

**INDIAN HILL EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES**

**Organizational/Regular Meeting of January 14, 2025**

An Organizational meeting of the Indian Hill Exempted Village School District was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., in the Indian Hill Board Office Community Room, 6855 Drake Road, Cincinnati, OH 45243 in accordance with notices sent to each member. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Marx, presiding at 6:31 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – 1st class Henry Trout and 2<sup>nd</sup> class Max Fugard from Boy Scout Troop 243 led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL** - Roll call showed the following members as present:

Mr. Marx

Mrs. Singh

Mr. Sumerel

Mr. Tullis

Mr. Warfel

Also present were Andy Swallow, Chris Swallow, Melissa Burgess, Jennifer Theiss, Michael Piergalski, Adam Wolter, Bryan Daniel, Brian Phelps, Mike Dietz, Jenny Burton, Heather Higdon, Whitney Buell, Mick Davis, Kirk Koennecke, Sophia Thompson, Cassie Larsen, Liam Brady, Andy Stein, Christian Mangano, Max Grebe, Gabe Cavallero, Aiden Faber, Eli Castenson, Garrett Cass, Connor Wilkes, Brady Evans, Alex Swallow, Charlie Warfel, Carter Cushman, Bruno Krawzcenko Tosci, Nate Bunkowske, Gianni Consolino, Ernesto Rodriguez-Cayro and others.

**ADOPTION OF ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA (012501)** – Mr. Sumerel moved, seconded by Mr. Tullis, to adopt the agenda of the organizational business meeting of the Indian Hill Board of Education. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS - PRESIDENT** - Mr. Sumerel nominated Mrs. Singh to serve as President of the Indian Hill Exempted Village School District Board of Education during calendar year 2025. Upon receiving no further nominations, Mr. Marx closed nominations for President of the Indian Hill Exempted Village School District Board of Education. All members answered in the affirmative for Mrs. Singh to serve as President of the Indian Hill Exempted Village School District Board of Education during calendar year 2025.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS - VICE-PRESIDENT** - Mr. Tullis nominated Mr. Sumerel to serve as Vice-President of the Indian Hill Exempted Village School District Board of Education during calendar year 2025. Upon receiving no further nominations, Mr. Marx closed nominations for Vice-President of the Indian Hill Exempted Village School District Board of Education. Mr. Marx, Mrs. Singh, Mr. Tullis and Mr. Warfel answered in the affirmative for Mr. Sumerel to serve as Vice-President of the Indian Hill Exempted Village School District Board of Education during calendar year 2025. Mr. Sumerel abstained.

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH DATES, TIMES, PLACES OF MEETINGS DURING 2025 (012502)** – Mr. Tullis moved, seconded by Mr. Sumerel, to establish the following dates for Board of Education meetings during 2025 to be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Indian Hill Board Office Community Room, 6855 Drake Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45243 unless location changed by notice. The Board may, in the event it is necessary, schedule an executive session to begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

February 11, 2025

March 11, 2025

April 8, 2025

May 27, 2025

June 24, 2025

August 12, 2025

September 9, 2025

October 14, 2025

November 18, 2025

December 9, 2025

January 13, 2026 (Organizational & Regular)

January 14, 2026 (Alternate date for  
Organizational Meeting in case of inclement  
weather)

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Marx, aye

Mrs. Singh, aye

Mr. Sumerel, aye

Mr. Tullis, aye

Mr. Warfel, aye

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ALL CHECKS BY TREASURER ONLY (012503)** - Mr. Tullis moved, seconded by Mr. Sumerel, to authorize the signature of the Treasurer only on all checks, warrants, stop payments and other negotiable orders of withdrawal during calendar year 2025. Roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Marx, ay                      Mrs. Singh, ye                      Mr. Sumerel, ye  
Mr. Tullis, ye                      Mr. Warfel, ye

Mr. Marx, ay                                  Mrs. Singh, ay                                  Mr. Sumerel, ay  
Mr. Tullis, ay                                  Mr. Warfel, ay

Mr. Marx, ay                                      Mrs. Singh, ay                                      Mr. Sumerel, ay  
Mr. Tullis, ay                                      Mr. Warfel, ay

Mr. Marx, aye    Mrs. Singh, aye    Mr. Sumerel, aye  
Mr. Tullis, aye    Mr. Warfel, aye

Mr. Marx, ye                                 Mrs. Singh, ye                                 Mr. Sumerel, ye  
                Mr. Tullis, ye                                 Mr. Warfel, ye

Mr. Marx, ye                      Mrs. Singh, ye                      Mr. Sumerel, ye  
      Mr. Tullis, ye                  Mr. Warfel, ye

Mr. Marx, ay                                  Mrs. Singh, ye                                  Mr. Sumerel, ye  
      Mr. Tullis, ye                              Mr. Warfel, ye

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT SUPERINTENDENT TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS UPON RECEIPT (012511) - Mr.**  
Tullis moved, seconded by Mr. Sumerel, to appoint Superintendent to accept resignations upon receipt. Roll call vote was as follows:

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Mr. Marx, aye

Mrs. Singh, aye

Mr. Sumerel, aye

Mr. Tullis, aye

Mr. Warfel, aye

**2025 BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS** – Mr. Marx made the following committee appointments for calendar year 2025:

Instruction and Technology	Niki Singh*, Nolan Marx
Operations	Bear Tullis*, Robert Warfel
Professional Relations/Personnel	Nolan Marx*, Niki Singh
Finance/Audit	Craig Sumerel*, Bear Tullis
Legislative Liaison	Robert Warfel
Indian Hill Public Schools Foundation Liaison	Bear Tullis

\* Denotes Committee Chairperson

**ADJOURNMENT (012512)** Mr. Sumerel moved, seconded by Mr. Tullis, to adjourn the Organizational Meeting of the Indian Hill Board of Education at 6:37 p.m. Roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Marx, aye

Mrs. Singh, aye

Mr. Sumerel, aye

Mr. Tullis, aye

Mr. Warfel, aye

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Mr. Marx

Mrs. Singh

Mr. Sumerel

Mr. Tullis

Mr. Warfel

**ADOPTION OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA (012513)** – Mr. Sumerel moved, seconded by Mr. Warfel, to adopt the agenda of the regular business meeting of the Indian Hill Board of Education. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY** – NONE

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** –

Monthly Welcome Home Video - Student Ambassadors Newscast

We celebrate the Indian Hill High School Girls Tennis Team for winning the 2024 Ohio Tennis Coaches Association (OTCA) Division 2 Team State Championship. The championship took place on Saturday, October 19, at The College of Wooster. State Champion student-athletes included: Nayla Azarbeygui, Caroline Brown, Genevieve Chasar, Ayla Daoud, Reese Hazen, Cassie Larsen, Grace Nguyen, and Sophia Thompson. The Indian Hill Girls Varsity Tennis Team won back-to-back OTCA division team State Championship titles and their 28th straight Cincinnati Hills League (CHL) Championship led by alum and Coach Wade Ward, assisted by Coach Adam Wolter and Coach Mike Piergalski.

We celebrate the Indian Hill High School Soccer Team for an undefeated season that culminated with earning the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Division III State Championship on Sunday, November 10 at Historic Crew Stadium in Columbus. The Braves defeated Twinsburg High School (23-0-2) to earn the championship, making school history for the program. Daniel was named Coach of the Year, his fourth year consecutively to earn that title. Additionally, student-athletes brought home numerous individual accolades, including: All-CHL (First Team): Connor Wilkes - Player of the Year, Liam Brady, Brady Evans, Aiden Faber, Ernesto Rodriguez-Cayro, and Bryan Daniel - Coach of the Year; All-CHL (Second Team): Nate Bunkowske, Mac Cantwell, and Alex Swallow; All-CHL (Honorable Mention): Carter Cushman and Christian Mangano; All-Southwest District: Connor Wilkes - Southwest Division III Player of the Year, Liam Brady, Brady Evans, Aiden Faber, Ernesto Rodriguez-Cayro, and Bryan Daniel - Southwest Division III Coach of the Year; All-State: Connor Wilkes - Ohio Division III Player of the Year, Brady Evans, and Bryan Daniel - Ohio Division III Coach of the Year.

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We congratulate and celebrate Indian Hill High School Soccer Coach Bryan Daniel on being named the 2024 Boys Small Public National Coach of the Year by United Soccer Coaches. The announcement follows the Indian Hill High School Soccer Team's undefeated season that culminated with earning the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Division III State Championship in November 2024, making school history for the program.

We celebrate Indian Hill Elementary School (IHES) for securing nine of the top 10 elementary teams in the state out of 139 total – including first place – for the Stock Market Game, sponsored by the non-profit Alpaugh Family Economics Center, University of Cincinnati (UC). The winning team included IHES students Joey Hartman, Grayson Kirkwood, and Hadley Stetler, who made \$32,000 in 10 weeks. The students will compete at UC on May 1 for the grand prize.

We celebrate the Indian Hill High School (IHHS) student-athletes who took center stage at the Indian Hill High School Gym for a celebration Wednesday, December 11 to commit to continue both academic and athletic careers beyond high school during a college signing ceremony. Participating students included seniors Caroline Brown (Tennis, Colgate University) and Cassie Larsen (Lacrosse, Furman University).

Mr. Koennecke presented on enrollment.

**APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS (012514)** – Mr. Marx moved, seconded by Mr. Tullis, to approve the following overnight field trips:

Indian Hill High School Quiz Team - Rosemont, IL 4/24/25-4/27/25)

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Marx, aye

Mr. Tullis, aye

Mrs. Singh, aye

Mr. Warfel, aye

Mr. Sumerel, aye

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE IMPRACTICABILITY OF TRANSPORTATION AND OFFERING PAYMENT TO PARENTS IN LIEU OF TRANSPORTATION (012515)** – Mr. Marx moved, seconded by Mr. Tullis, to approve the following resolution:

***WHEREAS*** the student(s) identified below have been determined to be residents of this school district, and eligible for transportation services; and

***WHEREAS*** after a careful evaluation of all available options, it has been determined that it is impractical to provide transportation for these student(s) to their selected school(s); and

***WHEREAS*** the following factors as identified in Revised Code 3327.02 have been considered:

1. The time and distance required to provide the transportation;
2. The number of pupils to be transported;
3. The cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel, and administration;
4. Whether similar or equivalent service is provided to other pupils eligible for transportation;
5. Whether and to what extent the additional service unavoidably disrupts current transportation schedules;
6. Whether other reimbursable types of transportation are available.

***WHEREAS*** the option of offering payment-in-lieu of transportation is provided in Ohio Revised Code: Therefore, be it

***RESOLVED*** that the Indian Hill Exempted Village School District Board of Education hereby approves the declaration that it is impractical to transport the students identified herein and offers the parent(s)/guardians(s) of students named on the attachment, payment-in-lieu of transportation.

**ATTACHMENT TO RESOLUTION**

<u>Student Name(s)</u>	<u>School(s) and Grade(s)</u>	<u>Parent(s)/Guardians(s)</u>
Acheson, Grant	Springer School & Center - 6th	Brian Acheson
Cole, Ethan	St. Xavier - 10th	Meghan Cole

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Mr. Marx, aye

Mrs. Singh, aye

Mr. Sumerel, aye

Mr. Tullis, aye

Mr. Warfel, aye

**APPROVAL OF SCIENCE OF READING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT STIPEND TO BE REIMBURSED**

**UNDER HOUSE BILL 33 OF THE 135<sup>TH</sup> ASSEMBLY (012516)** – Mr. Marx moved, seconded by Mr. Tullis, to approve the following stipend:

Amy Dunlap, \$400.00

Ellen Hughes, \$400.00

John Rodenberg, \$400.00

Trista Emmons, \$400.00

Sean Minion, \$400.00

Laura Monahan, \$1,200.00

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Marx, aye

Mrs. Singh, aye

Mr. Sumerel, aye

Mr. Tullis, aye

Mr. Warfel, aye

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS, TUITON REIMBURSEMENTS AND PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS (012517)** – Mr. Marx moved, seconded by Mr. Tullis, to approve the following the following personnel matters as recommended by the Superintendent:

Approval of Supplemental Contracts 2024-2025

Kirsten Gray, Alumni Project, \$30.00/hr up to 160 hours

Philip Clary, ES Accompanist, \$1,000.00

Brian Phelps, OHSAA Tournament Pay, \$600.00

Julius King, OHSAA Tournament Pay, 500.00

Michell Cowherd, OHSAA Tournament Pay, \$550.00

Debbie Friend, OHSAA Tournament Pay, \$400.00

Jeri Heckel, OHSAA Tournament Pay, \$600.00

Kolby King, OHSAA Tournament Pay, \$275.00

TJ Buckley, OHSAA Tournament Pay, \$500.00

Terri Konte, OHSAA Tournament Pay, \$400.00

Susan Blackson, OHSAA Tournament Pay, \$400.00

Susan Timberlin, OHSAA Tournament Pay, \$200.00

Ethan Acuri, OHSAA Tournament Pay, \$100.00

Raelyn Cowherd, OHSAA Tournament Pay, \$200.00

Matt McKinney, OHSAA Tournament Pay, \$100.00

Eric Cameron, OHSAA Tournament Pay, \$175.00

Logan Neff, OHSAA Tournament Pay, \$100.00

Quincy Tillinghast, Boys Basketball Assistant Coach, \$1,400.00

Retirement

Vera Hayslip, Middle School Science Teacher, effective end of school year 2025

Change of Classified Contract

Kolby King, Athletic Worker, \$15.00/hr, effective 1/6/25

Paula Hardek, Educational Aide, \$25.00/hr, effective 1/1/25

Approval of Classified Staff Contracts (2024-2025)

Brody Burleson, Transportation Van Driver, \$21.10/hr

Saida Rangel-Briseno, Educational Aide, \$18.50/hr

Third Party Payment

Leslie Lakamp, Western Governors University, \$200.00

The annual hearing for tax budgets in Ohio, including for the Indian Hill School District, serves as an opportunity for public discussion of the district's proposed financial plans for the upcoming fiscal year. The hearing ensures transparency and compliance with Ohio Revised Code requirements, providing stakeholders—including community members and local government officials—the opportunity to examine projected revenues, expenditures, and tax rates. This process enables public input on budgetary priorities

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while ensuring alignment with the district's educational goals and operational needs. Upon approval by the Board of Education, the Budget is submitted to the county auditor for approval.

Mr. Davis asked if there were any questions or comments and upon hearing none closed the tax budget hearing.

**ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2026 TAX BUDGET (012523)** – Mr. Sumerel moved, seconded by Mr. Warfel, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 tax budget as presented. Roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Marx, aye

Mr. Tullis, aye

Mrs. Singh, aye

Mr. Warfel, aye

Mr. Sumerel, aye

**NEOLA POLICY UPDATES – SECOND READING (012524)** – Mr. Tullis moved, seconded by Mr. Warfel, to adopt the following policies as read:

0100 – Definitions  
0142.1 – Oath  
0151 – Organizational Meeting  
0152 – Officers  
0155 - Committees  
0163 – Presiding Officer  
0164 – Notice of Meetings  
0165 (New) – Board Meetings  
0165.1 (Rescind) – Regular Meetings  
0165.2 (Rescind) - Special Meetings  
0166 (Replacement) – Agendas  
0167.2 (Renumbered) – Executive Session  
0167.7 (Renumbered/Revised) – Use of Personal Communication Devices  
0173 (Rescind) – Board Officers  
1130 – Conflict of Interest  
3113 – Conflict of Interest  
4120.08 – Employment of Personnel of Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities  
4113 – Conflict of Interest  
4121 – Criminal History Record Check  
5131 – Student Transfers  
5136 – Personal Communication Devices  
5136.01 (Rejected) – Electronic Equipment  
5200 - Attendance  
5500 – Student Conduct  
5780 – Student/Parent Rights  
6110 – Grant Funds  
6111 – Internal Controls  
6112 – Cash Management of Grants  
6114 – Cost Principles – Spending Federal Funds  
6220 – Budget Preparation  
6320 – Purchasing and Bidding  
6325 – Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds  
6460 – Vendor Relations  
6550 – Travel Payment & Reimbursement/Relocation Costs  
7310 – Disposition of Surplus Property  
7450 – Property Inventory  
7530.01 – Board-Owned Technology Resources Used for Communication  
7530.02 – Staff Use of Personal Communication Devices  
7540.03 – Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety  
7540.04 – Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety  
7540.09 New – Artificial Intelligence (“AI”)  
8310 – Public Records  
9160 – Public Attendance at School Events

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Roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Marx, aye

Mr. Tullis, aye

Mrs. Singh, aye

Mr. Warfel, aye

Mr. Sumerel, aye

**OTHER BUSINESS BY BOARD/ADMINISTRATION**

**APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION (012525)** – Mr. Tullis moved, seconded by Mr. Warfel, to accept the resignation agreement of Jason Keith, Middle School Social Studies Teacher, effective end of school year 2025. Roll Call was as follows:

Mr. Marx, aye

Mr. Tullis, aye

Mrs. Singh, aye

Mr. Warfel, aye

Mr. Sumerel, aye

Mr. Koennecke recognized the Board. January is Ohio School Board Recognition Month.

**ADJOURNMENT (012526)** – Mr. Marx moved, seconded by Mr. Tullis, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Indian Hill Board of Education at 7:28 p.m. Roll call vote was as follows:

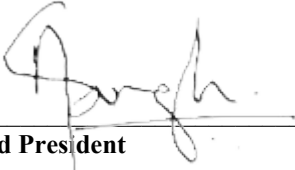
Mr. Marx, aye

Mr. Tullis, aye

Mrs. Singh, aye

Mr. Warfel, aye

Mr. Sumerel, aye

  
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**Board President**

  
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**CFO/Treasurer**