

MINUTES

INDIANA AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

April 20, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District was held on Monday, April 20, 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. Billon, Mr. Girardi, Mrs. Paccapaniccia, Mr. Schroth, Mr. Steve, Mr. Trimarchi and Mr. Werner. Mrs. Baker was absent.

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

Mr. Greenawalt addressed the school board regarding turf versus education.
Mr. Terry Anderson addressed the school board regarding the turf.

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It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mr. Steve that the minutes of the March 23, 2009 and April 13, 2009 Board meetings be approved as submitted. Motion passed 6 – 2 with Mr. Anderson and Mr. Schroth voting no. (Exh. 1,2)

TREASURER'S REPORT AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

KEYSTONE OPPORTUNITY EXPANSION ZONE PROGRAM (KOZ) RESOLUTION

Mr. Byron Stauffer, Executive Director of the Indiana County Office of Planning and Development, presented to the board on the KOEZ program and asked the board to consider adopting a resolution authorizing the KOEZ program on property in White Township. (Exh. 5)

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mrs. Billon that the board approves the resolution in connection with the KOEZ program for the property of the proposed Windy Ridge Business & Technology Park as submitted.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Schroth that the motion be tabled. Motion to table passed on a roll call vote 5 – 3 with Mrs. Billon, Mr. Girardi and Mr. Steve voting no.

FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT

It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mr. Girardi that in accordance with the recommendation of the administration presented at the March 23, 2009 board meeting, Chartwells be appointed as the food service management company for the Indiana Area School District for the 2009-2010 school year at an administrative cost of \$62,500 and a management fee of \$41,481, and that the administration be authorized to negotiate a contract in accordance with the terms and conditions of their proposal. Motion passed unanimously.

INDIANA COUNTY TECHNOLOGY BUDGET 2009-2010

Submitted for the Board's information was the 2009-2010 Indiana County Technology Center Proposed Budget in the total amount of \$5,272,970. This represents a .90% increase over the 2008-2009 budget. The exact amount to be paid by the district will be determined by enrollment. (Exh. 6)

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi that the Board of the Indiana Area School District, a member of the Indiana Technology Center approves the proposed budget of the Operating Committee for the fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, in the amount of \$5,272,970. Motion passed unanimously.

AGREEMENTS – ALLEGHENY IU & ARIN IU 28

Submitted for the Board's information was a memorandum from the Allegheny Intermediate Unit in connection with the Gasoline/Diesel Fuel Consortium and a resolution in connection with the ARIN IU 28 Cooperative Purchasing Program. (Exh. 7 & 8)

It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mr. Steve that the Indiana Area School District notifies the Allegheny Intermediate Unit of our intent to participate in the Gasoline/Diesel Fuel Consortium for 2009-2010 and that the resolution in connection with participation in the ARIN IU 28 Cooperative Purchasing Program be approved as submitted. Motion passed unanimously

USE OF FACILITIES

It was moved by Mr. Werner and seconded by Mr. Steve that the Board approve the Business Manager's authorization for use of the Indiana Area Senior High School on Sunday, April 19, 2009 as requested by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for the National MS Walk. Motion passed unanimously.

TURF PROJECT BIDS

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi that contracts for the turf project not be executed until donations to cover the cost above \$320,000 have been received.

It was moved by Mr. Schroth, seconded by Mr. Anderson that prior to the board president signing the contracts the school board receive at a public meeting a statement from the Foundation that sufficient funds have been received. Motion failed 3 – 5 on a roll call vote with Mrs. Billon, Mr. Girardi, Mrs. Paccapaniccia, Mr. Steve and Mr. Werner voting no.

It was moved by Mr. Schroth moved, seconded by Mr. Anderson that the motion be amended for the board president to send notification to all school board members and the local media when the funds have been received and contracts signed. Motion passed 5 – 3 on a roll call vote with Mr. Girardi, Mr. Steve and Mr. Werner voting no.

The original motion as amended passed 7 – 1 on a roll call vote with Mr. Anderson voting no.

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi that the bid for site work for the turf project be awarded to Palombo Excavating per their bid in the amount of \$302,750.00. Motion passed 5 – 3 on a roll call vote with Mr. Anderson, Mr. Schroth and Mr. Trimarchi voting no. (Exh. 9)

It was moved by Mr. Steve, seconded by Mrs. Billon that the proposal for installation of turf from Sportex in the amount of \$313,544.00 based upon state contract pricing be approved. Motion passed 5 – 3 on a roll call vote with Mr. Anderson, Mr. Schroth and Mr. Trimarchi voting no. (Exh. 10)

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. 11)

It was moved by Mr. Schroth and seconded by Mr. Werner that the board enter 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 unanimously.

TAX EXONERATIONS

Submitted for the Board’s information was a memo and supporting documentation regarding real estate tax liens for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. (Exh. 12)

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi that the Board approve the listing of real estate taxes that have been liened in the following amounts:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>
Armstrong Township	\$136,430.79
Indiana Borough	\$372,682.48
Shelocta Borough	\$ 18,541.98
White Township	<u>\$626,566.79</u>
TOTAL	\$1,154,222.04

Motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL

It was moved by Mr. Werner, seconded by Mrs. Billon to approve the following personnel items.

Substitute Lists

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

Employment Of Custodian

Based on the recommendation of administration, Mr. Larry Bodnar be employed as a custodian effective April 21, 2009 at an hourly rate of \$7.15 per hour.

Resignations Of Professional Personnel

The resignations of Louis Peightal, junior high reading specialist, Josephine Cunningham, junior high social studies teacher, Donna Troutwine, Ben Franklin elementary teacher and Laura Irvin, East Pike elementary teacher, be accepted with regret due to retirement effective the last teacher day of the 2008-2009 school term. (Exh. 14, 15, 16, 17)

Request For A Leave Of Absence

The board approves a request for an unpaid leave of absence by Jamie Lichtenfels, junior high English teacher for the 2009-2010 school year in accordance to Article XI, Section 2 of the collective bargaining agreement.

Motion passed unanimously.

AFSCME GRIEVANCE

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi that the Board deny the AFSCME Grievance regarding wages for the Driver/Custodians. Motion passed unanimously.

RESULTS OF DISCIPLINARY HEARING

It was moved by Mr. Girardi and seconded by Mr. Steve that the Board of School Directors hereby approves the expulsion of student No. 0809-5 as a result of a disciplinary hearing held on April 20, 2009. Further, the solicitor is directed to prepare a formal resolution and adjudication for the board's consideration. Motion passed unanimously.

GRIEVANCE HEARING

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi that IAEA Grievance 0809-6, Dental, be denied as a result of a hearing held on April 20, 2009. Motion passed unanimously

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Clawson thanked the five retiring teachers for their service to students. She reminded the public about kindergarten registration which is occurring in the elementary schools this week. She reported the upcoming events of the ARIN Annual Convention, to be held April 21 in the Indiana Area Junior High; the Classrooms for the Future grant "Flip the Switch" program for the community on April 23; and the

PMEA state conference April 23-25 in King of Prussia where our Senior High Madrigal singers have been selected to perform.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Josie Cunningham addressed the school board regarding her retirement and the petitions presented to the school board at the March meeting.

ENCLOSURES

- Student Activity Reports – February and March 2009 (Exh.18,19)
- Enrollment Report – April 1, 2008- April 1, 2009 (Exh. 20)
- Imprest Report – JH (Exh. 21)
- Vandalism Report – July 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009 (Exh. 22)
- Investment Analysis – March 2008 (Exh. 23)
- Conference Resumes:
 - Jenna Bleggi et al (Exh. 24) Scott Salser (Exh. 25)
 - Bill Waryck (Exh. 26) Susan Murphy (Exh. 27)
 - Jan Murtha (Exh. 28) Holly Miller (Exh. 29)
 - Todd Myers et al (Exh. 30) Jason Rougeaux (Exh. 31)
 - Donald Bowers & Michael Weaver (Exh. 32)
 - Michael Minnick et al (Exh. 33)
 - Joelene Loughry (Exh. 34) Brad Trout (Exh. 35)
 - Roberta Mack (Exh. 36,37) Dale Kirsch (Exh. 38)
- ARIN -Minutes-March 17, 2009 (Exh. 39)
- ARIN-Agenda-April 21, 2009 (Exh. 40)
- Principal's Newsletters:
 - Ben Franklin – April 2009 (Exh. 41)
 - Eisenhower – April 2009 (Exh. 42)
 - Horace Mann – April 2009 (Exh. 43)
 - Senior High – April 2009 (Exh. 44)
 - Jr. Highlights – April 2009 (Exh. 45)
- Crimson Arrow* – April 2009 (Exh. 46)

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be the special meeting on April 27, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held from 5:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. before the open meeting for the purpose of conducting a disciplinary and grievance hearing and discussing labor relations.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Werner, seconded by Mr. Steve and unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Indiana Area Board of School Directors of April 20, 2009 was properly adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

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Anise M. Markle, Board Secretary