

INDIANA AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

September 10, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District was held on Monday, September 10, 2018 at 7:39 p.m. in the East Pike central office administration 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.

1.0 OPENING

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, Mr. Harley, Mr. Kerr, Mrs. Leeper, Mrs. Lowery, Mr. Schroth and Mr. Steve. Julia Trimarchi Cuccaro 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

Mr. Schroth welcomed all the visitors to the meeting.

1.5 BOARD PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Mr. Schroth asked the board and public to be patient as we adjust to the new agenda format.

1.6 PUBLIC COMMENT

Sarah Bond spoke about her concerns of the air quality at Ben Franklin. Diane Antonacci spoke about the increase of class sizes in 7th grade.

1.7 IAEA/AFSCME/SGA/STUCO REPORT

Mrs. Chakot introduced the STUCO representatives for this school year.

1.8 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Vuckovich said that the principal will follow-up with Mrs. Bond about the conditions at Ben Franklin. He also said that the board was informed about the Summit class sizes. Mr. Vuckovich reported on College in High School and a \$1,000 scholarship he received from PASA that he will be applying to the CIHS costs. He updated the board on Summit Learning and the class sizes; the International program; School Safety; and the new website, social media pages and Back to School nights.

2.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND AGENDA

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

3.1 Minutes of August 27, 2018 Special Board Meeting

Approve the minutes of the August 27, 2018 special board meeting as submitted. (Exh. 1)

3.2 Approval of the September 10, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Agenda

Approval of the Agenda as submitted.

Motion approved unanimously.

4.0 BOARD REPORTS

4.1 Indiana County Technology Center - Mrs. Ute Lowery reported on the August 28th meeting where they hired 3 administrative positions and approved the land lease for WCCC.

4.2 ARIN IU 28 - Mrs. Tamara Leeper said there wasn't a meeting to report on.

4.3 Recreation Department - Mr. Doug Steve reported on the August 29th meeting. Mr. Steve asked Mr. Schroth and Mr. Harley to elaborate on the meeting they had with the Recreation Department.

4.4 Outreach - Mrs. Barb Barker thanked the administration for the increase in communication, the social media presence and the Indiana Reporter.

5.0 ACADEMIC/EXTRACURRICULAR COMMITTEE

5.1 Committee Meeting Report

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

5.2 Conference Request

That the board approves attendance by Tamara Leeper and Julia Trimachi Cuccaro, school board members and Mike Vuckovich, Superintendent, at the 2018 PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA from October 17-19, 2018 at a cost to the district of \$391 each for registration fees plus travel expenses.

5.3 Supplemental Computer Mediated Courses

That the following teachers be employed, as needed, for supplemental computer mediated courses for the 2018-2019 school year. Compensation is at their per diem rate.

Samantha Betta. Devon Duffy. Jamie Edmonds. Alicia Haggerty. Brian Henninger. Erin King. Mike Lehman. Paul Wingerter

5.4 Title Services

That the contract with Catapult Learning, LCC for services to nonpublic schools within Indiana Area School that will be paid with federal Title funds be approved as presented. (Exh. 2)

Motion approved unanimously.

5.5 Attendance, Behavioral Guidelines and Discipline Policy Handbook

It was moved by Mr. Harley and seconded by Mrs. Lowery that the board approves the revisions to the Attendance, Behavioral Guidelines and Discipline Policy Handbook as presented. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 3)

6.0 POLICY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

6.1 Committee Meeting Report

Mr. Barbor reported that they reviewed board motions 6.2 – 6.5; discussed the policy on the length of video recordings of board meetings and decided to extend it to 1 year and 1 month; discussed adopting PSBA code of conduct and review policy for conduct of individual board members.

It was moved by Mr. John Barbor and seconded by Mr. Steve that the board approved the following motions:

6.2 Letter of Retirement

Accept with regret the letter of resignation submitted by Ann Marie Stalteri, elementary teacher, for the purpose of retirement effective February 20, 2019.

6.3 Leave of Absence

Approve the request for leave submitted by Jen Musser, Paraeducator at Eisenhower elementary school, in accordance to Article XII, Section 3, of the AFSCME agreement effective August 22, 2018 and continue until released from physician.

6.4 Employment of Paraeducator

Melissa Rosko be employed as a para-educator effective August 28, 2018 at an hourly rate of \$12.00; said employment to be subject to a satisfactory completion of a 90- day probationary period.

6.5 Mentor Teacher Assignments

That based on the recommendation of administration, Carrie Schneider and Koren Greene be employed as support (mentor) teachers for the 2018-2019 school year at a compensation of \$677.00 per semester or \$7.27 per day based upon their appointment date.

6.6 Substitute Lists

That the custodian and guest teacher substitute lists be approved as submitted. (Exh. 4.5)

6.7 Confidential Agreement

That the agreement with the District's confidential employee group be approved as presented. (Exh. 6)

Motion approved unanimously.

6.8 Appointment of Solicitor

It was moved by Mrs. Lowery and seconded by Mrs. Barker that the Law Offices of The Beard Group be appointed Solicitor of the Indiana Area School District in accordance with the terms of their proposal dated August 24, 2018. Motion passed 7-1 with Mr. Steve voting no.

7.0 BUILDINGS/GROUNDS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

7.1 Committee Meeting Report - Mr. Terry Kerr, Chair

Reminder – next meeting on September 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

8.0 AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE

8.1 Committee Meeting Report - Mrs. Julia Trimarchi Cuccaro, Chair

It was moved by Mr. Kerr and seconded by Mrs. Lowery that the board approves the following:

8.2 Approval of Bills

That the current bills be approved as submitted. (Exh. 7)

8.3 Website Advertising

That the administration be authorized to give Thought Process Enterprise the required 90 day notice for canceling the contract for advertising on the District website.

Motion passed unanimously.

9.0 CLOSING

Mr. Vuckovich updated the board on the kindergarten enrollment numbers. There will not be a hiring of an additional teacher. Parents have the option of sending their child to East Pike.

9.1 Public Comment on Agenda Items - None

9.2 Enclosures

Enrollment Report - September 1, 2017-September 1, 2018 (Exh. 8)

Treasurer's Report - August 2018 (Exh. 9)

9.3 Next Board Meeting

There will also be a special meeting on Monday, September 24, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss general purposes.

9.4 Next Committee Meetings


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| Buildings/Grounds/Transportation Committee | September 17, 2018 | 6:00 p.m. |
| Academic/Extracurricular Committee | September 17, 2018 | 7:30 p.m. |
| Audit & Finance Committee | September 24, 2018 | 6:00 p.m. |

9.5 Notice of Executive Session

An executive session was held from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. before the open meeting to discuss labor relations, attorney, and personnel matters issues.

9.6 Adjournment

Upon motion by Mrs. Barker, seconded by Mrs. Lowery and unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Indiana Area Board of School Directors of September 10, 2018, was properly adjourned at 8:26 p.m.



Anise M. Markle, Secretary