

MINUTES OF THE INDIAN VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Office of the Local Superintendent  
Gnadenhutten, OH 44629

Monday, December 16, 2024 – Regular Meeting

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The Indian Valley Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 16 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Board of Education Office.

President Eric Kinsey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, led the members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and asked for the Roll Call.

ROLL CALL: Bond, Present; Hall, Present; Picchetti, Present;  
Roth, Present; Kinsey, Present.

Also present at this meeting were Superintendent Ira Wentworth, Treasurer Andrew Bache, Principals Rob Clarke, Brent Carter & Ryan Wells, Director of Teaching & Learning Brandy Grant, Director of Student Services Megan Heath, Director of Continuous Improvement Rachel Gibson, Transportation Director & Cafeteria Supervisor Jacob Glasgow, Director of Buildings & Grounds Jimmy McPeck, Director of Food Services Kaleb Stokey, State Representative Brett Hillyer, Matt Lancaster, Jeremy Bolon, Danielle Patterson, Varsity Football Team, Student Briar Glauser and Parents.

**#182-24**      **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- Parent Compliment to the Middle School Custodial Staff
- November 2024 Ohio Lottery Partners in Education Academic All-Star: Briar Glauser, 1st Grade Midvale Elementary School
- Indian Valley High School 2024 Ohio Division IV State Football Champions: Resolution from the Ohio House of Representatives presented by State Representative, Brett Hillyer

**#183-24**      **READING OF THE DISTRICT MISSION, VISION & VALUES**

Board President Eric Kinsey recited the District Mission, Vision & Values

**#184-24**      **REGULAR MEETING DATE**

The next regular meeting of the Indian Valley Board of Education will follow the Organizational Meeting in January 2025 as determined in item 11 below.

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**#185-24**      **AGENDA AND MINUTE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Hall moved and Picchetti seconded the motion to approve the following recommendations:

- Approve the minutes for the Special Board meeting on November 18, 2024.
- Approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on November 18, 2024.
- Approve the agenda for the current regular meeting.

ROLL CALL: Hall, Yes; Picchetti, Yes; Bond, Yes; Roth, Yes; Kinsey, Yes (Motion Carried)

**#186-24**      **APPROVE REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

Bond moved and Roth seconded the motion that the Treasurer's Report Items be approved as follows:

- Approve Financial Reports as of November 30, 2024.

Total Fund Balance	\$23,789,571.60
Investments:	
Star Ohio-General (4.86% Yield)	\$11,260,116.91
U.S. Bank	12,420,154.64
1st National Bank	716,226.45
- Approve payment of monthly bills

Check numbers 87541 through 87702 and 901622 through 901631

ROLL CALL: Bond, Yes; Roth, Yes; Hall, Yes; Picchetti, Yes; Kinsey, Yes (Motion Carried)

**#187-24**      **REPORT OF BOARD MEMBERS ON VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

**Mr. Picchetti** - There are a fair amount of change orders for the new medical facility. They are mainly a result of the inadequate drawings from the 1976 project. The facility is still on pace to be opened in August of 2025.

**Mr. Bond** - The Buckeye Foundation gave out over thirty \$2,500 scholarships. The Foundation is considering other ways to reach more students.

**Mr. Hall** - The IV Foundation began planning for the Gala,, which will take place in April of 2025.

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**#188-24**      **NEW BUSINESS**

- Organizational Meeting - Date, Time, and Place: January 10, 2025, 7:00 AM at the Board of Education Office.
- Appoint President Pro-Tempore for Organizational Meeting:  
Bond made a motion and Roth seconded to appoint Eric Kinsey

ROLL CALL: Bond, Yes; Roth, Yes; Hall, Yes; Picchetti, Yes; Kinsey, **ABSTAIN** (Motion Carried)

- Regular January Meeting - Date, Time, and Place: January 23, 2025, 7:00 PM at the High School Multi-Purpose Room.

**#189-24**      **INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT**

Assistive Technology in Education: Empowering Learners; and the 2024 District Special Education Rating from the Dept. of Education and Workforce: Megan Heath, Director of Student Services

**#190-24**      **GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Hall moved and Bond seconded the motion to approve the following Recommendation items:

- Approve an overnight trip for High School Cheerleading on January 25-26, 2025 to Hilliard Darby High School, Columbus, Ohio for the BITS Competition.
- Approve the recommendation of the Gnadenhutten Public Library Board of Trustees to re-appoint David Zimmerman to the Gnadenhutten Public Library Board of Trustees for a 7-year term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2031.
- Approve the non routine use of Indian Valley school buses for the following educational trips by the Tuscarawas County Board of Developmental Disabilities' Starlight School:

January 23 & 30, 2025

Boulevard Lanes & East of Chicago Pizza

*(Indian Valley Treasurer to invoice TCBDD for any and all expenses associated with the trips.)*

- Approve annual membership to the Ohio School Board Association for 2025 with dues of \$6,694.
- Approve *Lifetouch School Pictures* to provide student photography and ancillary services related to yearbooks and other school events for grades K-8 during the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years.

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*General Recommendations continued:*

- Approve new policy 2265 (Protections of Individual Beliefs, Affiliations, Ideals, or Principles of Political Movements and Ideology) as required by Ohio House Bill 214.
- Approve a revision to policy 8510 (Wellness) to include the United States Department of Agriculture's MyPlate educational guide to a balanced diet.
- Approve an agreement with New Philadelphia City Schools for an Indian Valley High School student to practice and travel with the New Philadelphia High School Swim team for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Approve supplemental payment for staff members who the Board of Education has authorized to conceal and carry a firearm for the purposes of school safety as permitted by Ohio Revised Code 5502.703 at a rate of \$250 per day of attended training effective January 1, 2025.

ROLL CALL: Hall, Yes; Bond, Yes; Picchetti, Yes; Roth, Yes; Kinsey, Yes (Motion Carried)

**#191-24**      **PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Roth moved and Picchetti seconded the motion to approve the following Recommendation items:

- Approve the following classified contracts:

Name	Position	Effective Date	Contract Type	Step (for new hires)
Nick Haga	Mechanic/Miscellaneous Labor	December 13, 2024	Continuing	

- Approve the following Coaches and Volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year:

Supplementals

Brandon Kiser

Kirk Kreinbuhl

Hunter Albright

Dusty Braun

Ira Wentworth

Winter Sports Assistant Wrestling

Winter Sports Assistant MS Wrestling

Volunteer - Wrestling

Head Varsity Girls Softball

Volunteer - Track

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*Personnel Recommendations continued:*

- Approve the following as classified substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year:

Thomas Wallace

Trey Johnson

- Approve the resignation for the purpose of retirement of **Charles Albaugh**, Middle School Math Teacher, effective the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year.
- Approve **Brogan Burcher** as a preferred substitute teacher, contracted through Ohio Substitute Teacher Services, to be paid \$125 per day and report to Indian Valley Local Schools each day students are in-person Monday, January 6 - Monday, May 12, 2025.
- Approve **Rachel Howell** for a supplemental contract as the Power of the Pen Advisor for the 2024-2025 school year.

ROLL CALL: Roth, Yes; Picchetti, Yes; Bond, Yes; Hall, Yes; Kinsey, Yes (Motion Carried)

**#192-24**      **ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS**

All of the Administrators gave an update on their programs and activities at the schools.

**#193-24**      **BOARD MEMBERS' CLOSING REMARKS**

The Board wished our staff a Merry Christmas and praised Mrs. Heath and her staff for building a strong special education program for our students. The Board once again recognized our incredible football season, which resulted in a Division IV State Championship. Specifically, Mr. Bond pointed out how fortunate we all are to reside in a supportive community and county.

**#194-24**      **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Picchetti moved and Hall seconded the motion for Indian Valley Board of Education to move into executive session at 8:26 PM to consider 1) details relative to security arrangements and emergency response protocols of the Board of Education, and 2) the employment of a public employee with no further action to be taken except adjournment. The Board returned from the executive session at 9:47 PM.

ROLL CALL: Picchetti, Yes; Hall, Yes; Bond, Yes; Roth, Yes; Kinsey, Yes (Motion Carried)

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**#195-24**      **ADJOURNMENT**

Picchetti moved and Roth seconded the motion to adjourn the Indian Valley Board of Education Meeting at 9:48 PM.

ROLL CALL: Picchetti, Yes; Roth, Yes; Bond, Yes; Hall, Yes; Kinsey, Yes (Motion Carried)

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President

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Treasurer

**CERTIFICATE**  
**(O.R.C. 5705.412)**

**FISCAL YEAR 2025**

It is hereby certified that the INDIAN VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION has sufficient funds to meet the contract, obligation, payment or expenditure for the above, and has in effect for the remainder of the fiscal year and the succeeding fiscal year the authorization to levy taxes which, when combined with the estimated revenues from all other sources available to the district at the time of certification, are sufficient to provide operating revenues necessary to enable the district to maintain all personnel, programs and services essential to the provision of an adequate educational program on all the days set forth in its adopted school calendars for the current fiscal year and for a number of days in the succeeding fiscal year equal to the number of days instruction was held or is scheduled for the current fiscal year, except that if the above expenditures is for a contract, this certification shall cover the contract or the current fiscal year plus the two immediately succeeding fiscal years, whichever period of year is greater.

**INDIAN VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**By: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Treasurer**

**By: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Superintendent**

**By: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**President, Board of Education**