student Government Association, reported on the dance a thon and new school spirit items in the school store.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

James Baker addressed the Board regarding the school calendar and scheduling of the prom at the same time as AP exams.

#### RIGHT TO KNOW PRESENTATION – MS. TRISH ANDREWS

Ms. Trish Andrews presented information on the Right to Know Law that was passed February 14, 2008 and was effective January 1, 2009 and its requirements for the school district.

#### PRESENTATION - SAFETY/CRISIS MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE – DR. ALLEN AND MR. TRAVIS

Dr. Allen and Mr. Travis presented a pilot safety/crisis management schedule that is being implemented.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Calendar Adjustments 2009-2010 – proposed administrative adjustments to the school calendar were presented. Adoption of the school calendar is scheduled for March.
2. Departmentalization of Staff (Grade 4-6) – Dr. Clawson presented information for consideration.

3. Consideration of Elementary School Choice – discussed giving families an option to request their child attend a different elementary school in the school district with the parents providing transportation.
4. Policy Revision - Dr. Clawson discussed policy revisions.
5. Bidding the Insurance Policy – Mr. Werner recommended bidding the district’s insurance coverage.
6. PSBA Legislative Updates and Distribution of Information – Mrs. Paccapaniccia asked the board members to let her know if they want to receive the legislative updates
7. Architect Services for Senior High Gym Lighting and Potential Stimulus Fund Projects – discussed whether to obtain a proposal from an architectural firm for the lighting project and possible projects funded from the federal stimulus package, if any.
8. Board Representation/Participation in the Feasibility Study – Mr. Schroth requested the school board have formal participation in the feasibility study.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dr. Clawson congratulated the swim team and the girls’ basketball teams on their continued playoff success.

### **RESULTS OF DISCIPLINARY HEARING**

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mrs. Billon that the Board of School Directors hereby approves the expulsion of student No. 0809-4 as a result of a disciplinary hearing held on February 23, 2009. Further, the solicitor is directed to prepare a formal resolution and adjudication for the board’s consideration. Motion passed unanimously.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Finance/Audit – Mr. Werner announced that the next meeting would be on March 11 to discuss the management letter and have preliminary budget discussions.
- b. Turf/Stadium – Mr. Steve updated the board on the stadium/turf committee meeting on February 18. Mr. Steve stated that the majority of the meeting was spent discussing some alternatives to the project which entails just putting synthetic turf on the football field with some other upgrades. Mr. Pappal and Mr. Trout both discussed their concerns with the possible liability issue with the current storage building at the football field and the fencing around both the soccer and football fields. Both items are sorely in need of replacement.
- c. ICTC – Mrs. Billon reported she was a practice chef with culinary students last week. ICTC has an initiative to emphasize non-traditional programs for boys and girls.
- d. ARIN – Mrs. Baker said ARIN has settled the Act 93 agreement and that the budget would be presented soon, and plans continue for hosting the ARIN convention.
- e. Recreation Department – no report.
- f. The ARC – Mr. Anderson said that there would be an employment expo at IUP in two weeks.
- g. Olweus – Mrs. Baker reported that the district is scheduling teacher training for late summer.

### **ENCLOSURES**

Conference Resumes: Nancy Geary (Exh. 2) Scott Poloff (Exh. 3)  
Wendy Moreau (Exh. 4)  
Principal’s Newsletter: Horace Mann – February 2009 (Exh. 5)  
ARIN-minutes-January 20, 2009 (Exh. 6)  
ARIN-agenda-February 17, 2009 (Exh. 7)

Turf Committee Minutes – February 18, 2009 (Exh. 8)

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Mrs. Paccapaniccia announced that the next board meeting would be the regular meeting on March 9, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

**NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held from 5:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. before the open meeting to discuss attorney/advisor, personnel issues and conduct a disciplinary hearing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Mrs. Billon, seconded by Mrs. Baker and unanimously approved, the special meeting of the Indiana Area Board of School Directors of February 23, 2009 was properly adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

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Anise M. Markle, Board Secretary