

**INDIAN HILL EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting of February 7, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Indian Hill Exempted Village School District was held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Indian Hill High School Multipurpose room, 6865 Drake Road, Cincinnati, OH 45243 in accordance with notices sent to each member. Mr. Sumerel, President, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and roll call showed the following members as present:

Mrs. Aichholz

Mr. Marx

Mrs. Singh

Mr. Sumerel

Mr. Tullis

Also present were Cash Hayden, Kelly Hayden, Jennifer Theiss, Erica Leppert, Julie Pfeiffer, Heather Higdon, Whitney Buell, Amy Clark, Melissa Stewart, Kirk Koennecke, Mike Dietz, Eric Cimini, Jim Nichols, Mick Davis, Sarah Kellest, Betsy Henning, Mike Mendenhall, MCS & Associates, Chris Patek, MSA Design, Holly McClean,, MCS & Associates Lee Jimenez, Chris Soto, Skanska, USA, Jeff Smoker, Skanska, USA, and others.

**ADOPTION OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA (022301)** – Mrs. Singh moved, seconded by Mrs. Aichholz, 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** – 3<sup>rd</sup> graders Langston Dean, Laura Luchini, Leah Herrel, Audrey Colley, Charlotte Kettler and Myles Wais led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We celebrate the success of our Global Cultural Celebration Week! This event happened at each of our buildings and in partnership with our Indian Hill Global Group – a parent-based group supported by the Indian Hill PTO. Our students, grades K-12, enjoyed a week-long cultural learning adventure with a Global Fair at IHES concluding the week. The fair, which was hosted by the Indian Hill Global Group, was an incredible opportunity for students to discover more about the countries and cultures of many of our Indian Hill families.

We congratulate the Indian Hill High School (IHHS) Mock Trial team for earning second overall at the 2023 Buckeye Bash Championship. The tournament was hosted by The Ohio State University last month. In addition to the senior team going undefeated and earning second in a tiebreak out of 22 teams, IHHS Mock Trial also captured a number of individual awards. IHHS students Rohin Kotian and Sophia Chen each won a best attorney award while Joseph Kayne won best attorney twice. Audrey Phillips, Alex Tasner, Lily Andrews, and Ashwini Krishnan each won best witness.

We celebrate the launch of Indian Hill High School educators' new collaborative, chemistry-based podcast, 'Now, That's Good Chemistry!' The podcast is a product of a collaboration with TERA (Toxicology Excellence in Risk Assessment) and teachers Sue Savage, Tom Millard, Julia Kunkel, and Julie Pfeiffer. "This project draws from all academic disciplines in its quest to demonstrate how chemistry is the basis for everything," said Tom Millard. "Virtually anything can be broken down in its most fundamental form to chemistry. The show aims to show this in entertaining and surprising ways." You can subscribe to the podcast on Spotify!

We celebrate Indian Hill Middle School's performance in the Future City State Competition on Saturday, January 21 in Columbus. Indian Hill students Anya Freed, Brooklyn Gottlieb, and Arya Murphy, won Best Transportation System, earned runner up for Best Use of Energy, and took fifth place in the overall competition. Despite our team being the youngest to compete, they were able to be significant contenders at a state level.

We congratulate the 56 Indian Hill High School students who qualified for the DECA State Competition during the district-level competition held January 24 –26 at University of Cincinnati Clermont. We look forward to the upcoming state event on March 10-11 at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus.

We congratulate the Indian Hill High School students who earned 25 individual awards in the 2023 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards competition. Out of more than 600 participating schools, Indian Hill High School students received two Gold Key awards, 11 Silver Key awards, and 12 Honorable Mentions. Two students, Jenna O'Driscoll and Belinda Zhong, will advance to the national competition in New York City this March.

We congratulate the Indian Hill Middle School Certamen Team for placing both first and third in the Southwest Ohio finals on January 28 at Seven Hills. Certamen, a quiz bowl style buzz-in game that focuses on Latin and Classical Civilization, has been a tradition among Latin Clubs across the nation for decades. Competitors included students Arpad Lallement, Michael Miller, Victor





