

**INDIAN HILL EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of November 8, 2005**

A regular meeting of the Indian Hill Exempted Village School District was held on Tuesday, November 8, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the Indian Hill High School Multipurpose Room, 6865 Drake Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45243 in accordance with notices sent to each member. Roll call showed the following members as present:

Mrs. Barber
Mr. Sharp

Ms. Bridgeland
Mr. White

Mrs. Hopewell

Also present were Dr. Knudson, Mrs. Toth, Mark Ault, Terry Barton, Marge Kress, Sandy Harte, Arline Liegel, Katy Ping, Martha Stephen, Randy Witte, Liz Carey, and others.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (110501) Mrs. Hopewell moved, seconded by Mr. Sharp, to move into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss a legal matter. Roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Barber, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Ms. Bridgeland, aye
Mr. White, aye

Mrs. Hopewell, aye

The Board reconvened its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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

ADOPTION OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA (110502) Mrs Barber moved, seconded by Ms. Bridgeland, to adopt the agenda of the regular business meeting of the Indian Hill Board of Education, as amended, to include recommendations for employment for Larry Vanosdol, acceptance of resignation for John Cox, and tuition reimbursement for Kim Given and Adam Wolter; Wellness Council Report presentation, and withdrawal of Approval of Warrant Listings for October 2005. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS - Dr. Knudson reported on the extraordinary success of our students, both academically and athletically. Parent Teacher Conferences were held last week. This second year of a new schedule for Middle and High School conferences required two evening conference times. Feedback from the Middle School indicated difficulty in scheduling all parents interested in conferencing. Solutions are being discussed to accommodate all interested families, including during team time. Other fall activities have included Fall Fling, Book Fairs, and Kids Voting.

Dr. Knudson presented the District's latest enrollment forecast from Education Services, Inc. Dr. Bruce Van Deusen utilizes a mathematical model which projects enrollment changes. Over the years, the forecast has been relatively accurately. Mr. White mentioned that during our recent bond refinancing, enrollment was evaluated in comparison to the number of dependents claimed on annual tax returns.

Dr. Knudson reminded the Board of our return (last year) to a five-year revision cycle for Curriculum Revision and Textbook Adoption Cycle, facilitating our curriculum's alignment with state and national academic content standards. This year Foreign Language and Art are under review and revision. Foreign language teachers will be attending their National Conference the week of November 17, 2005 in Baltimore to learn about current trends and best practices. Mr. Ault further reported that Art teachers have been meeting monthly to review content using Curriculum Mapper, which will show us how our curriculum aligns with standards. This process improves cross grade level communication in developing strong curriculum to benefit our students.

Mr. Ault, Assistant Superintendent, announced the convening of a District Wellness Council, comprised of administration, faculty, staff, parents, and our food service vendor. The reauthorization of federal legislation, Child Nutrition Act, will require school districts to adopt a wellness policy by next school year. The Wellness Policy must address nutrition goals, including the content and availability of all foods in the schools, as well as school-based activities. The first meeting of the Wellness Council is November 16.

Mrs. Harte, Indian Hill Primary School Principal, presented beginning research for an all-day kindergarten option for Indian Hill families. While discussed a few years ago, the idea of an all-day kindergarten program was unable to progress without adequate space. The Committee's work will include parent surveys, interviews with other school districts, curriculum evaluation, and cost analysis. The Committee intends to complete much of its work by the beginning of January.

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Ms. Arline Liegel, District Technology Coordinator, announced the development of a new Five-Year Technology Plan, which is required to be filed with the State in June. The District's previous plan (2002) will be expiring soon. This technology planning began with a March 2005 session with District teachers and administrators to refine our technology mission. A state on-line planning tool, which is extensively focused on curriculum, will be our guide during this process. The Technology Planning Committee will consist of administrators, teachers, parents, students and community members. Representation is still needed from students, parents, community, and school board members. Lynn Ochs, Hamilton County Educational Service Center, will facilitate our process.

CALENDAR REVISION – FIRST READING – Dr. Knudson presented a first reading of an amended 2006-07 school calendar, which proposes to change the two half-day staff development days to Friday, October 20, 2006, and Friday, February 2, 2007. In addition, no school is proposed for Monday, October 23, 2006, moving from the observed Columbus Day earlier in October. Dr. Knudson was asked to verify conflicts, such as Fall Homecoming, with this proposal. These changes are necessitated by required student count weeks during the first full week of October and a week in February. Second reading and approval are anticipated in December.

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP (110503) Ms. Bridgeland moved, seconded by Mr. Sharp, to approve the overnight field trip for Model UN to attend their annual conference at Earlham College, Indiana, January 26-28, 2006, as presented. Roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Barber, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Ms. Bridgeland, aye
Mr. White, aye

Mrs. Hopewell, aye

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS (110504) Ms. Bridgeland moved, seconded by Mr. Sharp, to accept the following donation:

2005 Girls Soccer Team – tree for Shawnee Field in memory of Sarah Bechtold

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Barber, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Ms. Bridgeland, aye
Mr. White, aye

Mrs. Hopewell, aye

PERSONNEL ACTIONS (110505) Ms. Bridgeland moved, seconded by Mr. Sharp, to approve the following personnel matters as recommended by the Superintendent:

A. Employment Contracts – beginning 2005-06 year (Attachments to Board only*)

Employee Name	Bldg/Assignment	% Contract	Column	Step	2005-06 Salary
Roshon, Amanda	MS/Instructional Aide	100		2	\$12.41/hr
Vanosdol, Larry	MS/Custodian	100		1	\$12.56/hr

B. Approval of Supplemental/Personal Service Contracts – 2005-06 year

EMPLOYEE	CONT	BLD	CONTRACT POSITION/DUTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Given, Kim	SUPP	DST AT	Technology Support/Training, est 30 hours		\$1,050.00
Haarman, Dale	SUPP	H AT	Golf, Boys, District Competition (2005-06 year)	0.50%	\$164.50
Janssens, Mary	PSC	H	Athletic Event Supervisor, Fall	\$15/hr	\$1,800.00
Montani, Jennifer	SUPP	HS AT	Junior State of America	Group D	\$1,297.00
Osborn, Shalee	SUPP	H	Basketball Coach, 8th grade, Girls	12%	\$3,954.00
Schuldlos, Mary Kay	PSC	MS	Playground/Lunchroom Supervisor	\$9.25/hr	
Speno, Sue	SUPP	PS AT	Ohio Reads Volunteer Coordinator		\$1,724.00
Wilson, Bryan	PSC	H	Wrestling Coach, JV	14%	\$4,613.00
Wilson, Dustin	PSC	AT	Wrestling Coach, MS	10%	\$3,295.00

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C. Retirements/Resignations

Last Name	First Name	Assignment	Building	Effective Date
Cox	John	Custodian	Middle	November 5, 2005

PERSONNEL ACTIONS (110505) - continued

D. Tuition Reimbursements

Kim Given	Curriculum Design	XU	\$1,320.00
Joan Natterman	Becoming an Effective Co-op Teacher	XU	\$440.00
Jeff Wells	Tech Tune-Up for Teachers	Ashland Univ	\$462.00
Adam Wolter	MFA Studio VII	MD Institute of Art	\$1,760.00

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Barber, aye	Ms. Bridgeland, aye	Mrs. Hopewell, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye	Mr. White, aye	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (110506) Mrs. Hopewell moved, seconded by Mrs. Barber, to adopt the minutes of the July 27 and October 11, 2005 meetings as presented. Roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Barber, aye	Ms. Bridgeland, aye	Mrs. Hopewell, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye	Mr. White, aye	

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS (110507) Mrs. Hopewell moved, seconded by Mrs. Barber, to approve the financial reports for the month ending October 31, 2005 including Fund Reports and Expenditure Listings totaling \$2,174,294.83, as presented:

General Fund	\$1,987,172.57
Bond Retirement Fund	\$ 0.00
Building Fund	\$ 49,313.56
Enterprise Funds	\$ 19,463.84
Special Revenue Funds	\$ 106,461.22
Special Trust Funds	\$108.00
Agency Funds	\$ 11,775.64
TOTAL ALL FUNDS, October 31, 2005	\$2,174,294.83

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Barber, aye	Ms. Bridgeland, aye	Mrs. Hopewell, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye	Mr. White, aye	

APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES (110508) Mrs. Hopewell moved, seconded by Mrs. Barber, to approve the following invoices prior to payment in accordance with Section 5705.41 (D)(1):

VENDOR	ITEM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Enquirer Printing	Student Directory-Technology	\$9,245.00
Geiler Company	Reroute Duct Work-Maintenance	\$7,619.00

Mrs. Barber, aye	Ms. Bridgeland, aye	Mrs. Hopewell, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye	Mr. White, aye	

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH CINCINNATI AQUATICS CLUB (110509) Mrs. Hopewell moved, seconded by Mrs. Barber, to enter into an agreement with the Cincinnati Aquatics Club (CAC) to provide swimming pool access and swimming expertise for our Middle School aquatics teams at an estimated cost of \$8,000 for the 2005-06 year. Roll call vote was as follows:

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Mr. White, aye

Mrs. Hopewell, aye

APPROVAL TO SET FY2006 BUDGET HEARING AND ORGANIZATION MEETING (110510) Mrs. Hopewell moved, seconded by Mrs. Barber, to set Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Indian Hill High School Multipurpose Room as the Budget Hearing on the FY2006 Budget and the Organizational Meeting for the Indian Hill Board of Education. Roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Barber, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Ms. Bridgeland, aye
Mr. White, aye

Mrs. Hopewell, aye

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mrs. Barber indicated that the Professional Relations Committee had its first quarterly meeting with the Association in mid-October. Mrs. Barber commented on the Association's remarks about the visibility of our new Assistant Superintendent, Mark Ault. Minutes had been sent to each board member.

Mr. White mentioned that the Indian Hill Public Schools Foundation will engage in a broader fundraising appeal next month with a mailing to all alumni. The Foundation anticipates approaching the Board of Education for a donation next year. (This would be a legal expenditure for the school district.)

PUBLIC COMMENTARY – Mr. Randy Witte inquired about a partnership with a nearby hospital for our food service operations, citing volume purchasing as a potential savings. Food could be half-prepared by the hospital's program and then completed on our site. Mr. White indicated that our current vendor, Aramark, is one of the largest vendors nationally and would have access to volume purchasing programs.

ADJOURNMENT (110511) Mrs. Hopewell moved, seconded by Mr. Sharp, to adjourn the November 8, 2005 regular meeting of the Indian Hill Board of Education at 8:34 p.m. Roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Barber, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Ms. Bridgeland, aye
Mr. White, aye

Mrs. Hopewell, aye

Board President

Treasurer