

**INDIAN HILL EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of October 7, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Indian Hill Exempted Village School District was held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 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. Mrs. Singh, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and roll call showed the following members as present:

Mrs. Singh
Mr. Sumerel

Mr. Tullis
Mr. Warfel

Also present were Melissa Stewart, Kirk Koennecke, Heather Higdon, Bill Gruber, Jenny Burton, Whitney Buell, Erica Leppert and Cristina Smith.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – 3rd grade cub scouts Kiley Kirkwood, Kayla Kirkwood and Riley Lucas led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA (102501) – 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 #LeadNow Video: Indian Hill Homecoming 2025

We congratulate six of our talented Indian Hill High School student musicians who were selected to perform with the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) All-State Choir and Orchestra ensembles for 2026. Students performing in choir include Elyse Longbottom, Elsa Neidich, Kyle Peterson, and Nate Reich. Students performing in Orchestra include Aaron Scott and Grace Yu. These students were selected from thousands of submissions from high school students throughout the state.

We congratulate the 10 IHHS students who were recognized as part of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for their outstanding performance last year on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Three students from Indian Hill High School have qualified for the National Merit Semifinalist Competition: Noah Coffman, Andrew Hu, and Sophie Tindale. In addition, seven Indian Hill High School students have been recognized as National Merit Commended Scholars: Jonah Bonomo, Vedant Buch, Jixuan Chen, Kendall Higgins, James Liebel, Caroline Winks, and Grace Yu.

The Indian Hill Latin Club showcased talent, leadership, and school spirit at the Ohio Junior Classical League (OJCL) Fall Forum held the last weekend of September in Columbus. The event brought together Latin students, teachers, and professors from across the state for academic competitions, workshops, and camaraderie. IHHS students Casey De Blank and Arpad Lallement, both members of the OJCL Executive Board, helped plan and run the forum at the statewide level. Indian Hill students who earned accolades in academic testing were: Ryan Frey (1st place, 7th grade), Jizhong Chen (3rd place, 7th grade), Asher Kuhnell (4th place, 7th grade), Rosalie Brodbeck (5th place, 7th grade), Sophia Lei (4th place, 8th grade), Olivia Zhao (3rd place, 9th grade), and Arpad Lallement (2nd place, 11th grade).

We are proud to announce that Chief Communications Officer Heather Higdon has been named the 2025 National Communication & Community Engagement Award recipient by the National Association of School Superintendents (NASS). Higdon was honored during the NASS annual convention on September 10 in Chicago. The prestigious national award recognizes exceptional leaders who elevate transparency, trust, and connection between schools and the communities they serve.

Erica Leppert, Cristina Smith, and Dr. Stewart presented on the MTSS: Student Support Processes

Dr. Stewart presented on the State Report Card

Dr. Stewart presented on AP Classes


Dr. Stewart and Whitney Buell presented a Strategic Plan Update

Mr. Davis presented the Five-Year Forecast

Mr. Warfel excused himself at 7:57 p.m.

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SECOND READING OF THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR (102502) – Mr. Tullis moved, seconded by Mr. Sumerel, to approve the 2026-2027 school calendar as presented:

 Indian Hill School Calendar, 2026-2027

August 2026					September 2026					October 2026				
M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F
					31	1	2	3	4				1	2
3	4	5	6	7	7	8	9	10	11	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	14	15	16	17	18	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	21	22	23	24	25	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	28	29	30			26	27	28	29	30

November 2026					December 2026					January 2027				
M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F
2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4						
9	10	11	12	13	7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8
16	17	18	19	20	14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14	15
23	24	25	26	27	21	22	23	24	25	18	19	20	21	22
					28	29	30	31		25	26	27	28	29

February 2027					March 2027					April 2027					May 2027				
M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F
8	9	10	11	12	8	9	10	11	12	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	15	16	17	18	19	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	22	23	24	25	26	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
					29	30	31			26	27	28	29	30	31				

O = First/Last Day for Students Q=End of Quarter Δ = End of Trimester
MS/NB: Q3=10 // Q2=43 // Q3=45 // Q4=16 = 174 Student Days + 1 Conf. Day
ES: Q1=39 // Q2=43 // Q3=44 // Q4=16 = 172 Student Days + 2 Conf. Days
PS: T1=56 // T2=59 // T3= 56 = 171 + 2 Conf. Days
 (MS/NB = 85 Teacher Days, PS/ES = 85 Teacher Days)

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS (102503) – Mr. Tullis moved, seconded by Mr. Sumerel, to approve the following field trip:

Indian Hill High School - Greece & Italy, June 10, 2027 - June 21, 2027

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE IMPRACTICABILITY OF TRANSPORTATION AND OFFERING PAYMENT TO PARENTS IN LIEU OF TRANSPORTATION (102504) – 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)/guardian(s) of students named on the attachment, payment-in-lieu of transportation.

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ATTACHMENT TO RESOLUTION: 10/7/25

<u>Student Name(s)</u>	<u>School(s) and Grade(s)</u>	<u>Parent(s)/Guardian(s)</u>
David Bramlage	Seven Hills - 10th	Matthew Bramlage
Joshua Campbell	Moeller - 11th	Lisa Campbell
Addie Dehne	St. Vincent Ferrer - 6th	Andrea & Adam Dehne
Adrien Dehne	St. Vincent Ferrer - 4th	Andrea & Adam Dehne
Katelynn Reno	Cincinnati Hills Christian Acad - 7th	Jodi Reno
Jackson Reno	Cincinnati Hills Christian Acad - 9th	Jodi Reno
Mary Shoreman	Ursuline - 9th	Kathryn Shoreman
James Tranter	St. Xavier - 11th	Michael Tranter

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Singh, aye

Mr. Tullis, aye

Mr. Sumerel, aye

PERSONNEL ACTIONS, TUITION REIMBURSEMENTS AND PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS (102505) – Mr. Tullis moved, seconded by Mr. Sumerel, to approve the following personnel matters as recommended by the Superintendent:

Approval of Classified Staff Contracts (2025-2026)

Marsha Gray-Payne, Bus Driver, \$28.13/hr

Kelly Haney, Educational Aide, \$19.50/hr

Joanne Frasher, Bus Driver, \$29.94/hr

Paul Ruebusch, Recess Aide, \$15.00/hr up to 15 hours per week

Approval of Classified Rate

Van Driver, \$24.00/hour

Approval of Supplemental/Personal Service Contracts (2025-2026)

Geno Cardosi, IHTN Intern, \$15.00/hr up to 50 hours

Kim Given, MS Science Olympiad, \$1,500.00

Ayla Deck, Power of the Pen, \$750.00

Jake Jacobs, Girls Wrestling Assistant Coach, \$5,200.00

Change of Supplemental/Personal Service Contracts (2025-2026)

Kate Moster, Power of the Pen, \$750.00

Approval of Classified Substitute Staff Contracts (2025-2026)

Steven Pressel, Bus Driver, \$24.00/hr

Jeff Myers, Van Driver, \$24.00/hr

Retirements/Resignations

Mark Persley, Bus Driver, effective 9/30/25

Leah Bashover-Nichols, Recess Aide, effective 10/6/25

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Singh, aye

Mr. Tullis, aye

Mr. Sumerel, aye

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (102506) – Mr. Sumerel moved, seconded by Mr. Tullis, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2025, regular meeting. Roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Singh, aye

Mr. Tullis, aye

Mr. Sumerel, aye

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- 3362 (Rescind) - Anti-Harassment
- 4122 (Replacement) - Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Anti-Harassment
- 4122.02 (Rescind) - Nondiscrimination Based on Genetic Information of the Employee
- 4123 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment
- 4213 - Student Supervision and Welfare
- 4362 (Rescind) - Anti-Harassment
- 5130 - Withdrawal from School
- 5136 - Personal Communication Devices
- 5200 - Attendance
- 5223 - Released Time for Religious Instruction During the School Day
- 6109 (New) - Acceptance of Payment by Credit Card
- 6152 (Technical Correction) - Student Fees, Fines, and Charges
- 6830 - Audit
- 7540.02 - Digital Content and Accessibility
- 7541 (Rescind) - Electronic Data Processing Disaster Recovery Plan
- 8305 - Information Security
- 8400 - School Safety
- 8462 - Student Abuse and Neglect
- 8640 - Transportation for Non-Routine Trips
- 9270 - Equivalent Education Outside the Schools & Participation in Extra-Curricular for Students not Enrolled in the District

OTHER BUSINESS BY BOARD/ADMINISTRATION

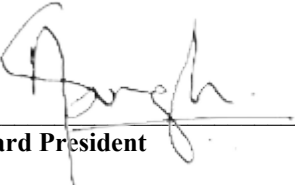
Mrs. Singh asked if there was any other business by the Board or Administration.

ADJOURNMENT (102512) – Mr. Tullis moved, seconded by Mr. Sumerel, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Indian Hill Board of Education at 8:01 p.m. Roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Singh, aye

Mr. Tullis, aye

Mr. Sumerel, aye



Board President



CFO/Treasurer