

**INDIAN HILL EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of December 8, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Indian Hill Exempted Village School District was held on Tuesday, December 8, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. in the Indian Hill District Administrative Offices, 6855 Drake Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45243 in accordance with notices sent to each member. Roll call showed the following members as present:

Mrs. Johnston
Mr. Sharp

Mrs. Lewis

Mr. Lutz

Dr. Hooker was not present, but was able to join the Board via telephone for Executive Session with legal counsel.

Also present were Dr. Miles, Mrs. Toth, Mark Ault, Tracy Quattrone, Jim Nichols, Melissa Stewart, Josh Kauffman, Bridgette Ridley, Antonio Shelton, Jeff Zidron, Andrea Brady, Steve Seeger, Terry Mullenax, Julie Pfeiffer, John Slonim, Hilary Smith, Tom Millard, Kim Given, Cody Conway, Vera Hayslip, Barb Mustard, Joan Nattermann, Nick Carpenter, Elizabeth Ruebusch, Alice Bohn, Anne Kuhn, Martin Majschzak, Toni Roark, Amy VanStrien, Nollis Cottrell, Kathy Yeager, Donita Jackson, Linda Mehas, Fred Sanborn, Janet Dieman, Richard Cocks, Carole Hubbard, Mary Siegel, Lori Klinedinst, Rick Jones, Mike Lewis, Marci Blachman, Amy Magenheimer, Forrest Sellers, and others.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (121401) Mr. Sharp moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, to move into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter with counsel and to discuss a special education matter required to be kept confidential by federal laws or rules and state statutes. Roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Johnston, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

Mr. Lutz, aye

The Board reconvened its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Indian Hill High School Multipurpose Room, 6865 Drake Road.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Dr. Miles led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance with those in attendance.

ADOPTION OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA (121402) Mrs. Johnston moved, seconded by Mr. Sharp, to adopt the agenda of the regular business meeting of the Indian Hill Board of Education, as amended, to include a Report of the Board President re: the recent Ohio Supreme Court decision, a Board Resolution to Refrain from Levying 1.25 Inside Mills for Permanent Improvements for Tax Year 2014 and Amend the FY2015 Tax Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and to provide the opportunity for Public Commentary at the time of the Board's consideration of these matters on the regular board meeting agenda, personnel recommendations for tuition reimbursements and a contract adjustment for Erin Lesseuer for the second semester of the 2014-15 academic year, and approval of an overnight field trip for Latin students to attend the OJCL Convention in Columbus, Ohio. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Dr. Miles presented Suburban Press Reporter, Forrest Sellers, with a certificate commemorating his nomination to the Ohio School Boards Association Media Honor Roll. The purpose of the OSBA Media Honor Roll is to recognize journalists and news outlets that provide fair and accurate coverage of public schools.

Mr. Jeff Zidron, Athletic Director, recognized, the Middle and High School Cheer Teams coached by Kristin Bratcher and Leigh Ann Meurer this season. These girls have done a fabulous job of representing Indian Hill and we are proud of their accomplishments in competition. Our Cheer Teams are slated to participate in the National Cheer Competition in Orlando, Florida in February, 2015.

Mr. Zidron also requested a moment of silence in memory of Ms. Joyce Block, long-time District coach and substitute teacher who passed away suddenly. The Indian Hill Foundation has agreed to help set up a scholarship/memorial fund to honor Joyce's contributions and commitment to Indian Hill students and community. She will be missed.

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD RE: OHIO SUPREME COURT DECISION – Mrs. Kim Lewis, Board President, reported on the recent Ohio Supreme Court Decision regarding the conversion of 1.25 inside mills for permanent improvements. The Ohio Supreme Court ruled on December 2, 2014 to “reverse the decision of the BTA and [we] remand for further proceedings consistent with this opinion.”

The decision leaves many unanswered questions for the parties, including the Board of Education. However, in the interest of responding to the opinion of the Ohio Supreme Court prior to the issuance of tax bills this month, the Board of Education adopted the following resolution to declare its intent to refrain from collecting one and twenty-five hundredths (1.25) inside mills within the permanent improvement fund for one year only.

RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO REFRAIN FROM COLLECTING ONE AND TWENTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (1.25) INSIDE MILLS WITHIN THE PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND (121403) Mr. Sharp moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2009, the Board of Education of the Indian Hill Exempted Village School District, County of Hamilton, Ohio (the “Board of Education”) passed a resolution converting one and twenty-five hundredths (1.25) mills of the property tax then being levied by the Board of Education within the ten-mill limitation, as defined in Section 5705.02 of the Ohio Revised Code (the “Ten-Mill Limitation”) for current expenses, to one and twenty-five hundredths (1.25) mills to be levied for permanent improvements, for a continuing period of time;

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2014 the Ohio Supreme Court (the “Court”) issued its opinion in Case number: 2014-Ohio-5218, wherein the Court reversed the decision of the Board of Tax Appeals (“BTA”) and remanded to the BTA to issue an order modifying the action of the Hamilton County Budget Commission consistent with the Opinion;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is currently evaluating the Opinion as it relates to prior tax years and the pending tax year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires in good faith to address the Court’s Opinion and provide a credit in the 2014 tax year for which bills have not yet been issued, against amounts that will be due to the taxpayers pursuant to an overall reconciliation and implementation of the Court’s Opinion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education:

SECTION 1: That this Board of Education will refrain from levying for collection 1.25 inside mills for the permanent improvement fund for the tax budget year beginning July 1, 2014, and for that year only, to be applied to an overall reconciliation and implementation of the Court’s Opinion.

SECTION 2: That the Board of Education approves the attached Amended 2014 Tax Budget.

SECTION 3: That the Treasurer of the Board of Education is hereby directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the County Auditor of Hamilton County.

SECTION 4: That the Treasurer of the Board of Education is authorized and directed to take all necessary actions on behalf of the Board of Education to implement this resolution.

SECTION 5: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board of Education concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board of Education, and that all deliberations of the Board of Education, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION 6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Johnston, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

Mr. Lutz, aye

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PUBLIC COMMENTARY: Mr. Fred Sanborn, Demar Road, addressed the Board on behalf of the Committee for Responsible School Spending (CRSS). Mr. Sanborn indicated that the Ohio Supreme Court's (OSC) opinion was unanimous in declaring the tax illegal. He was pleased at the appropriate action taken by the Board of Education this evening in response to the OSC opinion. Mr. Sanborn requested the Board do three things: (1) direct the Hamilton County Treasurer to remove the 1.25 inside mills from the 2014 Tax Bills; (2) repay with interest all amounts overcollected from taxpayers; and (3) reimburse the cost of litigation to the plaintiffs. Mr. Sanborn expressed that 154 residents had contributed about \$13,000 toward legal fees in this matter and that the 1851 Center provided pro-bono representation.

PUPIL SERVICES REPORT – Mrs. Tracy Quattrone, Pupil Services Director, provided highlights of the programs and services represented by Pupil Services, including Special and Gifted education, English Language Learners, Intervention Programs for Student Support, Assessment and Testing, Home Schooling, Home Instruction, Nonpublic Education, Homelessness, Attendance Services, Psychological Services, Student Information Systems, and School Health. Mrs. Quattrone focused her comments on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), a proactive approach to establish and maintain behavioral, social and emotional supports, pro-social positive school culture, and underlying framework for continued academic success. At the secondary level, PBIS extends the Indian Hill Pillars of Character (Leadership, Pride, Excellence, Integrity, Respect, and Opportunity) with programs such as Braves Council, Mentoring, Afterschool Homework Help, Braves Lessons, Guided Study Halls, and the Culture Committee.

CHINESE BRIDGE DELEGATION TO CHINA REPORT – Dr. Mark Ault, Assistant Superintendent, and Dr. Antonio Shelton, High School Principal, presented a report on their recent visit to Beijing, China as part of an exchange through the College Board and the Hanban/Confucius Institute Headquarters (Hanban). The Hanban is committed to making Chinese language and Chinese culture teaching resources and services available to the world, to meet the demands of overseas Chinese language learners, and to contribute to the formation of a world of cultural diversity and harmony. The goals of the 2014 Chinese Bridge Delegation were to gain an understanding about Chinese culture in relationship to their beliefs on education, the holistic Chinese educational system, and the teaching methods used in China by visiting and observing their schools and classrooms. In Chinese culture, education determines your future. Intensive exams upon the conclusion of the formal school process determines one's career path – university or government, military or police, and service industries. Teachers are respected and revered, in part, because they are a key to the student's future. One school in China may enroll as many as 8,000 to 15,000 students; class sizes are often 40-65 pupils. High performing students who live in rural areas as brought to the cities for school and learning English is important. A typical school day begins at 7:30 a.m. and lasts until 6 p.m. Study sessions continue at school until 10 p.m. The education process is first and most importantly the responsibility of the individual, then the family, then the community followed by the state and the country. Special Education is provided in separate schools unless parents request other placement, which is then provided with little to no accommodations. Large classes of 40 students in a 7th grade math class or 63 pupils in a high school chemistry class were observed. Teaching toward the middle means students and families must make up the difference to keep the student on track. The curriculum is textbook driven and internet access is restricted. Students stand when called upon by their teacher; others engage students with full class response to teacher questions. A limited amount of technology was observed (white boards). The Bridge Delegation visited schools in the Province of Henan, Public and Private (International) Schools, Elementary, Middle and High Schools, and a Martial Arts School – the Wu Shu Institute in Dong Fong City.

SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP FUNDRAISING – Dr. Miles provided the 2013-14 fundraising report on behalf of Indian Hill Schools by the PTO's, Boosters, Party on the Hill, and other school support groups totaling \$217,140.00. Dr. Miles acknowledged the hard work and generous spirit of those whose labor benefits our students and school. The District remains thankful for the numerous groups that continue to support our students and staff.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS (121404) Mr. Sharp moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, to approve the following personnel matters as recommended by the Superintendent:

A. Employment Contracts – beginning 2014-15 year

Employee Name	Bldg/Assignment	% Contract	2014-15 Salary
Doug Rich	TRANS/Bus Driver (Rate correction)	100	\$19.40/hr

PERSONNEL ACTIONS (121404) - continued

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B. Approval of Supplemental/Personal Service Contracts – 2014-15 year

EMPLOYEE	CONT	BLD	CONTRACT POSITION/DUTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Maris, Shaun	PSC	ATH	Wrestling Coach, JV (50%)	12%	\$2,242.50
Slusher, Ryan	PSC	ATH	Wrestling Coach, JV (50%)	12%	\$2,242.50
Leonard, Kendra	PSC	HS	Fall Play Support (HS)	Group D	\$1,471.00

C. Retirements/Resignations

Last Name	First Name	Assignment	Building	Effective Date
Bader	Catherine	Intervention	Middle	August 10, 2015
Mock	Margaret	Art	Primary	May 29, 2015

D. Tuition Reimbursements

EMPLOYEE	COURSE	COLLEGE	TUITION
Amy Dunlap	Implementing 21 st Century Mathematics Reform	Miami University	\$150.00
Ty Ignatz	Implementing 21 st Century Mathematics Reform	Miami University	\$150.00
Marcia Tuznik	Fabric Design: Basics To Beyond	Mt. Saint Joseph	\$847.50
Marcia Tuznik	African Cloths, Colors and Quilts QSDS	University of Dayton	\$175.00
Kelly Vaughn	Technology Tools For Teachers	Ashland University	\$278.00

E. Approval of Contract Adjustment

Employee Name	Bldg/Assignment	% Contract	Effective Date
Lesseuer, Erin	DST/English as Second Language (ESL)	75	January 5, 2015

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Johnston, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

Mr. Lutz, aye

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP (121405) Mr. Sharp moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, to approve the following overnight field trip:

- (1) Latin Students-OJCL State Convention, Columbus, OH, March 13-15,2015

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Johnston, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

Mr. Lutz, aye

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS (121406) Mr. Sharp moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, to approve the financial reports for the month ending November 30, 2014 including Investment Reports, Fund Reports and Warrant Listings, totaling \$6,918,043.19, as presented:

General Fund

\$3,407,943.10

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Bond Retirement Fund	\$3,119,809.38
Permanent Improvement	\$144,113.75
Enterprise Funds	\$107,251.44
Special Revenue Funds	\$108,187.64
Special Trust Funds	\$24.54
Agency Funds	\$30,713.34
TOTAL ALL FUNDS, November 30, 2014	\$6,918,043.19

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Johnston, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

Mr. Lutz, aye

APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES (121407) Mr. Sharp moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, to approve the following invoices prior to payment in accordance with Section 5705.41 (D)(1):

VENDOR	ITEM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Antonio Violins	Electric Violin, Cello	\$4,298.49
Enquirer Printing CO.	2014-2015 Student Directories	\$6,120.00
School Datebooks Inc.	HS Student Planners	\$3,918.75
Skeet Humphries	Concrete Work at Primary School	\$6,480.00
YMCA Camp Kern	Junior Class Conference/Retreat	\$3,957.00

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Johnston, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

Mr. Lutz, aye

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Erik Lutz, Operations Committee Chair, reported on the need to purchase computer hardware to provide students with the greatest advantage in completing the online PARCC testing this spring. Dr. Miles indicated that the paper-pencil version of the PARCC tests do not completely align to the online version. The estimated cost to acquire about 500 Chrome Books and related peripherals is \$192,119. Mr. Lutz recommended Board approval of the project.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE COMPUTERS AND PERIPHERAL HARDWARE FOR PARCC TESTING (121408) Mr. Lutz moved, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, to approve the acquisition of computers and peripheral hardware for the online PARCC Testing process at an estimated cost of \$192,119. Roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Johnston, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

Mr. Lutz, aye

Mrs. Lewis, Board President, thanked the members of the Board for their support during her tenure as Board President.

Likewise Mr. Sharp, Finance Committee, thanked Mrs. Lewis for her leadership and good work during this year as President of the Board. Her care and attention to the many details of Board service as well as her leadership in 2014 as Board President is appreciated. Other members echoed those sentiments as well.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY – Mr. Fred Sanborn, Demar Road, asked for further comment on the Board's position regarding the restitution of the overpayment of property taxes. (Mrs. Lewis reiterated the Board's interest in working with CRSS counsel along with the Board of Tax Appeals and the Hamilton County Budget Commission to implement a resolution of the Ohio Supreme Court decision.)

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Mrs. Anne Kuhn, President of the IHEPO, thanked Mrs. Lewis for her support and her role in resolving the Teacher Contract issues in a spirit of partnership and collaboration. Mrs. Lewis' approach of 'head' and 'heard' have brought the District to a much better place, and IHEPO appreciates the renewed relationship.

Mr. Tom Butt, Bayberry Drive, thanked the Plaintiffs (CRSS) for their efforts in the recent Ohio Supreme Court decision. He expressed hope that the Board would do the right thing here and asked if interest were to be compounded on the restitution. (Mr. Sanborn expressed that yes that was the intent of the Plaintiffs.) Mr. Butt further counseled the Board to keep future millage moves open to the public.

ADJOURNMENT (121409) Mrs. Lewis moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, to adjourn the December 8, 2014 regular meeting of the Indian Hill Board of Education at 8:33 p.m. Roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Johnston, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

Mr. Lutz, aye

Board President

Treasurer