

## MINUTES

### INDIANA AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

**March 23, 2009**

A special monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District was held on Monday, March 23, 2009, at 7:45 p.m. in the East Pike Elementary School Multi-purpose, 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, Mr. Trimarchi, and Mr. Werner.

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.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Tony Greenawalt addressed the Board concerning the turf project and presented a petition.

Mr. Joe Costa addressed the Board concerning the turf project.

Mr. Bill Balint addressed the Board concerning the turf project.

Ms. Corda Hill addressed the Board concerning the turf project.

Ms. Jayne Henry addressed the Board concerning the turf project.

Mr. Ken Watkins addressed the Board concerning the turf project.

Mr. Ron See addressed the Board concerning the turf project.

Mr. Mark Zilinskas addressed the Board concerning the turf project.

Dr. Bo Villemain addressed the Board concerning the turf project.

Mr. Mark Lauver addressed the Board concerning the turf project.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Billon that the minutes of the March 9, 2009 Board meeting be approved as submitted. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 1)

#### PRESENTATION – FEASIBILITY STUDY

Representatives from L. Robert Kimball and Associates, Mr. Richard O'Donald and Mr. Richard Witt, reviewed the timeline for the feasibility study.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Scheduling of April Board Meetings – April 13 for budget presentation, April 20 for the business meeting and April 27 for the discussion meeting.

2. ARIN Emergency Guest Teacher Process – Dr. Clawson provided an update on this program for employing substitute teachers who do not hold teaching certificates to be used when a certified substitute cannot be obtained.
3. Graduation Location – Mrs. Daskivich is checking on the cost of holding graduation outside at IUP with the field house on standby if inclement weather.
4. Lacrosse Team Formation – Parent and student requests for recognition of team that currently exists as a club at the junior high. Information will be provided to the board members. The parents and students wish to make a request to the school board at a future meeting.
5. Stimulus Funds Update – Mr. Kirsch provided an update on the preliminary funding amounts and permitted uses of funds for the school district that have been provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
6. Food Service Management Company proposals and recommendation – Mr. Kirsch provided an update on the Food Service Management Company proposals, the review process and the review committee's recommendation.
7. Graduation Requirements – Dr. Clawson presented the school district's current graduation requirements and initiated discussion on changes and their tie in with the feasibility study.
8. Naming Rights – discussed sample policies.
9. Turf – It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi that the Board approves spending \$320,000 for the turf project on the football field with an additional minimum of \$325,000 coming from private donations. With these private donations, the football field will be named after Andy Kuzneski for a minimum of 25 years.

It was moved by Mr. Schroth and seconded by Mr. Anderson that the motion be tabled. Motion to table failed 3 to 6 on a roll call vote with Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Billion, Mr. Girardi, Mrs. Paccapaniccia, Mr. Steve and Mr. Werner voting no.

It was moved by Mr. Schroth and seconded by Mr. Anderson to amend the motion to provide that it be subject to referendum and attainment of 51% of the votes. Motion to amend failed 3 to 6 on a roll call vote with Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Billion, Mr. Girardi, Mrs. Paccapaniccia, Mr. Steve and Mr. Werner voting no.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Schroth to amend the motion and delete the last sentence. Motion to amend failed 3 to 6 on a roll call vote with Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Billion, Mr. Girardi, Mrs. Paccapaniccia, Mr. Steve and Mr. Werner voting no.

The vote on the original motion moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi passed 6 to 3 on a roll call vote with Mr. Anderson, Mr. Schroth and Mr. Trimarchi voting no.

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mrs. Billon to authorize the administration to apply for Pennsylvania Department of Education approval for a non-reimbursable project and advertise for bids for the preparation work necessary for the installation of an artificial turf field. Mr. Steve called the question and it passed 6 – 3 with Mr. Anderson, Mr. Schroth and Mr. Trimarchi voting no.

The motion passed 6 to 3 on a roll call vote with Mr. Anderson, Mr. Schroth and Mr. Trimarchi voting no.

10. Board Policy Updates – Information Only

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dr. Clawson congratulated the Indiana Hockey Club on its play-off win against Mars. She reported that PSSA make-up testing is going on this week in the schools, and she said that ticket sales have begun for the Senior High musical “Beauty and the Beast” which will be presented April 2-5, 2009.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Finance/Audit – Mr. Werner said that the committee report was provided and discussed the schedule previously. (Exh. 2)

It was moved by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Trimarchi to approve the finance committee minutes of March 11, 2009. Motion failed 4 – 4 on a roll call vote with Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Billon, Mr. Girardi and Mr. Steve voting no and Mrs. Paccapaniccia not voting since she was not there.

- b. Turf/Stadium – no report. (Exh. 3)
- c. ICTC – Mrs. Billon reported that there will be a meeting tomorrow. She said that the board has had a session for the fact finder process in the labor negotiations.
- d. ARIN – Mrs. Baker said that the board was presented with the annual audit. She reminded everyone that the ARIN convention is being hosted by the school district.
- e. Recreation Department – Mrs. Paccapaniccia said that the recreation department is considering new programs such as rifle and archery pending insurance availability.
- f. The ARC – Mr. Anderson noted that the Youth employment expo was held at IUP for students with IEPs. He also said that a legislative breakfast is scheduled.
- g. Olweus – Mrs. Baker said that the team has been preparing for teacher trainings and classroom meetings. They have developed the rubric for the consequences of bullying. There are some issues that will soon be presented to the board as well as some detail on how funding for the project is being spent.

**ENCLOSURES**

Interscholastic Game Personnel Report (Exh. 4)  
Conference Resumes: Jeanne Mitsko & Julie Steve (Exh. 5)  
Laura Cunningham et al (Exh. 6)  
Janice Brocious & Caryn Penrose (Exh. 7)  
Katie Smith (Exh. 8) Madeline Rupert (Exh. 9)  
Craig Miller (Exh. 10) Donald Bowers (Exh. 11)  
Rachel Pazzaglia et al (Exh. 12) Carol Duman (Exh. 13)  
Aaron Allen et al (Exh. 14)  
Principal's Newsletter: Horace Mann – March 2009 (Exh. 15)  
ARIN-minutes-February 17, 2009 (Exh. 16)  
ARIN-agenda-March 17, 2009 (Exh. 17)

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Mrs. Paccapaniccia announced that the next board meeting would be a budget meeting on April 13, 2009 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 conduct a grievance hearing and to discuss labor relations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Mr. Werner, seconded by Mrs. Baker and unanimously approved, the special meeting of the Indiana Area Board of School Directors of March 23, 2009 was properly adjourned at 11:13 p.m.

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Anise M. Markle, Board Secretary