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INDIANA AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

March 8, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District was held on Monday, March 8, 2010, at 7:35 p.m. in the East Pike Administration Board Room, 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.

Mr. Dale R. Kirsch, Business Manager/Recording Secretary; Ms. Christina Lane, Solicitor; and Mrs. Paula Daskivich, Senior High Principal were also present.

WELCOME TO VISITORS

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

BOARD PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Mrs. Paccapaniccia announced Kimball Architecture will attend the March 15 meeting and that Dr. Clawson and Mr. Kirsch are working on the educational and financial portions of the facility study to be presented soon.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Sherwood acknowledged receipt of some of the documents related to the facility study and encouraged the board to look at its own policy regarding release of documents.

Bill McCutcheon spoke regarding his request for waiver of use of facility fees for PA Blue Thunder. Josephine Cunningham spoke requesting public comment to be held at the beginning and end of board meetings.

IAEA

Statement from IAEA thanking the school board for involving the staff in the facility study process and stated the association supports any options that maintain the education program and do not increase class size and opposes any option that reduces staff.

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It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi that the minutes of the February 22, 2010 Board meeting be approved as submitted. (Exh. 1) Motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Upon motion by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mrs. Billon, the current bills were unanimously approved as submitted. (Exh. 2). Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION – ARIN GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

Representatives from ARIN IU28 reviewed the general operating budget with the board members.

BOARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi that the board approves the board operating guidelines as submitted. (Exh. 3)

It was moved by Mr. Schroth and seconded by Mr. Trimarchi that the motion be amended by adding open public comment on agenda and non-agenda items at the end of the meeting in addition to the beginning of the meeting. Motion failed 4 to 5 with Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Billon, Mr. Girardi, Mrs. Paccapaniccia and Mr. Steve voting no.

It was moved by Mr. Schroth and seconded by Mr. Trimarchi that an item number 7 be added to the guidelines providing for official dissolving of committees and formal acceptance of resignation or assignment to a committee. Motion failed 2 to 7 with Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Billon, Dr. Ferguson, Mr. Girardi, Mrs. Paccapaniccia, Mr. Steve and Mr. Werner voting no.

The original motion passed 6 to 3 with Mr. Schroth, Mr. Trimarchi and Mr. Werner voting no.

PROPOSED ARIN GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2010-2011

Submitted for the Board's information was a copy of the proposed 2010-2011 ARIN General Operating Budget. This district's share of the budget is \$143,985. This represents a 5% increase or \$6,856 over this district's share for 2009-2010. (Exh. 4)

It was moved by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Mr. Steve that, the Board of the Indiana Area School District, a member of ARIN Intermediate Unit 28, approves the General Operating Budget of the Intermediate Unit for the fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$3,226,148. Motion passed unanimously.

ALLEGHENY IU3 CONSORTIUM, ELECTRIC CONSORTIUM and TAX EXONERATIONS

It was moved by Mrs. Billon, seconded by Mr. Steve that:

- 1) The Indiana Area School District continue participation in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3 Gasoline/Diesel Fuel Consortium on a year to year basis as long as it is advantageous to the school district to participate.
- 2) That the resolution to participate in the ARIN Electric Consortium be approved as submitted. (Exh. 5)
- 3) That the Board approve the listing of real estate taxes that have been liened in the following amounts: (Exh. 6)

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>
Armstrong Township	\$136,923.06
Indiana Borough	\$334,983.90
Shelocta Borough	\$ 15,777.75
White Township	<u>\$615,996.84</u>
TOTAL	\$1,103,681.55

Motion passed unanimously.

USE OF FACILITY WAIVER

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mrs. Billon that the use of facility policy fees for gymnasium usage by Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) and other similar groups be set at \$10 per hour. Motion approved 6 to 3 with Mrs. Paccapaniccia, Mr. Schroth and Mr. Trimarchi voting no. (Exh. 7)

ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES FOR POLICY 707-USE OF FACILITIES

Administrative guidelines for policy 707 – Use of Facilities were tabled.

FIELD TRIP REQUEST

It was moved by Mr. Werner and seconded by Mr. Steve that the board approves an educational field trip by approximately 41 Horace Mann elementary students and 14 adults to Washington, D.C. on April 15, 2010 for the purpose of studying American History at a cost to the district of \$2,325.00 for transportation. Motion passed unanimously.

DUAL ENROLLMENT AGREEMENTS

It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mr. Steve that the board approves the Dual Enrollment Initiative agreement between the Indiana Area School District and Indiana University of Pennsylvania as submitted and the Dual Enrollment Initiative agreement between the Indiana Area School District and Westmoreland Community College as submitted. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 8 & 9)

PERSONNEL

It was moved by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Mr. Steve that the board approves the following personnel items.

Substitute Lists

Based on the recommendation of administration, the changes to the Teacher and Food Service Substitute Lists as submitted. (Exh. 10,11)

Resignation of Building Secretary

That the resignation of Becky Hilditch, Eisenhower building secretary, be accepted with regret due to personal reasons effective March 17, 2010.

Employment of Instructional Assistants

That based on the recommendation of administration, the following Instructional Assistants be employed at a starting rate of \$7.25 per hour:

Renee Long

Ilga Cilo

Motion passed unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS

It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mr. Steve that temporary Instructional Assistant positions for Ben Franklin Elementary and Eisenhower Elementary be approved for up to ninety (90) calendar days. Motion passed unanimously.

IAEA GRIEVANCE #0910-2

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mrs. Baker that the Board approve Indiana Area Education Association grievance #0910-2 regarding Driver Education Instructor bereavement leave. Motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Daskivich presented the report on behalf of Dr. Clawson, who was absent. Four students have qualified to compete in Forensics at the state competition level; forty students in Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) qualified at the regional competition to advance to the state conference; our high school's Mock Trial Group has successfully advanced to regional competition. Tove Johnson will compete in the state competition of Poetry Out Loud – she is one of 12 finalists. Boys basketball, the Swim & Diving Team, and Girls' basketball all qualified for WPIAL playoff events. Eleven students

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Steve, seconded by Mrs. Baker and unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Indiana Area Board of School Directors of March 8, 2010 was properly adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Anise M. Markle, Board Secretary