

MINUTES

INDIANA AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

March 22, 2010

A special monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District was held on Monday, March 22, 2010, at 7:39 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: Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Billon, Dr. Ferguson, Mr. Girardi, Mrs. Paccapaniccia, Mr. Schroth, Mr. Steve, Mr. Trimarchi and Mr. Werner.

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 welcomed all the visitors to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Marty Higgins of Indiana County Child Daycare addressed the board regarding use of schools for before and after school and summer day care. Mrs. Josie Cunningham commended the school board for posting the meeting notice on the front page of the Indiana Gazette. She spoke regarding staff reductions that have caused program reductions. Dr. Ken Sherwood spoke regarding the facility study and what it does not include and the timeline. Mr. Matt Baumer spoke regarding the facility study and possible school closings. Dr. Erick Lauber spoke regarding the facility study and possible school closings. Ms. Mary Margaret Conjella also spoke regarding the facility study and possible school closings.

BOARD PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Mrs. Paccapaniccia announced that there would be presentations from Dr. Clawson on the education aspects and Mr. Kirsch on the financial impacts of the facility study along with presentation of the study by Kimballs.

SGA

Miss Grace Castro spoke for SGA on their activities including the prom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Facility Study – Rich O’Donald of Kimballs delivered the facility study in paper and electronic format and commented on some of the new information.
2. Academic Feasibility - Dr. Clawson presented information on academic programs and relationship to the facility study.
3. Financial Feasibility - Mr. Kirsch presented financial information including debt service and staffing for the eight options identified in the facility study.
4. Budget Planning:
 - Curriculum – Dr. Earman
 - Technology – Mr. O’Neal
 - Transportation – Mr. Travis
 - Athletics – Mrs. Daskivich and Mr. Snyder

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Schedule Public Hearing according to section 780 of the PA School Code – school code requires public hearing ninety (90) days prior to a decision relating to the closing of a school. The board agreed to hold the hearing on Wednesday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m.
2. Use of Facilities Fees – Mr. Kirsch
3. Right to Know Information – Ms. Andrews
4. Schedule meeting with Indiana Borough - tabled
5. Microphones in board room - tabled
6. Acceptance of tuition students - tabled

FIELD TRIP REQUEST

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi that the board approves an educational field trip to New York, New York by approximately 38 senior high students and 10 adults from April 9 - 11, 2010 for the purpose of studying Broadway Musical Theater at a cost to the district of \$360 for substitute teachers. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Tabled)

- a. ICTC - none
- b. ARIN – none
- c. Recreation Department – none
- d. Olweus – none

ENCLOSURES

- Interscholastic Game Personnel Report (Exh. 2)
Imprest Account – JH (Exh. 3)
Conference Resumes: Eric Brocius (Exh. 4) Peggy Garbrick (Exh. 5)
Jill Earman & John Uccellini (Exh. 6)
Lorrie Gallo & Nancy Pottmeyer (Exh. 7)
Kathy Yerep (Exh. 8) Teresa Rinehart & Tammie Brunetta (Exh. 9)
Nichole Lychalk (Exh. 10)
Principal’s Newsletter: East Pike – March 2010 (Exh. 11)

Jr. Highlights – March 2010 (Exh. 12)
ARIN-minutes-February 16, 2010 (Exh. 13)

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Mrs. Paccapaniccia announced that the next board meeting would be the regular meeting on April 12, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. before the open meeting to discuss labor relations and personnel issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Steve, seconded by Mr. Girardi and unanimously approved, the special meeting of the Indiana Area Board of School Directors of March 22, 2010, was properly adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Anise M. Markle, Board Secretary