



Indiana Area School District Board of Directors

Special Meeting Agenda

January 22, 2024

Indiana Area Administration Office
501 East Pike
Indiana, PA 15701
7:00 p.m.

Notice: All or a portion of the meeting may be video recorded for the purpose of public broadcast and/or internet posting.

1. Opening

- 1.1 Call Meeting to Order
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- 1.3 Roll Call
- 1.4 Welcome to Visitors
- 1.5 Board President Message
- 1.6 Public Comment (3-minute time limit)
- 1.7 IAEA/AFSCME/SGA/STUCO
- 1.8 Superintendent's Report
- 1.9 Solicitor's Report

2. Presentation

3. Approval of the Minutes and Agenda

3.1 Minutes of January 8, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

Approve the minutes of the January 8, 2024 Regular Board meeting as submitted.

3.2 Approval of the January 22, 2024 Special Board Meeting Agenda

Approval of the Agenda as submitted.

4. Board Reports

4.1 Indiana County Technology Center - Mr. Schroth

4.2 ARIN IU 28 - Dr. Rieg

4.3 Outreach Committee - Dr. Shaffer

4.4 Indiana Free Library - Ms. Thomas

4.5 PSBA Updates - Dr. McCombie

5. Academic/Extracurricular Committee

Dr. Rieg, Chair Dr. McCombie, Mr. Harley

5.1 Committee Meeting Report

5.2 Student Disciplinary Agreement

That based on the recommendation of the administration, the Board approves the student disciplinary agreement for student 2324-5 as submitted.

5.3 Doctoral Study Survey

That the Board approves the distribution of a short survey to the elementary faculty for a research study.

5.4 Contract with IUP for Commencement

That based on the recommendation of administration, the Board approves a contract between the Indiana Area School District and Indiana University of Pennsylvania to use the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex for the 2024 Senior High Commencement as presented.

5.5 Conference Request

That based on the recommendation of the administration, the Board approves a conference request from Nathaniel Wharton to attend the Marine Corps Educators Workshop in Paris Island, South Carolina from February 6-9, 2024 at a cost to the district for substitutes not to exceed \$636.00.

5.6 Out of State Field Trip Request

That based on the recommendation of the administration, the Board approves a field trip by 12 senior high dance team members and 5 adults to The Dance Challenge Competition in Bridgeport, WV to participate in the dance competition on March 2, 2024 at no cost to the district.

6. Policy & Personnel Committee

Dr. Shaffer, Chair Dr. McCombie, Dr. Rieg

6.1 Committee Meeting Report

6.2 Resignation of Professional Personnel

That the Board accepts with regret the letter of resignation from Tracy Anderson, Eisenhower elementary teacher effective the last teacher day of the 2023-2024 school year due to retirement.

6.3 Resignation of Support Staff

That the Board accepts with regret the resignation of Anna Blose, paraeducator, effective March 13, 2024; and authorizes the administration to post/advertise/interview for this position.

6.4 Board Policies

That based on the recommendation of the committee, the Board approves the following board policies: Board Policy 246 School Wellness, Board Policy 815 Acceptance Uses of Internet, Computers & Network Resources and Board Policy 819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response.

6.5 Substitute List

That based on the recommendation of administration, the Board approves the Nurse Substitute list as submitted.

6.6 Support (Mentor) teacher

That, based on the recommendation of the administration, Jan Brocious be employed as a support (mentor) teacher for the 2023-2024 school year at a compensation of \$705.00 per semester or \$7.58 per day based upon his appointment date.

6.7 Long Term Substitute Assignment

That based on the recommendation of administration, the Board employs _____ as a long-term elementary substitute teacher effective February 5, 2024 and continuing until the last teacher day of the 2023-2024 school year at a per diem rate of \$250.41 (Instructional 1, Step 1) be approved; pending receipt of all required paperwork.

6.8 Employment of Support Staff

That based on the recommendation of administration, _____ be employed as a paraeducator effective January 23, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$13.25 per hour subject to a 60-day probation period and receipt of all required paperwork be approved.

6.9 Extra Duty/Extra Pay Assignments

That the Board approves the following extra duty/extra pay assignment for the 2023-2024 school year.

	POSITION	COMPENSATION
_____	Volleyball Assistant Coach	\$2,322.00
_____	J.H. Dramatics Technical Assistant	\$1,365.00

7. Buildings/Grounds & Transportation Committee

Mr. Harley, Chair Dr. Shaffer Julia Trimarchi Cuccaro

7.1 Committee Meeting Report

7.2 Update on Eisenhower Elementary

7.3 Act 780 Hearing Resolution

That the Board approves the following resolution:

Resolution of the Board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District to hold a Public Hearing of the Board to consider the permanent closure of Horace Mann Elementary School.

The Board of Directors of the Indiana Area School District do, pursuant to Article VII, Section 780 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended, resolve that a Public Hearing of the Board will be held in the Auditorium of the Indiana Area Senior High School, 450 N. 5th Street on February 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. upon the question of determining alternate uses for or to permanently close the Horace Mann Elementary School located 205 S. 5th Street, Indiana County, PA at the end of the 2024-2025 School Year.

The Administration of the School District and the Solicitor are hereby authorized and directed to advertise the Public Hearing and to take all action required by law to be taken in

conjunction with the holding of the Public Hearing. The public will be invited to attend and participate in the Hearing as permitted by law.

8. Audit & Finance Committee

Julia Trimarchi Cuccaro, Chair Mr. Adams, Mr. Steve

8.1 Committee Meeting Report

8.2 Approval of Audit

That based on the recommendation of the committee, the Board approves the 2022-2023 Audit Report from Kotzan CPA & Associates, P.C. as presented.

9. Closing

9.1 Discussion Items

9.2 Public Comment on Agenda Items

9.3 Enclosures

Conference Reports: Tracy Pecora
Treasurer's Report - December 31, 2023
Student Activity Report (JH & SH)

9.4 Next Board Meeting

There will be a special meeting on February 12, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. to discuss general purposes.

9.5 Next Committee Meeting

Academic/Extra Curricular	February 5, 2024	5:00 P.M.
Policy & Personnel	February 12, 2024	5:30 P.M.

9.6 Adjournment