

**INDIAN HILL EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of March 19, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Indian Hill Exempted Village School District was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the Indian Hill Community Room, 6855 Drake Road, Cincinnati, OH 45243 in accordance with notices sent to each member. Mr. Marx, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and roll call showed the following members as present:

Mr. Marx

Mrs. Singh

Mr. Sumerel

Mr. Tullis

Mr. Warfel

Also present were Kirk Koennecke, Melissa Stewart, Jim Nichols, Mick Davis, Kim Given, Cash Hayden, Lauren Gentene, Andy Gruber, Whitney Buell, Erin Owens, Jeff Damadeo, Sue Savage, Jackie McCarthy, Heather Higdon, Mike Dietz, Jennifer Theiss, Julie Pfeiffer, Brian Phelps, Jenny Burton, Jackie O'Brien, Brad Brunswick, Ray Noble, Amanda Sopko, Lonnie Jackson, Ariana Warfel, Chris Wells, Angela Wells, Jen Snow, Christine Kommer, Isha Jha, Anya Freed, Sydney Hoalst and others.

ADOPTION OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA (032401) – Mr. Tullis 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Student Sydney Hoalst led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY – There was no public commentary.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monthly Thank You Video - It's an "Arts" Thank You

We celebrate Indian Hill High School (IHHS) senior Jude Jamison, selected by the National Honor Society (NHS) as an NHS Scholarship semifinalist. Jamison, who currently serves as the IHHS NHS president, is a two-year member of the elite organization which recognizes exemplary leadership.

We congratulate the Indian Hill High School (IHHS) Competitive Writing Team for showcasing their exceptional literary talent at the JustWrite Central Ohio Regional Tournament held at Dublin Coffman High School in Columbus on Saturday, February 10. The event saw participation from 10 high schools across the region, bringing together a total of 90 writers competing in two divisions. In a remarkable achievement, Indian Hill High School's very own junior, Lillie Waltz, competed in Division 2, which includes juniors and seniors, and emerged victorious, securing first place. This outstanding accomplishment not only highlights Lillie's exceptional writing skills, but also qualifies her for the prestigious state competition scheduled to take place in May at the University of Findlay.

We celebrate Indian Hill Middle School students Ava Mehzad and Devyanshie Rautela for winning the regional #STEMorbitsOhio Design Challenge! The Braves were one of 21 teams that advanced to the state competition which took place on Friday, February 23 in Columbus, from a total of 120 students from 32 schools who competed in the regional event.

We celebrate the achievement of Indian Hill Elementary School distinguished educator Jackie O'Brien, honored with the prestigious Innovator in Instruction Award by Learn21. This accolade is in recognition of her exceptional contributions to digital learning and her unwavering dedication to enhancing student engagement through innovative digital methodologies. O'Brien's educational journey is marked by her active pursuit of professional development and leadership within the Indian Hill Elementary School community. She has been instrumental in developing the school's state-of-the-art iLab through extensive research and grant applications, including significant support from the Indian Hill and Koch Foundations. Her efforts have secured over \$100,000 since 2014, ensuring the continued impact of the iLab for years to come.

We celebrate the Indian Hill Middle School (IHMS) Future City Team for earning the top spot in the Ohio Future City Competition, held January 20 at the Eastland Career Center in Columbus. The team's exceptional performance allowed them to advance to the next level where they placed 16th internationally. The winning team, comprised of students Isha Jha, Anya Freed, and Sydney Hoalst, invested countless hours in research, design, and preparation. The Indian Hill School District is recognizing six talented student-artists who received regional recognition in the Governor's Awards for the Arts. The honored students from Indian Hill High School include Yvonne Gao with four pieces, Belinda Zhong with three, Alyssa Kerr with two, and Vivian Jenkins, Heidi Schellhas, and Jette Schulten, each with one piece recognized. One student, Yvonne Gao, has had two pieces selected for display at the state level, showcasing her work as some of the finest in Ohio. The competition, which saw 842 regional entries, was intensified at the state level, with 275 pieces selected. Gao's award-winning pieces will be showcased at the James A. Rhodes State Office Tower.

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We congratulate Indian Hill Middle School students Haddyn Backlund, Kaz On, and Olivia Zhao for advancing to the Power of Pen State Competition after a successful regional event. The seventh-grade team secured a third-place finish, while the eighth-grade team placed seventh.

Ray Noble was recognized for his retirement. Ray was employed by Indian Hill for the past 40 years - 29 years in the maintenance department (retiring in 2013) and 26 seasons as Indian Hill's diving coach.

The Indian Hill School District has celebrated a historic performance for its Indian Hill High School DECA team, which qualified for the DECA International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in April. The team, consisting of 73 students, competed in a pool of 2,000 DECA members in Columbus. The event was filled with cheers, tears, and great memories of competition and friendship. Students Sophia Chen and Jackson Kaster completed their term as DECA State Officers, representing their school, community, and OHIO DECA with dignity and effort. The students who earned accolades included Sophia Chen, Jackson Kaster, Ben Liebel, Nick Rinala, Sam Simonds, Liz George, Arjun Velayutham, Penn Picton, Gea Eshleman, Alyssa Kerr, Nate Bunkowske, Paige Rabenold, Macy Overton, Kaylie Withers, Dakota Spurrier, Anya Govil, Drew Boylan, Madden Phelps, McKenzie Stoddard, Jonah Bonomo, Brandon Yang, Derek Zee, Ava Buffetta, Eli Camp, JC Chen, Crisper Chabris, Jenna O'Driscoll, Samantha Kayne, Jessie Robinson, Marly Cady, Merrie Leder, Alex Bunkowske, Claire Wilkes, Dan DeBow, Brady Evans, Jack Gerber, Yvonne Gao, Jenna Arnold, Vivian Whaley and Mia Bolden.

Melissa Stewart reviewed the School Fee Change Summary - First Reading

Kim Given presented the IHPromise Strategic Plan Update

Jeff Damadeo presented an Entrepreneurs' Center Overview

Cash Hayden recognized the IHES STEM Argonaut Contest winners

Melissa Stewart reviewed the first reading of the proposed adopted math program in grades K-5 "Illustrative Math"

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE IMPRACTICABILITY OF TRANSPORTATION AND OFFERING PAYMENT TO PARENTS IN LIEU OF TRANSPORTATION (032402) – Mr. Tullis moved, seconded by Mr. Sumerel, 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>
Hyzdu, James	Cincinnati Hills Christian Acad. / 4th	Sarah Hyzdu
Hyzdu, Theodore	Cincinnati Hills Christian Acad. / 2nd	Sarah Hyzdu
Hyzdu, Andrew	Cincinnati Hills Christian Acad. / KDG	Sarah Hyzdu

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Roll call vote was as follows:

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

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP (032403) – Mr. Tullis moved, seconded by Mr. Sumerel, to approve the following overnight field trips:

Indian Hill High School Mock Trial Team 3 - Columbus, OH - 3/7/24-3/9/24
Indian Hill High School Baseball Teams - St. Petersburg, FL - 3/23/24-3/26/24

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

APPROVAL OF THE CENTER FOR COLLABORATIVE SOLUTIONS SUBSTITUTE RATES FOR 2025 (032404) – Mr. Tullis moved, seconded by Mr. Sumerel to approve the following rates:

Daily Substitute Teacher - \$100.00 daily
Long-term Substitute Teacher - \$162.00 daily
Building Substitute Teacher - \$162.00 daily
Educational Aide Substitute - \$15.00 hourly

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

PERSONNEL ACTIONS, TUITION REIMBURSEMENTS AND PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS (032405) – Mr. Tullis moved, seconded by Mr. Sumerel, to approve the approve the following personnel matters as recommended by the Superintendent:

Approval of Administrative Contract (2024-2025)
Jeff Damadeo, Director of K-12 Leadership and Career Development
Andy Gruber, High School Principal

Approval of Certified Staff Contracts/Salaries (2024-2025)
Kelsey Marlow, ES Intervention Specialist, \$67,896.00
Angelo Sylvester, Choral Director, \$77,353.00

Approval of Classified Staff Contracts/Salaries (2024-2025)
Henny Edelman, Bus Driver, \$23.33/hr
Richard Myklebust, Bus Driver, \$21.10/hr

Retirement/Resignation
Richard Myklebust, Bus Driver, resignation effective March 7, 2024

Approval of Supplemental/Personal Service Contracts (2023-2024)
James Nichols, Athletic Worker, \$12.00/hr
Kristi Booth, Summer Intervention Supervisor, \$5,000.00
Jack Hartmann, Athletic Worker, \$12.00/hr
Ken Dunlap, MS Swim Coach, \$2,225.00

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Ricardo Hill, Boys Basketball Playoffs, \$150.00
Carlitos Anders, Boys Basketball Playoffs, \$150.00
Rob Starkey, Boys Basketball Playoffs, \$150.00
Fred Rudor, Boys Basketball Playoffs, \$150.00
Kevin Handel, Boys Basketball Playoffs, \$150.00
Ricardo Hill, Jr., Boys Basketball Playoffs, \$150.00
Don Loudon, Boys Basketball Playoffs, \$150.00
Rachael Smith, Girls Basketball Playoffs, \$150.00
Kaitlyn Shurts, Girls Basketball Playoffs, \$150.00
Maria Napolitano, Girls Basketball Playoffs, \$150.00
Katherine Arnold, Girls Basketball Playoffs, \$150.00
Nate Eigher, Wrestling Playoffs, \$450.00
Kealli Cummings, Wrestling Playoffs, \$150.00
Casey Abrams, Wrestling Playoffs, \$450.00
Joe Castenir, Wrestling Playoffs, \$450.00
Will Thomure, Wrestling Playoffs, \$150.00
Eric Cameron, Wrestling Playoffs, \$450.00
Matt Harrison, Swimming Playoffs, \$450.00
Ray Noble, Swimming Playoffs, \$450.00
Allison Dicke, Swimming Playoffs, \$450.00
Ellen Hughes, Bowling Playoffs, \$150.00
Tyler Stansbury, Bowling Playoffs, \$150.00
Todd Gries, Bowling Playoffs, \$150.00
Kristen Brewer, Cheer Playoffs, \$150.00
Alexandra Hart, Cheer Playoffs, \$150.00

Tuition Reimbursement

Michal Eubanks, Miami University, \$2,216.00

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Marx	Mr. Tullis	Mrs. Singh	Mr. Warfel	Mr. Sumerel
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES (032406) – Mr. Sumerel moved, seconded by Mr. Tullis, to approve the minutes the February 20, 2024 regular meeting. Roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Marx	Mr. Tullis	Mrs. Singh	Mr. Warfel	Mr. Sumerel
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APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS (032407) – Mr. Sumerel moved, seconded by Mr. Tullis to approve the financial reports as presented for the month ended February 29, 2024. Roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Marx	Mr. Tullis	Mrs. Singh	Mr. Warfel	Mr. Sumerel
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APPROVAL TO PAY NOW/THEN INVOICE (032408) – Mr. Sumerel moved, seconded by Mr. Tullis, to approve to pay the following then/now invoice:

The Geiler Company, Emergency Repair to Central Utility Plant Boiler, \$10,219.51

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Marx	Mr. Tullis	Mrs. Singh	Mr. Warfel	Mr. Sumerel
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ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS (032409) – Mr. Sumerel moved, seconded by Mr. Tullis, to accept the following donation:

IH Boosters, High School, HOSA Bus Grant, \$800.00

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

OTHER BUSINESS BY BOARD/ADMINISTRATION

The Operations Committee submitted their minutes from the February 7, 2024 meeting.

Kirk Koennecke thanked those who supported Exploring for Grace. Oswald Company will be supporting Conquer the Hill.

ADJOURNMENT (032410) – Mr. Tullis moved, seconded by Mr. Sumerel, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Indian Hill Board of Education at 7:29 p.m. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

Board President

CFO/Treasurer