

MINUTES

INDIANA AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

April 9, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District was held on Monday, April 9, 2007, at 7:15 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. Airhart, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Balint, Mrs. Billon, Mrs. Hatcher, Mrs. Paccapaniccia, Mrs. Schrecongost, Mr. Schroth and Mr. Trimarchi.

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

WELCOME TO VISITORS

Mr. Trimarchi extended a welcome to the visitors attending the meeting.

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Upon motion by Mr. Balint, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the minutes of the meetings of March 12 and March 26, 2007, were unanimously approved as submitted. (Exh. 1,2)

TREASURER'S REPORT and PAYMENT OF BILLS

Upon motion by Mr. Airhart, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Treasurer's Report and the Bills for the month of March 2007 were unanimously approved as submitted. (Exh. 3,4)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – Mr. Balint announced that the next committee meeting is cancelled, however he would like the entire board to review the budget at the next board meeting.

Athletics – No report

Buildings and Grounds – Mr. Anderson introduced Wesley Hursch, clerk of works for the senior high project, who updated the board on the status of the project. Mr. Anderson discussed the energy use at the junior high school.

Instruction – Mr. Schroth reported on the April 4th meeting.

SUBSTITUTE LISTS

It was moved by Mr. Airhart and seconded by Mr. Balint that, based on the recommendation of administration, the changes to the Teacher, Food Service and Clerical Substitute Lists be approved as submitted. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 5,6,7)

RESIGNATION OF PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

It was moved by Mrs. Hatcher and seconded by Mr. Balint that the resignations of James Sanders, JH social studies teacher; Kaye Bird, JH English teacher; Patricia Berringer, JH Mathematics Teacher; Susan Malin, SH Social Studies; Donald Halin, Eisenhower Elementary teacher; and James Irwin, East Pike Physical Education teacher; due to retirement be accepted with regret effective the last teacher day of the 2006-2007 school term. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 8,9,10,11,12,13)

RESIGNATION OF SUPPORT STAFF AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

It was moved by Mrs. Paccapaniccia and seconded by Mr. Airhart as the following:

- 1) That the resignation of Nancy Empfield, JH teacher aide due to retirement be accepted with regret effective the last teacher day of the 2006-2007 school term. (Exh. 14)
- 2) That a request for an unpaid leave of absence by Jenna-Marie Celtnieks for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year in accordance to Article IX, Section 1 of the collective bargaining agreement be approved.

Motion passed unanimously.

CONTRACT – IN-SERVICE TRAINING

It was moved by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Schroth that a contract between the Indiana Area School District and Mr. Gary Marx for in-service training and consulting service from May 9-11, 2007 in the amount of \$5,000 plus expenses be approved subject to review by the solicitor. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

FIELD TRIP REQUEST

It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mr. Airhart that an educational field trip by approximately 15 senior high French students and 1 adult to Vannes, France from November 23 – December 7, 2007 for the purpose of studying the French culture at a cost to the district of approximately \$335 for transportation and \$600 for a substitute teacher. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Clawson announced that kindergarten registration would begin next week. She also reported on numerous student accomplishments and achievements. Dr. Clawson congratulated all the staff that submitted retirement letters best wishes.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Billon questioned why the IUP Pilot Agreement was not on the agenda.

ENCLOSURES

Activity Fund Treasurers' Reports – All Buildings (Exh. 15)
Enrollment Report – April 1, 2006- April 1, 2007 (Exh. 16)
Interscholastic Game Personnel Report – March 2007 (Exh. 17)
Investment Analysis – March 2007 (Exh. 18)
Conference Resumes: Induction Class (Exh. 19) Sandy Monsilovich (Exh. 20)
Sandy Carr (Exh. 21) Jennifer Rinkevich (Exh. 22)
Madeline Rupert & Karen Spadafora (Exh. 23)
Pat Snyder et al (Exh. 24)
Principal's Newsletters: Ben Franklin – April 2007 (Exh. 25)
East Pike – April 2007 (Exh. 26)
Horace Mann – April 2007 (Exh. 27)
Jr. Highlights – April 2007 (Exh. 28)

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Mr. Trimarchi announced that the next board meeting would be the special meeting on April 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held from 6:15 p.m. to 7:10 p.m. before the open meeting for the purpose of discussing labor relation issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mrs. Billon, seconded by Mrs. Schrecongost and unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Indiana Area Board of School Directors of April 9, 2007 was properly adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Donald T. Gardner, Jr., Secretary