

MINUTES

INDIANA AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

December 15, 2008

A regular meeting for general purposes of the Board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District was held on Monday, December 15, 2008, at 7:35 p.m. in the Administration Building, 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. Steve, Mr. Schroth, Mr. Trimarchi and Mr. Werner.

Dr. Deborah Clawson, Superintendent; Mr. William Andrews, Solicitor; and Mr. Dale Kirsch, Business Manager and Board Secretary, were also present.

WELCOME TO VISITORS

A welcome was extended to the visitors attending the meeting.

SGA

Madison Sabo and Kimberly Shearer updated the board on the happenings at the senior high.

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It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mr. Steve that the minutes of the November 17, 2008 and December 2, 2008 Board meetings be approved as submitted.

It was moved by Mr. Werner and seconded by Mrs. Baker that the date on the first page of the November 17, 2008 board minutes be amended from November 18, 2008 to November 17, 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Werner and seconded by Mrs. Baker that the minutes of the November 17, 2008 meeting public comments section be amended to include just the speaker and the topic. Motion passed 6-3 on a roll call vote with Mr. Anderson, Mr. Schroth and Mr. Trimarchi voting no.

The original motion moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mr. Steve that the minutes of the November 17, 2008 and December 2, 2008 Board meetings be approved as amended passed 8-1 with Mr. Anderson voting no. (Exh. 1,2)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Mr. Werner, seconded by Mr. Girardi, the Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2008 was unanimously approved as submitted. (Exh. 3)

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Upon motion by Mr. Steve, seconded by Mrs. Billon, the bills were unanimously approved as submitted. (Exh. 4)

CURRICULUM PRESENTATION

The board heard a presentation of a new course of study and text for the proposed adoption of a World Religions social studies elective, by Mrs. Candice Lockard, Senior High Social Studies Teacher. (Exh. 5)

LEASE AGREEMENT

Submitted for the Board's information was a lease agreement for \$500/month for housing in connection with the Chinese Language Program. (Exh. 6)

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Trimarchi that the lease agreement between Elizabeth Hutton, Owner and the Indiana Area School District be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF OPEN-RECORDS OFFICER

It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mr. Steve that the board appoints Anise M. Markle as the Indiana Area School District's Open-Records Officer effective January 1, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

SUBSTITUTE LISTS AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES

It was moved by Mr. Werner and seconded by Mrs. Baker that the board approves changes to the teacher and food service substitute lists (Exh. 7 & 8) and the following leave of absences:

- 1) Mandy Yanoschick, Horace Mann Elementary Teacher, in accordance with Article XI, Section 2 of the collective bargaining agreement, after February 6, 2009 and continue until the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.
- 2) Karol McElfresh, Junior High Nurse, in accordance with Article X, Section 8 of the collective bargaining agreement, effective January 5, 2009 and continue until March 9, 2009.

Motion passed unanimously.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

It was moved by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Mr. Steve that the Board approves the Memorandum of Understanding between the Indiana Borough Police and the Indiana Area School District as submitted. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 9)

ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mrs. Billon that the board adopts Board Policies No. 249 - Bullying/Cyberbullying and No. 801 Public Records as submitted. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 10 & 11)

PLANNED COURSE OF STUDY AND TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mr. Steve that, on the recommendation of the superintendent based on the advice of the Language Arts curriculum committee, the Board approves the new planned courses for AP Language and Composition, grade eleven; and two texts, *The Language of Composition: Reading, Writing, Rhetoric*; and *Current Issues and Enduring Questions*, at a cost to the district of \$2,708.75. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 12)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Clawson thanked Mrs. Lockard for her curriculum presentation. She welcomed Mr. Kirsch to the district. Dr. Clawson noted that numerous Christmas concerts and programs have been taking place throughout the district. She congratulated Chelsea Young and Matthew Neal, seniors, who have been invited to attend the Music Educator National Conference in the spring. Dr. Clawson said that the band would be leaving for Phoenix on December 31, 2008.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUE

It was moved by Mr. Girardi and seconded by Mr. Steve that the board approves the adjudication prepared by the solicitor for student 0809-1. Motion passed 6-0-3 on a roll call vote with Mr. Anderson, Mr. Schroth and Mr. Trimarchi abstaining.

COMMITTEES

1. Finance/Audit – Mr. Werner said that the auditors would meet with the entire board in January to review the audit.
2. ICTC – Mrs. Billon said that at the Chamber Luncheon it was announced that the ICTC and Haliburton partnership was considered one of the Economic Highlights of the Year.
3. ARIN – Mrs. Baker talked about the Pretend Baby Presentation by ARIN.
4. Recreation Department – Mr. Girardi said that the recreation board has been working on the budget and expanding their programs.
5. The ARC – Mr. Anderson shared the ARC's mission statement with the board. He said that the local ARC is becoming involved with non-disability related organizations (i.e., ARIN and INDIGO).

PSBA APPOINTMENT

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mrs. Billon that Mrs. Diana Paccapaniccia be appointed to serve as the PSBA Liaison for the Indiana Area School District. Motion passed unanimously.

RECREATION BOARD APPOINTMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Mr. Werner that Mr. Steve, Mr. Girardi and Mrs. Paccapaniccia be appointed to serve as members of the Indiana Parks and Recreation board for 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

MRS. BILLON LEFT THE ROOM AT 9:21 P.M AND RETURNED 9:30 P.M.

MEETING WITH THE OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

It was moved by Mr. Trimarchi and seconded by Mr. Anderson that the school district hosts a meeting with the other government entities in the area to discuss ways to save money through sharing equipment hoping it will move to higher levels of saving and cooperation. Motion passed 7-1 on a roll call vote with Mr. Steve voting no.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Conference Request for Math Curriculum - Jill Piper
- Public Town Meeting – Mrs. Paccapaniccia will be giving the board proposed dates in January.
- Board Operating Guidelines (Diana) and Superintendent/Board Workshop (Deb) – Proposed dates of January 7th or January 13th at 6:00 p.m.
- Board Secretary/Board Treasurer Positions – Mr. Werner suggested to the board that someone other than S&T Bank be the board treasurer.
- Naming Rights – Mrs. Paccapaniccia asked the board their opinion on naming rights.
- Policy Discussion

ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES 000-011

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mrs. Baker that the board takes off the table the motion to adopt board policies 000-011 from the November 17, 2008 board meeting. It was moved by Mrs. Billon and seconded by Mr. Steve that the Board amends Policy 0004 and remove Section 11 –Student Representation until after the board discusses the board operating guidelines and the authorization of a student representative on the school board for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion passed unanimously.

The original motion moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve the amended board policies 000-011 which was tabled at the November 17th board meeting passed 8-1 on a roll call vote with Mr. Anderson voting no.

ENCLOSURES

- Activity Fund Treasurers' Reports – All Buildings (Exh. 13)
Enrollment Report – December 1, 2007 – December 1, 2008 (Exh. 14)
Investment Analysis – December 2008 (Exh. 15)
Vandalism Report – July 1, 2008 – November 30, 2008 (Exh. 16)
Imprest Account (JH) – November 2008 (Exh. 17)
Interscholastic Game Personnel Report – November 2008 (Exh. 18)
Conference Resumes: Kendell Shubra (Exh. 19) Jennifer Westrick (Exh. 20)
 Carol Butzow (Exh. 21) Stephanie Polosky (Exh. 22)
 William Doody (Exh. 23) Todd Myers (Exh.24)
 Kathy Gibbons (Exh. 25) Scott Poloff et al (Exh. 26)
 Rosie Leonardo & Nancy Obush (Exh. 27)

	Josephine Cunningham	(Exh. 28)
Principal's Newsletters:	Ben Franklin – December 2008	(Exh. 29)
	East Pike – December 2008	(Exh. 30)
	Eisenhower – December 2008	(Exh. 31)
	Horace Mann – December 2008	(Exh. 32)
	Jr. Highlights – December 2008	(Exh. 33)
ARIN-agenda- December 16, 2008	(Exh. 34)	
ARIN-Minutes – November 18, 2008	(Exh. 35)	

NEXT BOARD MEETING

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi that the board changes the starting time of the January 12, 2009 board meeting from 7:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing architect presentations. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Paccapaniccia announced that the next meeting of the Board would be the regular meeting on January 12, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an executive session from 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 for the purpose of discussing attorney/advisor issues and continued after the open meeting.

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 December 15, 2008 was properly adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Dale R. Kirsch, Secretary