

## MINUTES

### INDIANA AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

**April 28, 2008**

The special monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District was held on Monday, April 28, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the East Pike 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: Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Billon, Mr. Girardi, Mrs. Paccapaniccia, Mr. Schroth, Mr. Steve, Mr. Trimarchi and Mr. Werner.

Dr. Deborah Clawson, Superintendent; Mr. Donald Gardner, Business Manager/Board Secretary; and Ms. Trish Andrews, Solicitor were also present.

#### WELCOME TO VISITORS

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

#### IAEA

Mrs. Peterman thanked Mr. Tshudy for organizing the recent trip to Gettysburg for 26 teachers.

#### PRESENTATION

Ms. Sandy Monosilovich updated the board on the Senior Citizens Technology Workshop.

#### CURRICULUM PRESENTATION

Presentation of revised courses of study and materials proposed for adoption for elementary art, by Jill Piper and the elementary art teachers. (Exh. 1)

#### CONSULTING SERVICES– REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL

It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mrs. Baker that the Board approve the agreement between the Indiana County Board of Assessment Appeals, the Indiana Area School District and Indiana County and Loch, Elsenbaumer, Newton & Company for consulting services in connection with the Beacon Ridge Nursing Home real estate tax assessment appeal. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 2)

#### 2009 AFTER PROM EVENTS

It was moved by Mr. Girardi and seconded by Mr. Steve that the board grants permission for the May 8, 2009 After Prom Events to be held at Dave & Buster's, Homestead, PA. Motion passed unanimously.

**AWARD OF BIDS**

It was moved by Mr. Werner and seconded by Mr. Girardi that the Board awards the bids received February 27, 2008 to the following in the amounts as indicated, being the lowest responsible bidders, kind, quality and materials having been considered, according to the attached tabulation and recommendations: (Exh. 3,4,5,6,7,8,9)

1. General Supplies

Henry Hall	\$ 759.73
Kurtz Bros.	24,107.72
School Specialty	5,957.31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 30,824.76</b>

2. Elementary Art Supplies

Dick Blick	\$ 99.36
Kurtz Bros.	1,354.92
NASCO	567.44
SAX	2,330.22
Triarco	381.70
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,733.64</b>

3. Secondary Art Supplies

Dick Blick	\$ 662.23
Glass Crafters	743.35
Kurtz Bros.	1,980.54
NASCO	1,871.40
SAX	2,353.80
Triarco	451.11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,062.43</b>

4. Music Supplies & Equipment

National Educational Music	\$ 1,226.75
Progressive Music	1,334.21
Shar Music	1,427.05
Southwest Strings	317.65
Volkwein Brothers	1,917.30
Rhythm Band	108.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,330.96</b>

5. Physical Education Supplies & Equipment

Flaghouse	\$	690.92
Gopher Athletic		483.64
Passon's Sports		867.99
Sportsmans		885.18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,927.73</b>

6. Industrial Arts Supplies

Babcock Lumber	\$	1,909.00
Brodhead Garrett Company		105.70
Forest County Wood Products		1,701.90
Industrial Arts Supply		20.98
Metco		1,778.62
Midwest Shop Supply		658.00
O'Shea Lumber		1,498.50
Paxton/Patterson		523.97
Pitsco		412.22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,608.89</b>

7. Athletic Supplies & Equipment

Aluminum Athletic	\$	29.60
Demans		2,102.10
School Health Supply		208.79
Sportsmans		11,446.91
Swimmers Network		826.00

**TOTAL \$ 14,613.40**

Motion passed unanimously.

**PRIDE & PROMISE RESOLUTION**

Submitted for the board's information was a resolution supporting PSBA's Pride & Promise Public Outreach Campaign to increase the awareness of the role of local school boards and to promote the positive value of public education. (Exh. 10)

It was moved by Mr. Girardi and seconded by Mrs. Billon that the board approves the Pride & Promise Public Schools...Achieve! resolution as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

**2007-2008 GRADUATION CLASS**

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi that, the Board approves the list of seniors as submitted by Mrs. Paula Daskivich, Principal, for graduation on June 2, 2008, provided their work for the balance of the school year is satisfactory. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 11)

### **SUBSTITUTE LISTS**

It was moved by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Mr. Werner that, based on the recommendation of administration, the changes to the Teacher and Clerical substitute lists be approved as submitted. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 12,13)

### **STARS SUMMER LITERACY PROGRAM**

It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mr. Schroth that, based on the recommendation of administration, the following professional personnel be employed as teachers in the STARS Summer Literacy Program effective June 24 - July 3, 2008 for three and one-half hours per day. This program will be funded through grant money.

Mrs. Sandra Monsilovich

Mrs. Gayle Devlin

Mr. Kevin Freeberg

Motion passed unanimously.

### **FIELD TRIP**

It was moved by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Mrs. Billon that an educational field trip by approximately 120 senior high school marching band students and 25 adults to Phoenix, Arizona tentatively from December 28, 2008 – January 5, 2009 for the purpose of participating in the Tostito Fiesta Bowl at a cost to the district of approximately \$6,000 for transportation to and from the airport be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi that the board establishes an ad hoc committee to gather information on the stadium/turf project. The committee will bring its findings to the board no later than the August 11, 2008 board meeting. The committee members will be Doug Steve, chairman, Joe Girardi, Walther Schroth, along with administrators, teachers, and coaches as determined by the chairman. Motion passed unanimously.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Clawson thanked the art educators for all their hard work. She read a letter acknowledging Jennifer Helm for her contribution to the Special Olympics. Dr. Clawson also congratulated Jacy Thayer for winning 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Blick International Company Linoleum Contest.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance – Mr. Werner noted that the finance committee would meet tomorrow in executive session.

ICTC – Mrs. Billon stated that the 2008-2009 budget passed. She invited the board members to the Annual Tech Show on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

ARIN – Mrs. Baker updated the board on the ARIN convention and noted that the convention will be held at Indiana School District next year.

Recreation Department – Mr. Steve noted that all the elementary programs have started and that the recreation board is currently working on job descriptions.

The ARC - Mr. Anderson commented on the recent ARC meeting.

Strategic Planning – Mr. Girardi gave an update on the strategic planning process.

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

Mr. Schroth commented on requirements for pre-qualifying contractors for construction projects in public schools. Ms. Andrews clarified that the law states the public school districts are to accept the lowest responsible bidders. Mr. Schroth suggested that the board contact local legislators about making changes to the law.

### **ENCLOSURES**

Conference Resumes:	Joseph Trimarchi (Exh. 14)	Madeline Rupert (Exh. 15)
	Scott Mossgrove (Exh. 16)	Karol McElfresh (Exh. 17)
	Carol Tanweer/Jeanne Mitsko (Exh. 18)	
	Todd Myers & Matthew Daymut (Exh. 19)	
	Cathy Schloemer (Exh. 20)	Scott Salser (Exh. 21)
	Nancy Obush et al (Exh. 22)	

### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Mrs. Paccapaniccia announced that the next board meeting would be the regular meeting on May 19, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

### **NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Paccapaniccia announced that an executive session was held 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. before the open meeting to discuss real estate and personnel issues and would continue after the open meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Mrs. Billon, seconded by Mr. Steve and unanimously approved, the special meeting of the Indiana Area Board of School Directors of April 28, 2008 was properly adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Donald T. Gardner, Jr., Secretary