

MINUTES

INDIANA AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

September 14, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District was held on Monday, September 14, 2009, 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, Mr. Girardi, Mrs. Paccapaniccia, Mr. Schroth, Mr. Steve, Mr. Trimarchi and Mr. Werner. Mr. Anderson was 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 STATEMENT

Mrs. Paccapaniccia read a prepared statement referencing the PSBA Code of Conduct.

MR. ANDERSON ARRIVED AT 7:40 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jivan Wheeler, Cookie Moretti, Josie Cunningham, Arlene Barker, Chris Catalfamo, Colleen Donovan and Edwina Vold each individually addressed the school board regarding the decision not to show the President's speech live.

IAEA

Louise Peterman thanked the speakers who expressed confidence in the teachers to handle the President's speech the right way.

STUCO

Austin Jasper and Matt Holuta addressed the school board regarding STUCO activities.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Clawson read a prepared statement explaining the timeline of events and rationale for the decision not to show the President's speech live to students.

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It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi that the minutes of the August 24, 2009 Board meeting be approved as submitted. (Exh. 1) Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Mrs. Baker, seconded by Mr. Steve, the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2009 was unanimously approved as submitted. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 2)

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Upon motion by Mr. Steve, seconded by Mrs. Baker, the current bills for the month of August 2009 was unanimously approved as submitted. Motion passed 8 – 0 with Mr. Schroth abstaining. (Exh. 3)

PRESENTATION – FEASIBILITY STUDY

Representatives from L. Robert Kimball and Associates presented information on the feasibility study. (Exh. 4)

PRESENTATION - PSSA RESULTS

PSSA Results were presented by Jill Piper, Curriculum Coordinator, and Chris Stultz, Junior High Principal. (Exh. 5)

PRESENTATION – TIME CHANGE AT THE JUNIOR HIGH

Mrs. Baker presented information on the time change and implementation of the Olweus program at the Junior High.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mr. Werner that the board approve attendance by Alison Billon, Doug Steve, Joseph Trimarchi, and Robert Werner, board members, at the PSBA School Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA from October 13-16, 2009 at a cost to the district for the conference registration of \$329.00 each plus expenses. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Werner and seconded by Mr. Schroth that the board approve Mr. Trimarchi's expenses at the Symposium on Educational Issues in Gettysburg, PA on July 12, 2009 at a cost to the district of \$352.55. Motion passed 6 – 3 with Mrs. Billon, Mr. Girardi, and Mr. Steve voting no.

It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mr. Steve that the board approve attendance by two students and an adult chaperone who has appropriate clearances at the PSBA Student Delegate Program in Harrisburg, PA from October 14-16, 2009 at a cost to the district of \$425 per student and \$525 for the chaperone plus travel expenses. Motion passed unanimously.

USE OF FACILITIES REQUESTS

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi that the following use of facilities requests be approved:

1. A. Mr. Gary DeVivo to host a sectional Punt, Pass and Kick competition on Saturday, October 17 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Senior High football and soccer fields with the school district covering the custodial costs.
 - B. Indiana Borough Municipal Police Department to use the Junior High gymnasium, parking lot and restrooms as an alternate staging area/command post from October 8 to 11, 2009 in the evenings and weekend only if anything happens to jeopardize the safety of the police station, officers, and equipment or if a larger staging area is needed during the IUP homecoming weekend. No fees for use of facilities would be charged but the school district would be reimbursed for any additional custodial costs.
 - C. Indiana County Child Day Care Program, Inc. to use Ben Franklin Elementary at no cost to provide childcare for families on certain no school days including days when school is cancelled due to inclement weather while the administration negotiates reasonable fees with them.
2. That use of facility fees be waived for PIAA Officials' Chapter meetings and for PIAA rules interpretation meetings for officials and coaches.

Motion passed unanimously.

SENIOR HIGH GYMNASIUM LIGHTING

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi that the proposal of Kimball Architecture for \$5,500 to provide architect and engineering services for lighting replacement at the Senior High Gymnasium be approved.

It was moved by Mr. Schroth, seconded by Mr. Anderson to amend and add the following to the motion: That Kimball Architecture, as part of their scope of work, be directed to inspect and verify that the control system for the existing indirect lighting system is operating in the correct and proper manner and is 100% functional, prior to any design work being started; and that no work, repair, design or new construction be started that would invalidate or jeopardize the current and existing warranty on said system. Amendment failed 4 – 5 with Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Billon, Mr. Girardi, Mrs, Paccapaniccia and Mr. Steve voting no.

A vote to call the question passed unanimously.

The vote on the original motion passed 6 – 3 with Mr. Anderson, Mr. Schroth and Mr. Trimarchi voting no.

ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mrs. Billon that the board adopts Board Policies No. 331-Job Related Expenses, 707-Use of School Facilities, 710-Use of Facilities by Staff and 828-Fraud with

revisions and Board Policies 116-Tutoring, 117-Homebound Instruction, 118-Independent Study, 119-Current Events and 121-Field Trips as submitted. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 6)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND DICTIONARY PROJECT

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve the following:

- 1) Professional development opportunities to be paid according to the collective bargaining agreement from Title IIA professional development funds:

Induction - 5 participants – up to 20 hours each at the workshop rate
Purpose: To provide state-mandated Induction program for new teachers

Curriculum Council – 6 participants – up to 10 hours each at the per diem rate
Purpose: Coordination of curriculum across core content areas and special education

Curriculum Committees for Social Studies, Language Arts, Science, Mathematics, and Educational Technology – up to 10 participants on each committee – 4 hours each at the per diem rate
Purpose: Monitor, review and update curriculum as needed.
- 2) Participation in the Rotary Club of Indiana’s Dictionary Project in which all third grade classes receive dictionaries. (Exh. 7)

Motion passed unanimously.

SUBSTITUTE LIST, ELECTION OF PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL, AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

It was moved by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Mr. Steve to approve the following:

- 1) That based on the recommendation of administration the changes to the Teacher Substitute List be approved as submitted. (Exh. 8,9)
- 2) That, based on the recommendation of administration, Kelly Bober be elected to a Special Education teaching position effective September 15, 2009 in accordance with her certification and at an annual salary of \$51,892 (B.S., Step 1).
- 3) That a request for an unpaid leave of absence (after use of her 33 sick days and 2 personal days) by Hollee Jones, East Pike elementary teacher from September 1, 2009 to the first week of December 2009 in accordance to Article XI, Section 2 of the collective bargaining agreement.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

RESIGNATION OF FOOD SERVICE WORKER, EMPLOYMENT OF FOOD SERVICE WORKER, AND AFTER SCHOOL MATH TUTORING PROGRAM INSTRUCTORS

- 1) That the board accepts with regret the resignation letter from Sondra Heinlein, food service worker, effective immediately due to personal reasons. (Exh. 10)
- 2) That based on the recommendation of administration, Helen Hullenbaugh be employed as a food service worker at East Pike (10:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.) at an hourly rate of \$7.25, said employment to be subject to her satisfactory completion a 90-day probationary period.
- 3) That, based on the recommendation of administration, the following teachers be employed as after-school math program instructors for students in grades 7-9. The program will consist of 12 sessions per semester, two afternoons per week, immediately after school. Compensation is at the per diem rate per hour (two hours per week).

Karen Belin Lucinda Kline Harry Lavsa Susan Murphy

- 4) That, based on the recommendation of administration, the following teachers be employed as after-school math program instructors for students in grades 3-6. The program will consist of 12 sessions per semester, one afternoon per week, immediately after school. Compensation is at the per diem rate (two hours per week).

<u>Ben Franklin</u>	<u>East Pike</u>	<u>Eisenhower</u>	<u>Horace Mann</u>
Tracy Beard	Sandy Smelko	Jen Rinkevich	Kevin Freeberg
Rosemary Palya	Susan Brown	Brad Trout	Katie Bungo

Motion passed unanimously.

EXTRA DUTY/EXTRA PAY ASSIGNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mr. Steve that, based on the recommendation of administration, the following extra duty/extra pay assignment be approved for the 2009-2010 school year.

SH Drama Technical Asst (\$3,341.59) Keaton Stants Tech Ed

Motion passed 6 – 3 with Mr. Anderson, Mr. Schroth and Mr. Trimarchi voting no.

ADDITIONAL CROSSING GUARDS

It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mr. Steve that the board authorize 2.5 additional crossing guards for the 2009-2010 school year at a cost of \$8,500 contingent upon Indiana Borough Council's financial commitment. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION – JUNIOR HIGH PIANO

Mr. Girardi presented information on the condition of the Junior High piano and recommended replacement. (Exh. 11)

ENCLOSURES

Enrollment Report – September 1, 2008 – September 1, 2009 (Exh. 12)

Investment Analysis – August 2009 (Exh.13)

Imprest Account – JH & SH (Exh. 14,15)

Conference Resumes: Denise Dragich (Exh. 16) Mary J. Shero (Exh. 17)

Senior High Newsletter – September 2009 (Exh. 18)

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Mrs. Paccapaniccia announced that the next board meeting would be the special meeting on September 28, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held from 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. before the open meeting to discuss personnel issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mrs. Billon, seconded by Mr. Steve and unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Indiana Area Board of School Directors of September 14, 2009 was properly adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

Anise M. Markle, Board Secretary