

MINUTES

INDIANA AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

March 9, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District was held on Monday, March 9, 2009, at 7:30 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: 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 Ms. Christina Lane, Solicitor were also present.

WELCOME TO VISITORS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mark Zilinskas commented on the turf committee.

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It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mrs. Billon that the minutes of the February 9, 2009 and February 23, 2009 Board meetings be approved as submitted.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Trimarchi to amend the minutes and remove statements from the February 9, 2009 Superintendent's report and February 23, 2009 turf committee report that are opinions. Amendment to motion failed 3 to 6 with Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Billon, Mr. Girardi, Mrs. Paccapaniccia, Mr. Steve and Mr. Werner voting no.

Original motion passed 6-3 with Mr. Anderson, Mr. Schroth and Mr. Trimarchi voting no. (Exh. 1,2)

TREASURER'S REPORT AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

Upon motion by Mr. Steve, seconded by Mrs. Baker, the Treasurer's Report and bills for the month of February 2009 were unanimously approved as submitted. (Exh. 3,4)

PRESENTATION – ARIN IU 28 GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

Dr. Robert Coad, Executive Director, and Mr. Cliff Geary, Assistant Business Manager, from ARIN IU28 were present to review the general operating budget with the board members.

PROPOSED ARIN GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2009-2010

Submitted for the Board's information was a copy of the proposed 2009-2010 ARIN General Operating Budget. This district's share of the budget is \$137,896. This represents a 3.75% increase or \$4,984 over this district's share for 2008-2009. (Exh. 5)

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 \$3,095,543. Passed unanimously

AWARD OF A BID AND PILOT EXTENSION – INDIANA PLAYERS

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi as follows:

- 1) That the Board awards the bid received March 2, 2009 for a Senior High wrestling mat to Resilite Sports Products, Sunbury, PA as follows, being the lowest responsible bidders, kind, quality and materials having been considered, according to the attached tabulation and recommendations. (Exh. 6)
- 2) That the amended and restated agreement for Payment in Lieu of Taxes for the Indiana Players, Inc. granting a one-year extension to the original agreement be approved as presented. (Exh. 7)

Motion passed unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT

Submitted for the board's information was a five (5) year transportation contract between the Indiana Area School District and STA of Pennsylvania, Inc. dba Krise Bus Service, Inc. for pupil transportation services. (Exh. 8)

It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mrs. Baker that a five (5) year contract with STA of Pennsylvania, Inc. dba Krise Bus Service, Inc. for pupil transportation services be approved as submitted. Motion passed 8 –1 with Mr. Trimarchi voting no.

EARLY DISMISSAL

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi 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 six half days during the 2009-2010 school year as follows: October 12, 2009, January 18, 2010 as full days; October 9, 2009, November 6, 2009, January 29, 2010, March 12, 2010, May 7, 2010, and June 3, 2010 as ½ days. These days will be used for curriculum development. Motion passed unanimously.

2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR, CONFERENCE REQUEST, AND FIELD TRIP REQUEST

It was moved by Mrs. Billon seconded by Mr. Steve as follows:

- 1) That the 2009-2010 School Calendar be approved as submitted and that the following dates be designated as official school district holidays: September 7, November 11, November 27, December 24, and April 2. (Exh. 9)
- 2) That attendance by Scott Salser, senior high music teacher, at the Music Educators National Conference (MENC) Eastern Division Biennial In-Service Conference in Providence, RI from March 12-16, 2009 at a cost to the district not to exceed \$920.00 and \$180 for a substitute be approved.
- 3) That the board approves an educational field trip by approximately 3 senior high students and 2 adults to Providence, RI from March 12 to 16, 2009 for the purpose of participating in the Music Educators National Conference (MENC) All-Eastern Division Chorus at a cost to the district of \$581.70 for transportation.

Motion passed unanimously.

DUAL ENROLLMENT AGREEMENTS

It was moved by Mr. Schroth and seconded by Mr. Anderson as follows.

- 1 That the board approves the Dual Enrollment Initiative agreement between the Indiana Area School District and Indiana University of Pennsylvania as submitted. (Exh. 10)
- 2 That the board approves the Dual Enrollment Initiative agreement between the Indiana Area School District and Westmoreland Community College as submitted. (Exh. 11)

Motion passed unanimously

ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES

It was moved by Mr. Schroth and seconded by Mr. Anderson that the board adopts Board Policies No. 100-101 with revisions as submitted. (Exh. 12)

It was moved by Mr. Werner and seconded by Mr. Steve to amend the motion by not removing the eighteen belief statements as listed. Motion passed 8-1 with Mr. Schroth voting no.

Original motion as amended passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL

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

Substitute List

Based on the recommendation of administration, the changes to the Teacher Service Substitute List as submitted. (Exh. 13)

Resignation of Professional Personnel

That the resignation of Carol Butzow, Ed.D., Eisenhower ESL teacher, be accepted with regret due to retirement effective the last teacher day of the 2008-2009 school term. (Exh. 14)

Promotion to Director of Buildings and Grounds

That the board promotes Mr. Greg Trout from the position of Assistant Director of Buildings and Grounds to Director of Buildings and Grounds effective June 1, 2009 at a salary of \$69,500 prorated for the 2008-2009 fiscal year and salary to remain in effect for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Employment of Food Service Worker

Based on the recommendation of administration, Jeanine Fedor be employed as a food service worker at the Horace Mann elementary school (10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.) at an hourly rate of \$7.15, said employment to be subject to her satisfactory completion of a 90-day probationary period.

Request for Leave of Absence

A request for an unpaid leave of absence (after use of her 27 sick days) by Kate Matko, junior high Spanish teacher effective after April 24, 2009 to the first teacher day of the 2009-2010 school year in accordance to Article XI, Section 2 of the collective bargaining agreement.

Motion passed unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT OF COMPUTER TECHNICIAN AND EXTRA DUTY/EXTRA PAY ASSIGNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mrs. Baker as follows:

- 1) That, based on the recommendation of administration, Laurie McAfoose be employed as a computer technician effective March 16, 2009 and at an annual salary of \$39,000; salary to be prorated based on the number of days worked in the 2008-2009 fiscal year.
- 2) Based on the recommendation of administration, the following extra duty/extra pay assignment for the 2008-2009 school year.

Head Baseball Coach-SH(\$5673.23)	Mark Morrow	Elementary
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The computer technician motion passed unanimously while the Extra Duty/Extra Pay motion passed 7-2 with Mr. Anderson and Mr. Trimarchi voting no.

TURF COMMITTEE UPDATE

A stadium/turf meeting was held Monday, March 9 with Ray Battistel from Sportex showing a power point presentation on his company as well as their state contract with Educational Institutional Cooperative Purchasing.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Clawson congratulated the winter sports teams on their successes and reported that two Indiana High School students have been selected for the 2009 All-Eastern Honors Ensemble in Rhode Island. Dr. Clawson reported that a Teaching American History Grant was submitted to the U.S. Office of Education.

Mr. Kirsch reported that representatives from L. Robert Kimball and Associates would attend the March 23 board meeting to present a draft time line for the feasibility study. Mr. Kirsch reported four proposals have been received from food service management companies and Dr. Clawson, Mrs. Daskivich and he are visiting school districts to observe vendor programs, will be completing the evaluation of the proposals and making a recommendation for the April regular meeting.

ESTABLISHMENT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE

1) The following motion was tabled at the February 9, 2008 board meeting:

That the IASD Board of Directors establish an ad hoc committee for the dual purposes of (1) Developing one or more comprehensive, detailed policies for the full board's consideration on advertising on school property or within its facilities and (2) Developing one or more comprehensive, detailed policies for the full board's consideration on naming rights for all district facilities.

2) It was moved by Mr. Schroth and seconded Mr. Werner that the motion to establish an ad hoc committee be taken from the table. Motion passed unanimously

It was moved by Mr. Schroth and seconded by Mr. Werner to form an ad hoc committee. Motion failed 4 –5 with Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Billon, Mr. Girardi, Mrs. Paccapaniccia and Mr. Steve voting no.

ENCLOSURES

- Student Activity Report – January 2009 (Exh. 15)
- Enrollment Report – March 1, 2008- March 1, 2009 (Exh. 16)
- Investment Analysis – March 2009 (Exh. 17)
- Imprest Account – Junior High (Exh. 18)
- Imprest Account – Senior High (Exh. 19)
- Vandalism Report – July 1, 2008-February 29, 2009(Exh. 20)
- Conference Resumes: Nancy Pottmeyer (Exh. 21) Cindy Zagurskie (Exh. 22)
- Pam Distefano (Exh. 23) Rita Ott & Valerie Birch (Exh. 24)
- Roberta Mack (Exh. 25) Jamie Lichtenfels et al (Exh. 26)

- Principal's Newsletters:
 - Ben Franklin – March 2009 (Exh. 27)
 - Eisenhower – March 2009 (Exh. 28)
 - Jr. Highlights – March 2009 (Exh. 29)
 - Senior High Newsletter – March 2009 (Exh. 30)

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be the special meeting on March 23, 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 for the purpose of discussing attorney/advisor, labor relations and personnel issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Steve, seconded by Mrs. Billon and unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Indiana Area Board of School Directors of March 9, 2009 was properly adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Anise M. Markle, Board Secretary