

MINUTES

INDIANA AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

February 26, 2007

The special monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District was held on Monday, February 26, 2007, at 7:20 p.m. in the East Pike administrative boardroom, 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, Mr. Balint, Mrs. Billon, Mrs. Paccapaniccia, Mrs. Schrecongost, Mr. Schroth and Mr. Trimarchi. Mr. Airhart and Mrs. Hatcher were absent.

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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – Mr. Balint noted that most of the budget and finance committee meetings have been focused on Act 1.

Athletics – Mr. Balint reported on coaching evaluations and the Cut/No Cut Policy.

Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Anderson reported on an engineering study from Mr. Harley regarding exceeding code requirements on the heating and lighting standards.

Instruction – Mr. Schroth noted that the board would be discussing a long range plan issue later in the meeting.

PLANNED COURSE OF STUDY ADOPTION

It was moved by Mrs. Paccapaniccia and seconded by Mrs. Billon that, on the recommendation of the superintendent based on the advice of the music teacher, the Board approves the revised planned course of study for the following courses: Vocal Ensemble, Young Women's Chorus, and Young Men's Chorus. Motion approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

It was moved by Mr. Balint and seconded by Mrs. Schrecongost that the Educational Service Agreement between Pressley Ridge and the Indiana Area School District be approved. Motion approved unanimously on a roll call vote. (Exh. 1)

DUAL ENROLLMENT AGREEMENTS

It was moved by Mrs. Paccapaniccia and seconded by Mr. Anderson that the board approves the Dual Enrollment Initiative agreements between the Indiana Area School District and Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Westmoreland Community College as submitted. Motion approved unanimously on a roll call vote. (Exh. 2,3)

INSTRUCTION REQUEST – FUTURE-FOCUSED PLAN

1) It was moved by Mr. Schroth and seconded by Mr. Anderson that the Indiana Area School Board requests the Instruction Committee to develop a long range, future-focused plan to guide and assist this district in continuing its growth as a premier educational program for the 21st century. It is the intention of the board that discussions pertaining to the development of this plan be open to, and include input from, all stakeholder groups within the district including but not limited to: Board members, administration, IAEA, individual faculty and staff, parents, otherwise unaffiliated district residents and students of this district. Motion passed 6-1 on a roll call vote with Mrs. Paccapaniccia voting no.

2) It was moved by Mr. Schroth and seconded by Mr. Balint and Mr. Anderson that the administration of the Indiana Area School District investigate and negotiate to hire a consultant to assist the Instruction Committee and the board in general in developing its long range, future-focused plan on an as needed basis. The recommendations by the administration pertaining to these negotiations are subject to final board approval at a future date. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

PERSONNEL

It was moved by Mrs. Schrecongost and seconded by Mr. Balint that the following personnel items be approved:

Personal Leave of Absence

A request for a personal leave of absence by Becky S. Yuhasz, food service worker, for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year in accordance with Article XII, Section 2 of the AFSCME agreement be approved.

Leave of Absence

A request for a leave of absence by Erica Aiken, junior high guidance counselor, for the first and second semester of the 2007-2008 school year in accordance with Article XI, Section of the collective bargaining agreement be approved.

Termination of Employment

The employment of Jackie Russell be terminated in accordance with Article XII, Section 4 of the collective bargaining agreement between the Indiana Area School District and AFSCME, local 2772.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mrs. Schrecongost that the board approves the following conference requests.

- I. Attendance by Scott Salser at the MENC Eastern Division In-Service Conference in Hartford, Connecticut from March 8-11, 2007 at a cost to the district not to exceed \$861 and \$150 for a substitute teacher be approved.
- II Attendance by Tracy Beard and James Geidel at the UCSMP Pre-Transition Mathematics Teacher Meeting in Chicago, IL from March 13-14, 2007 at a cost to the district not to exceed \$150 for two substitute teachers be approved.
- III. Attendance by John Katana at the OKAGE Spring Institute in Norman, OK from March 9-10, 2007 at a cost to the district not to exceed \$75 for a substitute teacher be approved.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

RESIGNATION OF FOOD SERVICE WORKER AND SUBSTITUTE LISTS

It was moved by Mr. Balint and seconded by Mrs. Billon that the resignation letter from Nariko Knudtson due to retirement effective March 2, 2007 be accepted with regret and that based on the recommendation of administration, the changes to the Teacher, Clerical and Food Service Substitute Lists be approved as submitted. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote. (Exh.4,5,6,7)

EXTRA DUTY/EXTRA PAY ASSIGNMENT

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

Baseball Asst Coach-SH(\$2,667.24) Mike Sainai Not an employee

Motion passed 6-1 on a roll call vote with Mrs. Schrecongost voting no.

AGREEMENT

It was moved by Mr. Balint and seconded by Mr. Anderson that the agreement between Peacock, Keller & Ecker, LLP and the Indiana Area School District to serve as special counsel be approved. Motion passed 6-0-1 on a roll call vote with Mrs. Schrecongost abstaining.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Clawson reported on various student achievements and noted that PSSA testing was coming up.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Joel Royer commented on the Earned Income Tax Collector.

ENCLOSURES

Conference Resumes: Beth Murphy (Exh. 8) Rachel Pazzaglia (Exh. 9)
 Carol Butzow (Exh. 10) Jill Piper (Exh. 11)
 Jennifer Helm & Karen Spadafora (Exh. 12)
 Shelly Keil et al (Exh. 13)

Principal's Newsletters: Eisenhower – February 2007 (Exh. 14)
Indiana Reporter – Winter 2007 (Exh. 15)
ARIN-minutes-January 16, 2007 (Exh. 16)
ARIN-agenda-February 20, 2007 (Exh. 17)
High Arrow – February 2007 (Exh. 18)

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Mr. Trimarchi announced that the next board meeting would be the regular meeting on March 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. before the open meeting to discuss personnel and attorney/advisor issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mrs. Schrecongost, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and unanimously approved, the special meeting of the Indiana Area Board of School Directors of February 26, 2007 was properly adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Donald T. Gardner, Jr., Secretary