

MINUTES

INDIANA AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

April 12, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District was held on Monday, April 12, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in the East Pike Multi-purpose 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, Mrs. Paccapaniccia, Mr. Schroth, Mr. Steve, and Mr. Werner. Mr. Girardi and Mr. Trimarchi were absent.

Dr. Deborah Clawson, Superintendent; Mr. Dale R. Kirsch, Business Manager/Recording Secretary; and Ms. Trish Andrews, Solicitor were also present.

WELCOME TO VISITORS

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

BOARD PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Mrs. Paccapaniccia reported that Mrs. Garbrick, senior high social studies teacher, has been invited to the Governor's mansion. She also reminded everyone that a public hearing for possible school closure would be held April 21 at the Senior High.

AFSCME

Announced that their membership is opposed to any building configuration that results in furlough of AFSCME members.

SGA

Representatives from SGA updated the board on their recent activities.

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It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Werner that the minutes of the March 22, 2010 Board meeting be approved as submitted. (Exh. 1)

It was moved by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Dr. Ferguson to amend the March 22, 2010 minutes to show the committee reports were tabled rather than not given. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion as amended 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 6 to 1 with Mrs. Baker voting no.

REQUEST FOR 2008 PENNSYLVANIA TAX INFORMATION and BOND REFUNDING

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

On an annual basis, the district secures a listing of district taxpayers from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue in order to assist in the collection of delinquent earned income taxes. The cost of the listing will be reimbursed by the district's earned income tax collector, Pennsylvania Municipal Services Company. (Exh. 3)

That, the Board approves an agreement between the Indiana Area School District and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Revenue, for the acquisition of information contained on the Pennsylvania Personal Income Tax returns for 2008 in order to administer and enforce the provisions of its local earned income tax; and

That the Board of School Directors of Indiana Area School District authorize the Administration to work with Public Financial Management, as Financial Advisor; and Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, as Bond Counsel along with the local Solicitor in conjunction with the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2010, for the purpose of refunding the General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2005. (Exh. 4)

Motion passed unanimously.

INSURANCE BROKER SERVICES

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mrs. Billon that Reschini Group/Kuzneski Financial be approved as broker of record for Indiana Area School District's general property and liability insurance and related coverage including umbrella, automobile, errors and omissions, workers compensation, and student accident and athletic. Motion passed 5 to 1 with Mr. Schroth voting no and Mr. Werner abstaining. (Exh. 5)

MANDATE WAIVER APPLICATION and POLICY 707, USE OF FACILITY FEES

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

1) An application for a Mandate Waiver from Section 751 of the Pennsylvania School Code, work to be done under contract let on bids, requesting a waiver of the bidding thresholds be approved as follows:

751(a) – increase bidding threshold from \$10,000 to \$15,200

751(b) – increase the limit for work that can be performed by the school district's maintenance staff from \$5000 to \$25,000.

2) The revised use of facility fees under policy 707 be approved as presented. (Exh. 6)

Motion passed unanimously.

USE OF FACILITIES

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

- 1) That use of facility fees for the Indiana County Child Day Care Program be waived for the before and after school program and for the summer 2010 program.
- 2) That a use of facility fee of \$10 per day be charged to the Indiana County Child Day Care Program beginning with the Summer 2011 program for the intermittent use of the gym and multipurpose room.
- 3) That a use of facility fee of \$10 per day be charged to Family Behavioral Resources beginning with the Summer 2010 program for the intermittent use of the gym and multipurpose room.

Motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL

It was moved by Mr. Werner 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, Clerical, Custodial, Security and Food Service Substitute Lists be approved as submitted. (Exh. 7,8,9,10,11)

Employment Of Custodian

Based upon the recommendation of the administration, Gary Palmer be employed as a custodian effective April 13, 2010 at a rate of \$7.25 per hour.

Resignations Of Professional Personnel

The resignations of Lana Buchanan, junior high social studies teacher; David Woodall, junior high special education teacher; Janet Murtha, senior high special education teacher; Carol Anderson, senior high science teacher; and Sally Catanese, elementary speech teacher, be accepted with regret due to retirement effective the last teacher day of the 2009-2010 school term. (Exh. 12, 13, 14,15, 16)

Resignation Of Professional Personnel (Addendum)

The resignations of Donna Overdorff, senior high special education teacher and Arlene Novels, Eisenhower elementary teacher, be accepted with regret due to retirement effective the last teacher day of the 2009-2010 school term. (Exh. 17 & 18)

Resignation of Instructional Assistant

The resignation letter submitted by Dorothy Moreland, junior high instructional assistant, be accepted with regret due to retirement effective the last day of the 2009-2010 school term. (Exh. 19)

Motion passed unanimously.

CONFERENCE REQUEST

It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mrs. Baker that the board approves attendance by William Doody, senior high social studies teacher, at the AP US Government and Politics Exam Reading in Daytona Beach, FL from June 1 – 10, 2010 at a cost to the district of \$180 for a substitute. Motion passed unanimously.

MATHEMATICS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

Submitted for the board's information was a memorandum from Dr. Uccellini to Dr. Clawson outlining the goals of a Mathematics Education Partnership between the Center for Statistics Education at IUP and the Indiana Area School District. (Exh. 20)

It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mr. Schroth that the board enters into a partnership agreement with the Center for Statistics Education at IUP, the terms of which are subject to the approval of the solicitor at an estimated cost of \$26,000. Motion passed 6 to 0 with Mrs. Baker abstaining.

2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mrs. Baker that the 2010-2011 School Calendar be approved as submitted and that the following dates be designated as official school district holidays: September 6, November 11, November 26, December 24, and April 22.

It was moved by Mr. Werner, and seconded by Mr. Steve to amend the motion to have the students begin on Tuesday, August 31. Amendment passed 5 to 2 with Mrs. Billon and Dr. Ferguson voting no. (Exh. 21)

The amended motion passed 5 to 2 with Mrs. Billon and Dr. Ferguson voting no.

EARLY DISMISSAL

It was moved by Mr. Werner and seconded by Mr. Steve 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 2010-2011 school year as follows: October 11, 2010, January 17, 2011 as full days; October 8, 2010, November 5, 2010, January 28, 2011, March 11, 2011, May 13, 2011, and June 7, 2011 as ½ days. These days will be used for curriculum development. (Exh. 21)

Motion passed 6 to 1 with Mrs. Billon voting no.

RESULTS OF DISCIPLINARY HEARING

It was moved by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Mr. Schroth that the Board of School Directors hereby approves the expulsion of student No. 0910-03 as a result of a disciplinary hearing held on March 30,

2010, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the adjudication prepared by the solicitor. Motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Clawson thanked the retiring staff and reported on their years of service. She reported on the distinction for Mr. Doody to be chosen as a reader for the AP exams. She reported on the Home Plate project and its value to the school district and staff. She reported on students selected for all-state chorus and announced PSSA testing is under way.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The board discussed the following items:

- 1) Consider formation of a discipline committee to consider student expulsions
- 2) Purchase of a sound system for the board meeting room at an approximate cost of \$1000
- 3) Meeting with community and public entities regarding school consolidation and providing more than 3 minutes each so they can make presentations if they desire
- 4) Right to Know Law and draft documents

ENCLOSURES

Student Activity Reports – February 2010 (Exh. 22)
Enrollment Report – April 1, 2009- April 1, 2010 (Exh. 23)
Imprest Report – JH (Exh. 24)
Vandalism Report – July 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010 (Exh. 25)
Investment Analysis – March 2010 (Exh. 26)
Conference Resumes: Heather Walton (Exh. 27) Lisa Hitchings (Exh. 28)
Jackie Bartolini & Jennifer Helm (Exh. 29)
Maria Versace & Anne Solarz (Exh. 30)
Teresa Young & Tearn Williams (Exh. 31)
John Uccellini (Exh. 32)
Sharon Rearick & Beth Murphy (Exh. 33)
Sarah Bond & Beth Murphy (Exh. 34)
Jennifer Rinkevich (Exh. 35) Todd Myers (Exh. 36)
Principal's Newsletters: Ben Franklin – April 2010 (Exh. 37)
Eisenhower – April 2010 (Exh. 38)
Horace Mann – April 2010 (Exh. 39)
Junior Highlights – April 2010 (Exh. 40)
Senior High – April 2010 (Exh. 41)

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Mrs. Paccapaniccia announced that the next board meeting would be a budget workshop on April 19, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. and the special meeting on April 26, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. The public hearing will be April 21, 2010.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Paccapaniccia announced that an executive session was held from 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. before the open meeting for the purpose of discussing personnel issues.

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 April 12, 2010 was properly adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Anise M. Markle, Board Secretary