

MINUTES

INDIANA AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

October 22, 2018

1.0 OPENING

The special monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District was held on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 7:42 p.m. in the East Pike administrative board room, 501 East Pike, Indiana, PA. All members were notified of time and place of meeting, and a public notice was properly posted.

1.1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1.2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

1.3 ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following members present: Mr. Barbor, Mrs. Barker, Julia Trimarchi Cuccaro, Mr. Harley, Mr. Kerr, Mrs. Leeper, Mrs. Lowery and Mr. Steve. Mr. Schroth was absent.

Michael J. Vuckovich, Superintendent; Robert Rizzo, Assistant Superintendent; and Jared Cronauer, Business Manager/Recording Secretary; were also present.

1.4 WELCOME TO VISITORS

Julia Trimarchi Cuccaro welcomed all the visitors to the meeting.

1.5 BOARD PRESIDENT MESSAGE

1.6 PUBLIC COMMENT

Josephine Cunningham spoke about the armed guards and comprehensive plan committee. Penny Zimmerman, Haleigh Zimmerman and Jim Carloni spoke on the need for the softball fence.

1.7 IAEA/AFSCME/SGA/STUCO REPORT

Mr. Bertig introduced Hannah Contrucci, who will be the SGA representative on the school board.

1.8 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Vuckovich welcomed Hannah to the board. He also congratulated Haleigh Zimmerman on receiving a softball scholarship for IUP. Mr. Vuckovich presented the Active Shooter certificate. Mr. Rizzo addressed the comprehensive plan.

2.0 PRESENTATIONS

French Exchange Students and Mr. James Dykun Senior High French Teacher

3.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Barbor to approve the following motions:

3.1 Minutes of October 8, 2018 Regular Board Meeting

Approve the minutes of the October 8, 2018 regular board meeting as submitted. (Exh. 1)

3.2 Approval of the October 22, 2018 Special Board Meeting Agenda

Approval of the Agenda as submitted.

Motion approved unanimously.

4.0 BOARD REPORTS

4.1 Indiana County Technology Center – Mrs. Lowery reported that the next meeting would be tomorrow.

4.2 ARIN IU 28 – Mrs. Leeper reported on the PSBA conference she attended.

4.3 Recreation Department – Mr. Steve said no meeting.

4.4 Outreach – Mrs. Barker did not have a meeting. She did report that the committees meetings would be held at the various schools over the next few months.

5.0 BUILDINGS/GROUNDS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

5.1 Committee Meeting Report – No report

5.2 ~~Security Guards (Mr. Steve)~~

~~That the Board have armed security at each of the four elementary buildings be approved.~~

It was moved by Mr. Kerr and seconded by Mr. Barbor to approve the following motion:

5.3 Softball Fencing

That the Board agree to contribute 1/3 of the cost to install fencing around the Kennedy King Softball field at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Kerr and seconded by Ms. Lowery to approve the following motion:

5.4 Radon Testing Grant

That the administration be authorized to apply for grant funding to cover the cost of radon testing in District buildings.

Motion passed unanimously.

6.0 POLICY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

6.1 Committee Meeting Report - Mr. Barbor had no report.

It was moved by Mr. Barbor and seconded by Mrs. Leeper to approve the following motions:

6.2 Request for a Leave of Absence

That a request for a leave of absence submitted by Jenna Hawk, East Pike elementary teacher, in accordance to Article XI, Section 2, of the collective bargaining agreement, be approved effective January 11, 2019 (after use of 40 sick days, 4 personal days and emergency day) and continue until the last day of the 2018-2019 school year be approved

6.3 Mentor Teacher Assignments

That based on the recommendation of the administration, Valerie Haney and Don Bowers be employed as support (mentor) teachers for the 2018-2019 school year at a compensation of \$552.52 or \$7.27 per day based upon their appointment date.

6.4 Substitute Lists

That based on the recommendation of administration, the board approves the guest teacher and custodian sub lists as submitted. (Exh. 2)

6.5 Long Term Substitute Assignment

That the administration's recommendation to employ Bryanna Machen as a long-term substitute Elementary Teacher during the 2018-2019 school year at a per diem rate of \$243.05 (Instructional 1, Step 1) be approved; pending receipt of all required clearances.

6.6 Request for a Leave of Absence

That a request for an extension to a leave of absence submitted by Maria Bettinazzi, elementary teacher, in accordance to Article XI, Section 2, of the collective bargaining agreement, effective November 1, 2018 and continuing to January 2, 2019 be approved.

Motion approved unanimously.

7.0 ACADEMIC/EXTRACURRICULAR COMMITTEE

7.1 Committee Meeting Report – Mr. Harley had no report.

It was moved by Mr. Harley and seconded by Mrs. Leeper to approve the following motion:

7.2 Field Trip Request

That the board approves an educational field trip by approximate 75 senior high school band students and 10-20 adults to Orlando, FL from November 24-30, 2018 for the purpose of performing both in the studio and live at Disney at a cost to the district of \$928 for substitutes.

Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Harley and seconded by Mr. Steve to approve the following motion:

7.3 SAT Prep Course Instructors

That Steve Cochran and Robyn Bailey-Orchard be employed as SAT preparation course instructors, effective November 10, 2018, through March 2, 2019, at their per diem rate for a maximum of 54 hours; and that a \$50.00 tuition fee be assessed each student who participates in the SAT preparation course be approved.

Motion failed 4-4 on a roll call vote with Mrs. Barker, Mr. Kerr, Mrs. Leeper and Mrs. Lowery voting no.

It was moved by Mr. Harley and seconded by Mr. Steve to approve the following motion:

7.4 Comprehensive Planning Committee

That the board approves the following to serve on the Comprehensive Planning Committee.

Parent Representatives: Stephanie Jozefowicz and Julie Steve

Community Representatives: Barbara Telthorster, Francisco Alarcon, Jan Foister Dr. Turner & Chrissy Boyer

Business Representatives: Jamie Boyer and Jim Wylie

Building Principals: Mike Minnick and Erin Eisenman

Other Members (Not requiring board appointment): Doug Steve - Board member, Walther Schroth - Board member, Tamara Leeper - Board member, Julia Trimarchi-Cuccaro - Board member, & Barbara Barker - Board member

Motion passed 8-1 with Ms. Lowery voting no.

8.0 AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE

8.1 Committee Meeting Report

It was moved by Mr. Kerr and seconded by Mr. Harley to approve the following motion:

8.2 Tax Appeals

That the administration be authorized, in conjunction with the District solicitor to obtain a third party appraiser opinion, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500, per review on appraisals for properties that are appealing the assessed value.

Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Kerr and seconded by Mr. Barbor to approve the following motion:

8.3 2017-2018 Budget Transfers

That the necessary budget transfers in connection with the 2017-2018 year-end audit be approved as submitted. (exh. 3)

Motion passed unanimously.

9.0 CLOSING

9.1 Public Comment on Agenda Items

Haleigh Zimmerman and Jim Corloni thanked the board for the softball fencing. Josie Cunningham questioned the tax appeal motion. Penny Zimmerman spoke about the SAT Prep motion.

9.2 Enclosures

Student Activity Account - September 2018 (Exh. 4)
Treasurer's Report – September 2018 (Exh. 5)

9.3 Next Board Meeting

There will be a regular meeting on Monday, November 19, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss general purposes. Please note that there will only be one board meeting in November, on the 3rd Monday of the month.

9.4 Next Committee Meetings

Budget Workshop	October 29, 2018	6:00 p.m.
Academic/Extra-Curricular	November 5, 2018	6:00 p.m.
Buildings/Grounds & Transportation	November 19, 2018	6:00 p.m.

9.5 Notice of Executive Session

An executive session was held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. before the open meeting to discuss labor relations, attorney, personnel matters and safety issues; and continued after the open meeting.

9.6 Adjournment

Upon motion by Mr. Barbor, seconded by Mrs. Barker and unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Indiana Area Board of School Directors of October 22, 2018, was properly adjourned at 8:56 p.m.


Anise M. Markle, Secretary

