

MINUTES

INDIANA AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

January 11, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District was held on Monday, January 11, 2010, at 7:49 p.m. in the East Pike Administration 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: Mrs. Billon, Dr. Ferguson, 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; Ms. Trish Andrews, Solicitor; and Ms. Grace Castro, Student Representative were also present.

WELCOME TO VISITORS

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

IAEA/SGA/STUCO

SGA – Grace Castro presented information on recent activities including the Teddy Bear fund drive that benefits Indiana Regional Medical Center and Children’s Hospital in Pittsburgh.

STUCO - Two students presented information on recent activities including Teddy Bear fund drive, purchase of smart boards, and 6th grade orientation.

BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION

Mrs. Paccapaniccia recognized Mr. Anderson for his twenty-four years of service on the school board. Mr. Schroth spoke on behalf of Mr. Anderson.

Mrs. Potter had three foreign exchange students introduce themselves and describe their experience at the Indiana Area School District.

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It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mr. Steve that the minutes of the December 14, 2009 Board meeting be approved as submitted. (Exh. 1) Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT AND PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Upon motion by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi, the Treasurer’s Report for the month of December 2009 and the current bills for the month of December 2009 were unanimously approved as submitted. (Exh. 2,3).

CANDIDATES FOR TENURE

Alicia Haggerty, Senior High English teacher, Rachel Pazzaglia, Horace Mann guidance counselor, and Heather Edmonds, East Pike Elementary teacher are candidates for tenure at the end of January.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mr. Kirsch provided an estimate for the 2009-2010 fiscal year and projections for 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.

ACT 1 - ACTION REQUIRED

It was moved by Mr. Schroth and seconded by Mr. Trimarchi that in accordance with the provisions of Act 1 – The Taxpayer Relief Act of 2006 the Board adopt a resolution indicating that it will not raise the real estate tax millage above its index of 3.5%. Motion failed 2 – 6 with Mrs. Billon, Dr. Ferguson, Mr. Girardi, Mrs. Paccapaniccia, Mr. Steve and Mr. Werner voting no.

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mrs. Billon that in accordance with the provisions of Act 1 – The Taxpayer Relief Act of 2006:

1. The Administration be directed to prepare a Preliminary Budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year on a form provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
2. The Preliminary Budget be made available for public inspection at the Indiana Area School District Administration Office, 501 East Pike, Indiana, PA, beginning January 19, 2010.
3. Notice of the intent to adopt the Preliminary Budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year at the meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. February 8, 2010 be properly advertised and,
4. The administration be directed to apply and submit application for approval for any applicable referendum exceptions.

It was moved by Mr. Schroth and seconded by Mr. Trimarchi that the above motion be amended to add a number 5 which would require that in addition to the regular scheduled board meetings, that four additional meetings be scheduled between the first of April and the end of June specifically for the budget. Motion failed 4 to 4 with Mrs. Billon, Mr. Girardi, Mrs. Paccapaniccia and Mr. Steve voting no.

The original motion passed 6 to 2 with Mr. Schroth and Mr. Trimarchi voting no.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mr. Steve that the Board approves the Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year as presented. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 4)

SENIOR HIGH GYMNASIUM LIGHTING UPGRADE

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi that the Board awards the bid for the gymnasium lighting upgrade for the Senior High School to Stelco, Inc., Altoona, Pa., per their bid in the amount of \$44,500. (Exh. 5)

Mr. Trimarchi moved seconded by Mr. Schroth to amend the motion to re-direct the funds to educational programs and have Dr. Clawson present three proposals for the school board to consider. Motion to amend failed 2 to 6 with Mrs. Billon, Dr. Ferguson, Mr. Girardi, Mrs. Paccapaniccia, Mr. Steve and Mr. Werner voting no.

Motion passed 6 to 2 with Mr. Schroth and Mr. Trimarchi voting no.

PLANCON K Approval

Attached is PLANCON K, Project Refinancing, approval received from the PA Department of Education for General Obligation Bond Series A of 2003 that must be included in the meeting minutes. (Exh. 6)

CONFERENCE REQUEST

It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mr. Steve that the board approves attendance by Deborah Clawson or designee, at the Ninth Grade Transition Conference in Colonial Heights, VA on February 4, 2010 at a cost to the district of \$175 for registration and travel expenses. Motion passed unanimously.

The following motion was tabled at the December 14, 2009 board meeting:

Motion: That the board approves attendance by Joseph Trimarchi, board member, at NSBA's Annual Conference in Chicago, IL from April 10-12, 2010 at a cost to the district of \$860.00 for registration and expenses.

It was moved by Mr. Schroth and seconded by Mr. Werner that the motion to approve conference attendance by Mr. Trimarchi be taken from the table. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Schroth and seconded by Mr. Trimarchi that the board approves attendance by Joseph Trimarchi, board member, at NSBA's Annual Conference in Chicago, IL from April 10-12, 2010 at a cost to the district of \$860.00 for registration and expenses. Motion passed 5 to 3 with Mrs. Billon, Mr. Girardi and Mr. Steve voting no.

RACE TO THE TOP MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

It was moved by Mr. Girardi and seconded by Mr. Steve that the Memorandum of Understanding for Race to the Top funds be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

SUBSTITUTE LISTS AND INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT POSITION

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi that based on the recommendation of administration, the changes to the Teacher and Clerical Substitute Lists be approved as submitted. (Exh. 7,8) and that based on the recommendation of administration, an additional instructional assistant position be added with the initial assignment at the junior high school. Motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Clawson expressed appreciation to all board members for their service and distributed individual certificates recognizing January as School Board Appreciation Month. She reminded the public about the January 18th evening workshop (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.) on the Facilities Feasibility Study. Dr. Clawson described the issues related to school being delayed or canceled considered when winter weather affects travel conditions.

ENCLOSURES

Student Activity Fund Account – December 31, 2009 (Exh. 9)
Enrollment Report – January 1, 2009– January 1, 2010 (Exh. 10)
Imprest Account (JH) and (SH) – December 2009 (Exh. 11,12)
Interscholastic Game Personnel Report – December 31, 2009 (Exh. 13)
Investment Analysis – January 2009 (Exh. 14)
Conference Resumes: Maria Versace (Exh. 15) Jeanne Mitsko (Exh. 16)
Roberta Mack (Exh. 17) Jill Earman (Exh. 18)
Principal Newsletter - Eisenhower – January 2010 (Exh.19)
Horace Mann – January 2010 (Exh. 20)
Senior High – January 2010 (Exh. 21)
The Piker-Winter - 2009 (Exh. 22)

DISCUSSION ITEM

The consensus was to place the request for proposals for insurance coverage or insurance broker services on the February 8, 2010 board meeting for consideration.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Mrs. Paccapaniccia announced that the next board meeting would be the special meeting on January 25, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. There will be a superintendent/board workshop on January 18, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the East Pike Multi-purpose room to discuss graduation requirements and facility study.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Paccapaniccia announced that an executive session was held from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. before the open meeting for the purpose of conducting a grievance hearing and discussing personnel and labor relations issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Steve, seconded by Mrs. Billon and unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Indiana Area Board of School Directors of January 11, 2010 was properly adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Anise M. Markle, Board Secretary