

MINUTES

INDIANA AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

March 26, 2007

The special monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District was held on Monday, March 26, 2007, at 7:16 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.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY SECRETARY

It was moved by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Billon that Anise Markle be appointed Temporary Secretary for the Meeting of March 26, 2007. Motion passed unanimously.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following members present: Mr. Airhart, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Balint, Mrs. Billon, Mrs. Hatcher, Mrs. Paccapaniccia, Mrs. Schrecongost, Mr. Schroth and Mr. Trimarchi

Dr. Deborah Clawson, Acting Superintendent; Mrs. Anise Markle, Temporary 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 explained the question regarding Act 1 that will appear on the ballot in May.

Athletics – Mr. Airhart reported on the last athletic committee meeting.

Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Anderson reported that the groundbreaking has occurred at the senior high school.

Instruction – Mrs. Paccapaniccia announced that she resigned as chair of this committee. Mr. Schroth reported on the last instruction committee meeting.

PRESENTATION – ICTC

Mr. Thimons and Mr. Gehley, representatives from the Indiana County Technology Center, explained the Annual Tech Show to the board members.

2007-2008 SCHOOL CALENDAR And EARLY DISMISSAL

It was moved by Mrs. Schrecongost and seconded by Mr. Anderson that, the 2007-2008 School Calendar be approved as submitted and that the following dates be designated as official school district holidays: September 3, November 12, November 23, December 26, and March 21; and that the Board authorizes the Superintendent to submit to the Department of Education a request under Act 80 for approval for the district to utilize two full days and four half days during the 2007-2008 school year as follows: October 8, 2007, January 21, 2008 as full days; October 5, 2007, April 11, 2008, May 9, 2008,

and June 2, 2008 as ½ days. These days will be used for conducting parent conferences and curriculum development. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 1)

CHINESE GUEST TEACHER PROGRAM HOST DISTRICT APPLICATION

It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mrs. Schrecongost that the board authorizes the submission of the Chinese Guest Teacher Program Host District Application to the College Board. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 2)

PERSONNEL

It was moved by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Airhart that the board approves the following personnel items.

Substitute List

Based on the recommendation of administration, the changes to the Food Service List be approved as submitted. (Exh. 3)

Resignation Of Professional Employees

The letters of resignation be accepted with regret from Luann Eckman, junior high social studies teacher, and Ray Reinbold, junior high technology education teacher, due to retirement effective the last teacher day of the 2006-2007 school year. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 4,5)

ELECTION OF PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mrs. Paccapaniccia that, based on the recommendation of administration, Zachary Whited be elected to an elementary education position effective March 27, 2007, in accordance with his certification and at an annual salary of \$42,844 (B.S., Step 1). Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANT

It was moved by Mr. Schroth and seconded by Mr. Anderson that the board retain Mr. Glenn Smartschan as a consultant to the Instruction Committee on an as needed basis at \$60/hr up to \$5,000 to June 30, 2007. Motion passed 6-3 on a roll call vote with Mrs. Billon, Mrs. Hatcher and Mrs. Paccapaniccia voting no.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Girardi asked the board what the rush was in hiring a consultant considering they just hired a superintendent. He said that all he has heard at each meeting was about not having enough money and now they were willing to spend \$5,000. He wanted the board to reconsider hiring a consultant.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Clawson wished the retiring teachers a wonderful retirement and told them that they would be greatly missed in the district. She also welcomed Mr. Whited to the district. Dr. Clawson reported on various student achievements and accomplishments.

ENCLOSURES

Conference Resumes: Jill Piper	(Exh. 6)	Mark Zilinskas	(Exh. 7)
John Uccellini	(Exh. 8)	Roberta Mack	(Exh. 9)
Janice Brocious and Caryn Penrose	(Exh. 10)		
John Katana	(Exh. 11)	Scott Salser	(Exh. 12)
Marlene Galore	(Exh. 13)	Ray Reinbold	(Exh. 14)
ARIN – minutes – February 20, 2007	(Exh. 15)		
ARIN – agenda – March 20, 2007	(Exh. 16)		
<i>Crimson Arrow</i> – March 9, 2007	(Exh. 17)		
<i>High Arrow</i> – March 16, 2007	(Exh. 18)		
Athletic Schedule – Spring 2007	(Exh. 19)		

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Mr. Trimarchi announced that the next board meeting would be the regular meeting on April 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:10 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 March 26, 2007 was properly adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Anise M. Markle, Secretary