

**Indian Hill
Exempted Village
School District
6855 Drake Road
Cincinnati, OH 45243**



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING AGENDA**

April 8, 2025

6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

**Niki Singh, President
Craig Sumerel, Vice President
Nolan Marx, Member
Bear Tullis, Member
Robert Warfel, Member**

2025 Committees:

Instruction and Technology

Niki Singh*, Nolan Marx

Operations

Bear Tullis*, Robert Warfel

Personnel/Professional Relations

Nolan Marx*, Niki Singh

Finance/Audit

Craig Sumerel*, Bear Tullis

Legislative Liaison

Robert Warfel

Indian Hill Foundation Liaison

Bear Tullis

Great Oaks JVS Representative

Tim Sharp

**Denotes committee chairperson*

0169.1 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest. The Board offers public participation to members of the public in accordance with the procedures below. The Board applies these procedures to all speakers and does not discriminate based on the identity of the speaker, content of the speech, or viewpoint of the speaker.

The Board is also committed to conducting its meetings in a productive and efficient manner that assures that the regular agenda of the Board is completed in a reasonable period of time, honors the voluntary nature of the Board's time and using that time efficiently, and allows for a fair and adequate opportunity for input to be considered.

In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall provide a period for public participation at every regular meeting of the Board and publish rules to govern such participation in Board meetings.

The presiding officer of each Board meeting at which public participation is permitted shall administer the rules of the Board for its conduct.

The presiding officer shall be guided by the following rules:

- A. Public participation shall be permitted as indicated on the order of business at the discretion of the presiding officer.
- B. Anyone having a legitimate interest in the actions of the Board may participate during the designated public participation portion(s) of a meeting.
- C. Attendees must register their intention to participate in the public participation portion of the meeting upon their arrival at the meeting.
- D. Individuals may not register others to speak during public participation.
- E. Participants must first be recognized by the presiding officer and will be requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address, and group affiliation, if and when appropriate.
- F. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration unless extended by the presiding officer.
- G. During the portion of the meeting designated for public participation, no participant may speak more than once on the same topic unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.
- H. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.
- I. The presiding officer may:
 1. interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's session when they make comments that are repetitive, obscene, and/or comments that constitute a true threat (i.e., statements meant to frighten or intimidate one (1) or more specified persons into believing that they will be seriously harmed by the speaker or someone acting at the speaker's behest)
 2. request any individual to stop speaking and/or leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum or is disruptive to the conduct and/or orderly progress of the meeting;
 3. request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the conduct and/or orderly progress of the meeting;
 4. call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action;
 5. waive these rules with the approval of the Board when necessary for the protection of privacy or the administration of the Board's business.

The portion of the meeting during which the participation of the public is invited shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes, unless extended by a vote of the Board.

The Board may permit individuals to attend meetings remotely through live broadcast; however, public participation will be limited to those who are in attendance at the meeting site only. The Board is not responsible for any technology failures that prevent or disrupt any individual from attending remotely.

INDIAN HILL EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA INDIAN HILL COMMUNITY ROOM 6855 Drake Road, Cincinnati, OH 45243

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. ROLL CALL**
- IV. ADOPTION OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENTARY**
- VI. CORRESPONDENCE, RECOGNITION, & ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - A. Welcome Home Video - Student Ambassadors Newscast
 - B. We celebrate the four Indian Hill Middle School eighth graders who showcased their innovation and problem-solving skills at the Ohio STEM Learning Network (OSLN) STEM Challenge State Competition on March 4, 2025, at Battelle in Columbus, Ohio. The team consisted of students Ivy Wilkes, Annie Kindberg, Alex Grebe, and Zoey Lampe, who earned their spot at the state competition after being named winners of the Southwest Regional STEM Hub in January.
 - C. We celebrate the Indian Hill High School (IHHS) student-artists who earned accolades in the prestigious Governor's Art Competition. Seven students from IHHS had 13 pieces of their artwork selected to advance to the state judging round, an impressive feat in a competition that saw 674 entries from Southwest Ohio; the selections placed Braves in the top 18 percent of works selected. Additionally, four IHHS students received state-level recognition for their artwork, including: Vivian Jenkins' Little Artist; Alistair Woo's Vivian on the Balcony, Alive; Jinming Gu's Chinese Teapots; and Jenisha Rana's Parivar (Family) received an honorable mention, earning distinction as one of the top 300 pieces in the state. The three works by Jenkins, Woo, and Gu will be featured in the Governor's Art Competition State Show in the Rhodes State Office tower from April 21 through May 15.
 - D. We congratulate the Indian Hill High School (IHHS) student-athletes who took center stage at the Indian Hill High School Gym for a celebration Wednesday, April 2 to

commit to continue both academic and athletic careers beyond high school during a college signing ceremony. Participating students included seniors Marley Cady (Soccer, Saint Mary's College), Aiden Faber (Soccer, The College of Wooster), Elizabeth Fullen (Artistic Swimming, The Ohio State University), Aidan Rippe (Football, Ohio Dominican University), and Grant Supinski (Track and Field - Thrower-Discus, Shotput, Weight, Missouri Valley College).

- E. We celebrate the Indian Hill High School DECA State qualifiers who had the opportunity to compete in Columbus at the Ohio DECA State Development Conference last month. IHHS students achieved outstanding success with 19 International Career Development Conference Qualifiers. International Qualifiers include: 1st place: Cristina Dos Santos, Jonah Bonomo, JC Chen, Jolyne Gunadi, and Yvonne Gao; 3rd place: Brandon Yang, Urvi Garg, Samantha Kayne, and Jessi Robinson; 4th place: Eli Camp, Christian Mangano, Vivian Whaley, Mia Bolden, and Jenna O'Driscoll; and 5th place: Ava Buffetta, Caroline Grace, Arjun Velayutham, Paige Rabenold, and Liz George. On top of that, there were 26 state finalists placing within the top 10-12 within specific events. As a DECA team, Indian Hill won the DECA promotional campaign. Additionally, Indian Hill DECA mentor and teacher Phil Said earned recognition for 25 years of service to the organization.
- F. Recognition for Mr. Brian Phelps: Brian was recently named the recipient of the 2024-2025 SWODA/OIAAA Athletic Director(s) of the Year. This award is presented to individuals who exemplify the highest standards of their profession and who, through their influence on the lives of young people under their direction, have made significant contributions to their school and community.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - MR. KIRK KOENNECKE

- A. School Fee Change Summary - First Reading ([Attachment](#))
- B. Resolution Declaring the Impracticability of Transportation and Offering Payment to Parents in Lieu of Transportation ([Attachment](#))
- C. Approval of Overnight Field Trips
 - 1. Indian Hill High School Quiz Team - Atlanta, GA - 5/23/25-5/26/25 ([Attachment](#))
 - 2. Indian Hill High School DECA Students - Orlando, FL - 4/26/25-4/30/25 ([Attachment](#))
 - 3. Indian Hill High School Choir Students - Los Angeles, CA - 4/22/26-4/26/26 ([Attachment](#))
 - 4. Indian Hill High School Band and Orchestra - Central Europe - 3/26/26-4/3/26 ([Attachment](#))
- D. Science of Reading Professional Development Stipend to be reimbursed under House Bill 33 of the 135th General Assembly
 - 1. Todd Gries, \$1,200.00
 - 2. Kendall Hogden, \$400.00

3. Lauren Richardson, \$400.00
 4. Heather Koester, \$400.00
 5. Chris Rotsching, \$400.00
 6. Amanda Sopko, \$1,200.00
 7. Amy Lichey, \$1,200.00
 8. Lyndsey Phelps, \$1,200.00
 9. Elizabeth Ruebusch, \$1,200.00
 10. Taylor Schermer, \$1,200.00
 11. Samantha Frodge, \$400.00
 12. William Thomure, \$400.00
- E. College Credit Plus Agreement with Columbus State Community College ([Attachment](#))
- F. Personnel Actions, Tuition Reimbursements, and Professional Meetings
1. Approval of Certified Staff Contract (2025-2026)
 - a) Ayla Deck, 1.0 FTE, Middle School English Language Arts Teacher, Limited Contract, Column BA, Step 0, \$49,218.00
 - b) Michael Lockhart, Middle School Social Studies Teacher, Limited Contract, Column MA, Step 3, \$62,261.00
 - c) Molly Stoinoff, High School Science Teacher, Limited Contract, Column BA, Step 6, \$64,938.00
 2. Approval of Classified Substitutes (2024-2025)
 - a) Salvatore Forlini, Bus Driver, \$23.25/hr
 3. Approval of Continuing Certified Staff Contracts (2025-2026)
 - a) Molly Johnson, 1.0 FTE
 - b) John Rodenberg, 1.0 FTE
 - c) Sarah Brew, 1.0 FTE
 - d) Amy Brich, 1.0 FTE
 - e) Katherine Moster, 1.0 FTE
 - f) Tarra Braunscheidel, 1.0 FTE
 - g) Mary Oancea, 1.0 FTE
 - h) Jackie McCarthy, 1.0 FTE
 - i) Benn VanOudenallen, 1.0FTE
 4. Approval of Supplemental/Personal Service Contracts (2024-2025)
 - a) Susan Schonauer, Summer Enrichment Teacher, \$2,000.00
 - b) Dana Snyder, Summer Intervention Teacher, \$4,000.00
 - c) Leslie Lakamp, Summer Intervention Teacher, \$4,000.00
 - d) Kelly Freels, Summer Intervention Teacher Substitute, \$200.00 per day as needed
 - e) Amanda Sopko, NSTEM, \$35.00/hr, up to 10 hours of curriculum pay
 - f) Becky Stevens, NSTEM, \$35.00/hr, up to 5 hours of curriculum pay
 - g) Amy Campa, NSTEM, \$35.00/hr, up to 5 hours of curriculum pay
 - h) Jimmy Rapp, Baseball Assistant Coach, \$500.00

- i) Ryan Knuppel, Summer Enrichment Teacher, \$2,000.00
 - j) Lyndsey Phelps, Summer Intervention Teacher, \$2,000.00
- 5. Termination of Supplemental/Personal Service Contracts (2024-2025)
 - a) Amanda Taylor, Summer Enrichment Teacher, \$2,000.00
 - b) Kristi Booth, Summer Intervention Teacher, \$2,000.00
- 6. Change of Contract/Position
 - a) Kim Given, Gifted to MS Science Teacher
- 7. Resignation(s)
 - a) Ariana Knue, Kindergarten Teacher, effective 4/4/25
- 8. Tuition Reimbursement
 - a) Denise Haney, Adams State University, \$165.00
- 9. Third Party Payment
 - a) Angelo Sylvester, Xavier University, \$500.00

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT – MR. MICK DAVIS

- A. Approve the minutes of the March 11, 2025 regular meeting. ([Attachment](#))
- B. Approve financial reports for the month ending March 31, 2025. ([Attachment](#))
- C. Change of Appropriation(s)
 - 1. Increase Fund 001 (General Fund) by \$1,591,779.00
 - 2. Increase Fund 018 (Public School Support Fund) by \$1,000.00
 - 3. Decrease Fund 035 (Severance) by \$815.56
 - 4. Increase Fund 300 (District Managed Student Activities) by \$125,000.00
 - 5. Decrease Fund 401 (Auxiliary) by \$4,000.00
 - 6. Decrease Fund 551 (Title III) by \$2,178.64
 - 7. Increase Fund 572 (Title I) by \$1,290.91
 - 8. Increase Fund 584 (Student Support & Academic Enrichment) by \$228.02
 - 9. Increase Fund 590 (Improving Teacher Quality) by \$790.95
- D. Approve the following contracts
 - 1. Hamilton County ESC, Annual Services Agreement School Year 2025-2026,
Total Services, \$247,670.40, City Local Credit, \$13,741.00 ([Attachment](#))
- E. Approve the establishment of the following student activity/tournament accounts
 - 1. MS Unified Club
- F. Acceptance of donations:
 - 1. IH Boosters, Casino Night Proceeds, \$14,413.91

IX. NEOLA POLICY UPDATES - SECOND READING

- A. 0131.1 - Technical Corrections ([Attachment](#))
- B. 0171 - Review of Policy (Rescind) ([Attachment](#))
- C. 1422.01 - Drug-Free Workplace ([Attachment](#))
- D. 2260.02 - Single Gender Classes and Activities ([Attachment](#))
- E. 2265 - Protections of Individual Beliefs, Affiliations, Ideals or Principles of Political

- Movements and Ideology ([Attachment](#))
- F. 2271 - College Credit Plus Program ([Attachment](#))
 - G. 2340 - Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips ([Attachment](#))
 - H. 2430.02 - Participation of Community/STEM School Students in Extracurricular Activities ([Attachment](#))
 - I. 2431 - Interscholastic Athletics ([Attachment](#))
 - J. 2460 - Special Education ([Attachment](#))
 - K. 5113 - Inter-District Open Enrollment ([Attachment](#))
 - L. 5131 - Student Transfer ([Attachment](#))
 - M. 5136 - Personal Communication Devices ([Attachment](#))
 - N. 5223 - Released Time for Religious Instruction During the School Day ([Attachment](#))
 - O. 5330 - Use of Medications ([Attachment](#))
 - P. 5350 - Student Health, Well-Being, and Suicide Prevention ([Attachment](#))
 - Q. 5460 - Graduation Requirements ([Attachment](#))
 - R. 5610 - Removal, Suspension, Expulsion, and Permanent Exclusion of Students ([Attachment](#))
 - S. 5751 - Parental Status of Students ([Attachment](#))
 - T. 5780.01 - Parents' Bill of Rights ([Attachment](#))
 - U. 6460 - Vendor Relations ([Attachment](#))
 - V. 7421 - Restrooms, Locker Rooms, Shower Rooms and Changing Rooms ([Attachment](#))
 - W. 7440.01 - Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring ([Attachment](#))
 - X. 8142 - Criminal History Record Check for Contracted School Services ([Attachment](#))
 - Y. 8452 - Automated External Defibrillators ("AED") and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation ([Attachment](#))
 - Z. 8500 - Food Services ([Attachment](#))

X. OTHER BUSINESS BY BOARD/ADMINISTRATION

XI. ADJOURNMENT