

## MINUTES

### INDIANA AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

**June 22, 2009**

A special monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District was held on Monday, June 22, 2009, at 7:35 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, Mr. Girardi, Mrs. Paccapaniccia, Mr. Schroth, Mr. Steve, Mr. Trimarchi, and Mr. Werner. Mrs. Billon was absent.

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

#### WELCOME TO VISITORS

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi that the minutes of the June 8, 2009 Board meeting be approved as submitted. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 1)

#### PRESENTATION – FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mr. Richard O'Donald from L. Robert Kimball and Associates presented information on the feasibility study focusing on meetings with staff and community, enrollment history and PDE projections, and senior high school gym lighting. (Exh. 2)

#### CURRICULUM PRESENTATION

Business curriculum presentation by Jill Piper, Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction, and Barbara Peightal, Business Education instructor. (Exh. 3,4,5,6)

#### ADOPTION OF BUDGET

Submitted for the board's information were forms relating to the 2009-2010 budget. (Exh. 7)

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

RESOLVED, that the Budget of the Indiana Area School District hereby is, finally adopted as the annual budget of the said school district for the fiscal year beginning on the first day of July 2009 and ending on the thirtieth day of June 2010, in the total amount of \$44,440,155.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Indiana Area School District

authorize and appropriate the expenditure of the funds as itemized in said budget during the fiscal year beginning on the first day of July 2009 and ending on the thirtieth day of June 2010. The necessary revenue for meeting the budgetary requirements shall be provided by the following taxes:

1. A 0.75% tax on earned income received and net profits earned during the period beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010 upon residents of the Indiana Area School District. (This tax continues in force and effect from year to year without annual reenactment.)
2. A 0.5% tax on the transfer of real property, effective January 1, 1977, revised March 10, 1987, upon real property transferred within the Indiana Area School District. (This tax continues in force and effect from year to year without annual reenactment.)
3. A tax on real estate which is hereby levied and assessed at the rate of 97.39 mills on the dollar on the total amount of the assessed value of all real estate taxable for school purposes in the Indiana Area School District or at the rate of \$9.739 on each \$100.00 of such assessed valuation.

Motion passed 5 – 3 with Mr. Anderson, Mr. Schroth and Mr. Trimarchi voting no.

#### **HOMESTEAD/FARMSTEAD RESOLUTION**

It was moved by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Mr. Steve that the Indiana Area School District Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution be approved as submitted. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 8)

#### **PROPERTY/CASUALTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Submitted for the Board's information was a memorandum to Dr. Clawson from Mr. Kirsch concerning property/casualty, liability and workers' compensation insurance coverage for the calendar year July 1, 2009 to July 1, 2010 with Thompson/McLay Insurance Associates at a cost of \$336,826 according to the following breakdown. (Exh. 9)

Package Policy	\$ 52,737
Errors & Omissions	\$ 25,994
Umbrella Liability	\$ 8,333
Commercial Auto	\$ 6,107
Workers' Compensation	\$243,655

It was moved by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Mr. Steve that in accordance with the recommendation of administration, the Board renews its property/casualty, liability and workers' compensation insurance coverage for the calendar year July 1, 2009 to July 1, 2010, with Thompson/McLay Insurance Associates at a cost of \$336,826. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **SUMMER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi that the Board approves the following professional development opportunities during June, July, and August of 2009, to be paid according to the collective bargaining agreement from Title IIA federal professional development funds:

Moodle Course Management Software - 2 participants – up to 20 hours each  
Olweus Bullying Prevention Program – up to 70 participants – 8 hours each  
PowerSchool – up to 25 participants – 4 hours each  
Developmental Guidance Curriculum – 4 participants – 8 hours each

Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 10)

### **ASSISTANT BUILDINGS/GROUNDS SUPERVISOR POSITION**

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

- 1) That the board rescinds the appointment of Mr. Dustin Peters as Assistant Buildings/Grounds Supervisor due to personal reasons.
- 2) That, based on the recommendation of administration, Chaney Woodring be employed as Assistant Buildings/Grounds Supervisor at an annual salary of \$48,000 to be prorated for the number of days worked in the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **GRIEVANCE HEARING**

It was moved by Mr. Werner and seconded by Mr. Steve that IAEA Grievance 0809-4, Extra Duty Pay, be denied as a result of a hearing held on June 22, 2009. Motion passed 7 – 0 with Mr. Schroth abstaining because he was not able to attend the hearing.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dr. Clawson thanked Mrs. Rita Sisteck for her years of service as President of the Indiana Area Education Association. She also recognized Mrs. Linda Stewart, Dr. Mary Jane Chakot, and six students (Maya Southard, Lorraine Yeager, Payton Smith, Denali Davis, Rosa Williamson-Rea and Giaco Gentile) who either won their category or received honorable mention at the statewide 2009 Pennsylvania Statistics Competition.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Technology Issues – Mrs. Baker stated she feels we need to place more information on the school district web site including student handbook, budget, and board policies. She also suggested the process of student forms be streamlined. She would like to see an email option for the newsletter to reduce mailing costs and would like to see the district use less paper overall.

Mr. Girardi read a prepared statement in response to a letter to the editor criticizing the board's leadership and program cuts that have not been discussed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Finance/Audit – Mrs. Paccapaniccia questioned the year-end balances for some of the activity accounts but understands the business office will be reviewing the student activity accounts this summer.
- b. ICTC – Mrs. Paccapaniccia will be attending the next meeting in place of Mrs. Billon.
- c. ARIN – Mrs. Baker reported the contract with the executive director has been renewed and a roof replacement is being planned.
- d. Recreation Department – Mr. Steve reported the participation in some programs is up.
- e. The ARC – Mr. Anderson reported a work group has been formed called the community disability awareness group to increase awareness by police and medical personnel to better recognize disabilities. Members of group will be presenting at a conference in State College and members of ARC will also be attending a conference in Colorado.
- f. Olweus – Mrs. Baker stated training would be taking place for roll out at the junior high in October.

**ENCLOSURES**

Summary of Activity Funds – May 2009	(Exh. 11)
Imprest Account – June 2009	(Exh. 12)
ARIN-Minutes-May 19, 2009	(Exh. 13)
ARIN-Agenda-June 16, 2009	(Exh. 14)
Conference Resume: John Uccellini	(Exh. 15)

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Mrs. Paccapaniccia announced that the next board meeting would be a regular meeting on July 13, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

**NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. before the open meeting to conduct a grievance hearing and to discuss labor relations and personnel issues.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Mr. Steve, seconded by Mrs. Baker and unanimously approved, the special meeting of the Indiana Area Board of School Directors of June 22, 2009 was properly adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

