

**INDIAN HILL EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
Regular Meeting of April 9, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Indian Hill Exempted Village School District was held on Tuesday, April 9, 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, Heather Higdon, Nate Eigher, Lauren Eigher, Jude Eigher, Jack Eigher, Lauren Gentene, Cash Hayden, Jennifer Theiss, Julie Pfeiffer, Jayci Menke, Austin Sayre, Bill Gruber, Jenny Burton and others.

**ADOPTION OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA (042401)** – Mr. Sumerel moved, seconded by Mrs. Singh, 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** – Jude and Jack Eigher led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY** – There was no public commentary.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Monthly Thank You Video - IHMS New Building - Lauren Gentene. Miss Gentene thanked the community for the new building.

We celebrate the Indian Hill Latin Club, renowned for its tradition of excellence, for once again demonstrating its exceptional talent and team spirit at the 2024 Ohio Junior Classical League (OJCL) Convention held in Columbus during March. The team's collective efforts culminated in a remarkable fifth-place finish overall, earning 531 sweepstakes points and bringing home 91 awards, including 40 top-five finishes. A standout achievement was the Intermediate Level Certamen team, consisting of Arpad Lallement, Michael Miller, Xavier Sharif, and Victor Zhang, who secured the first place in the state tournament, affirming their unparalleled knowledge of Latin and classical studies.

We proudly announce the participation of Indian Hill Middle School students Meadow Williams and Clairette Yang in the Jacob G. Schmidlapp Upstander Youth Leadership Day, held at the Nancy and David Wolf Holocaust and Humanity Center on Tuesday, March 5. Guided by Indian Hill Middle School teacher Brad Bell, who selected and chaperoned them for the event, these students showcased their leadership skills and talents, embodying the ideals of positivity and change in today's world.

We congratulate the nine Indian Hill High School (IHHS) student-athletes who took center stage at the IHHS Gym for a celebration Wednesday, March 20 to commit to continue both academic and athletic careers beyond high school during a college signing ceremony. Participating students included seniors Alex Castellini, Lilly Dwyer, Josie Festa, Noah Frazier, Alex Grace, CJ Hayden, Charlie Isphording, John Podojil, and Jack Pollock.

We celebrate that, once again, the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) has designated the Indian Hill School District as one of the best in the nation for music education. The NAMM Foundation awarded Indian Hill a Best Communities for Music Education for 2024, making the public announcement April 3. This is the ninth consecutive year Braves have brought home this honor, and Indian Hill was one of 975 districts in the country to earn this recognition this year.

**SECOND READING: 2024-2025 ACADEMIC SCHOOL FEES (042402)** – Mr. Tullis moved, seconded by Mr. Sumerel, to adopt the 2024-2025 school fee changes:

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**School Fees Proposal 2024-2025**

2023-2024 Fees for Reference

School	Current Fees 23-24	New Fee Request 24-25	Rationale
IHPS	\$45	\$45	No change

\*Because school fees are a lump sum (vs by course), an increase needs to be justified by a particular topic (i.e., STEM supplies, workbooks, technology supplies, etc)

School	Current Fees 23-24	New Fee Request 24-25	Rationale
IHES	\$55	\$55	No change

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School	Current Fees 23-24	New Fee Request 24-25	Rationale
IHMS	\$55	\$55	No change

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School	Current Fees 23-24	New Fee Request 24-25	Rationale
IHHS	<a href="#">SPREADSHEET</a>	<a href="#">SPREADSHEET</a>	College Board Changes Increased Supply costs

\*Because school fees are assigned to specific courses, any change should be documented by course

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Marx, aye

Mrs. Singh, aye

Mr. Sumerel, aye

Mr. Tullis, aye

Mr. Warfel, aye

**APPROVAL OF NEW HIGH SCHOOL COURSES (042403)** – Mr. Tullis moved, seconded by Mr. Sumerel, to approve the following high school courses:

**Introduction to Technical Theater**

*Full Year, General Elective.* This course will introduce our students to the technical skills and craft of theatrical productions and explore the backstage world of theater with Eric Cimini, Auditorium Director. Students will investigate theater history, design processes, theater and scene shop safety, set construction, scenic painting techniques, theatrical lighting and color theory, sound design and execution, and theater jobs/hierarchy. This course will not be a mandatory option for students to participate in the technical theater club or experiences.

**Digital Media Production**

*Semester Course, General Elective.* This course is an extension of the after-school participation of Sports and Art Media Club. Digital Media production is an integral part of our world today as most business, sports teams or entertainment programs are promoted through social media outlets. Instagram, X, YouTube and others will be utilized in publishing student projects. Skills in graphic design, digital photos, audio/video editing and animation will be incorporated into this course. Industry Recognized Credentials will be available for all students to earn in Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe After Effects and Adobe Premiere Pro. Other tools will be used to enhance project design including Canva and Boxout. This course will not be a mandatory option for students to participate in after-school activities of athletics or arts media production.

**Unified Mathematics**

*Semester Course, Mathematics Elective.* After a successful launch of Unified Physical Education in 2022 and Unified Art in 2023, this course will be an extension of unified opportunities. This class is designed for students wishing to provide mentorship to students with multiple disabilities, becoming a partner in learning math concepts. Activities are individually and group-designed to develop math and communication skills. Responsibilities of the mentors will not only focus on math instruction during class time but also social opportunities during lunch. While open to all students, those interested in a career in education, special education, or math education will particularly benefit. The goal is to establish authentic, mutually beneficial relationships with a continual commitment to an inclusive high school environment.

**Piano Lab**

*Semester Course, Fine Arts Elective.* As part of the Arts Conservatory, students can participate in one of two classes: beginning to immediate or immediate to advanced.







