

**INDIAN HILL EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of April 21, 2015

A regular meeting of the Indian Hill Exempted Village School District was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at 6:15 p.m., in the Indian Hill High School Multipurpose Room, 6865 Drake Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45243 in accordance with notices sent to each member. Roll call showed the following members as present:

Dr. Hooker
Mr. Lutz

Mrs. Johnston
Mr. Sharp

Mrs. Lewis

Also present were Dr. Miles, Mrs. Toth, Mark Ault, Antonio Shelton, Josh Kauffman, Bridgette Ridley, Melissa Stewart, Jim Nichols, Andrea Brady, Art Boehm, Courtney Morabito, Anne Kuhn, Janine Hunsche, Jennifer Bammerlin, Christian Miller, Amy Smart, Susan Schonauer, Phil Said, Matt Weisfelder, Jason Littman, Lori Klinedinst, Marci Blackman, Rick Adams, Chris Rotsching, Nick Carpenter, Don Barker, Heather Koester, Trista Emmons, Amy Campa, Deb Centers, Kim Given, Kyle Himsworth, Amy Magenheim, Mary Siegel, Fred Sanborn, Janet Dieman, Pat and Mary Ashcraft, Tom Butt, Mike Lewis, Lou and Myra Chabut, Judith Mitchell, Forrest Sellers, and others.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (041504) Dr. Hooker moved, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, to go into Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Roll call vote was as follows:

Dr. Hooker, aye
Mr. Lutz, aye

Mrs. Johnston, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

The Board reconvened its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Dr. Miles led those in attendance in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA (041505) Dr. Hooker moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, to approve the agenda, as amended, to include the acceptance of three additional donations from the Indian Hill PTO, recommendations for employment for Jennifer Bammerlin, Christian Miller, Barbara Mitten, and Amy Smart, supplemental contracts, tuition reimbursements, summer help, approval of specialized classified salaries for the 2015-16 school year and the appointment of Bridgette Ridley as Indian Hill Middle School Principal for the 2015-16 school year. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS –Dr. Miles recognized Indian Hill High School Sophomore Matt Weisfelder who recently won the H & R Block Budget Challenge, a teen financial literacy program that rewards high school students and classes for mastering real-world budgeting and personal financial decision-making. The contest required Matt to pay bills, manage expenses, save money, invest for retirement, and pay taxes. Matt is one of 66 winners nationwide and will receive a \$20,000 college scholarship.

Mr. Phil Said, Indian Hill High School DECA teacher, and the DECA students were applauded for their accomplishments at the recent State competition bringing back the State Championship as well as many individual and group awards. Mr. Jason Littman, IHHS Senior, and his fellow DECA students will advance to international competition in Orlando, FL.

Dr. Miles also mentioned the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation which recognized 388 school districts in 46 states as among the Best Communities for Music Education. The Indian Hill Exempted Village School District was one of those Districts! In its 16th year, the program singles out districts for outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students, and community leaders who have made music education part of the core curriculum. Not all of the nation's 13,588 school districts are in harmony when it comes to promoting the arts and music education. According to the White House's Turnaround Arts program, for example, 1.3 million elementary school students still have no access to music classes. This program evaluates schools and districts based on funding, staffing of highly qualified teachers, commitment to standards, and access to music instruction. This recognition is another testament to the quality of our staff and students and their commitment to excellence. Several of our staff members who lead music education in our district were in attendance. In addition, Lou and Myra Chabut were present. Mr. and Mrs. Chabut have been leaders in coordinating the John Morris Russell collaborative concert between Indian Hill, Madeira, and Mariemont each of the past three years. Thanks to each of them for their efforts to bring music to our ears and lives.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT – Dr. Mark Ault, Assistant Superintendent, provided an overview of the hiring process for certified staff: establish the vacancy (factors considered include enrollment, attrition, programming changes and state

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mandates), define needs or special qualifications, post the vacancy (internally and externally), develop the applicant pool, screen applications, set criteria to consider, review Teacher InSight Survey results, select and interview candidates, observe applicant teaching, check references, verify credentials, determine finalists, recommend finalist to the Superintendent, finalize the hiring process with the individual, and recommend employment to the Board of Education. Following Board approval, the newly hired staff member will participate in various onboarding exercises and orientations. Our new staff member will receive peer mentoring throughout the school year and for some (new to teaching, for example), a second year peer mentor will be provided.

We are currently engaged in the hiring process for the 2015-16 school year. The District enjoys a fine reputation and over 43% of our applicants indicate our reputation as the number one reason for their application to our school district for employment. The applicant pool varies depending on the job posting. We anticipate hard-to-fill positions (e.g. School Psychologist or AP Biology or Physics) and try to aggressively fill those positions early on in the season as teachers inform us of their decision to retire or resign.

FIRST READING: POLICY REVISION – The following policy was submitted for first reading with second reading and approval anticipated in May 2015: J-56, Food Sale Standards.

FIRST READING: 2016-17 SCHOOL CALENDAR – Dr. Miles presented the 2016-17 school calendar for first reading. According to recent legislation, a hearing will be held on this calendar at the May 19 Board meeting with second reading and adoption anticipated at the June Board meeting.

SECOND READING: 2015-16 SCHOOL CALENDAR (041506) Mrs. Johnston moved, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, to adopt the amended 2015-16 school calendar to include September 4, 2015 as a full staff development day, as presented. Roll call vote was as follows:

Dr. Hooker, aye
Mr. Lutz, aye

Mrs. Johnston, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

SECOND READING: 2015-16 CAPITAL PLAN (041507) Mrs. Johnston moved, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, to approve the 2015-16 Capital Plan, as presented. Roll call vote was as follows:

Dr. Hooker, aye
Mr. Lutz, aye

Mrs. Johnston, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS (041508) Mrs. Johnston moved, seconded by Mrs. Lewis to accept the following donations:

- (1) Indian Hill Boosters
 - a. IHHS Chieftain - \$1,500
 - b. Athletics - \$9,000 (IH Track Program)
 - c. IHHS Vocal Music - \$1,000 (Washington DC Trip)
 - d. IH Vinyl Club - \$1,102.34 (PA setup and dolly/transportation)
 - e. MusicFest - \$2,000 (Sound system and entertainment rentals)
 - f. Primary School – \$875 (New student T-shirts)
- (2) Ms. Judith Davis - \$5,000 (IH Baseball Program)
- (3) Indian Hill PTO - \$4,313 (IHHS Parent Coalition Program)
- (4) Cincinnati Bar Association - \$800 (IHHS Mock Trial Program)
- (5) Ms. Katrina Bond – (2) violins (IHSD Orchestra Program)
- (6) Indian Hill PTO - \$20,000 (Tomahawk Stadium Sound System)
- (7) Indian Hill PTO - \$2,082.66 (HS Physics Force and Motion Detectors)
- (8) Indian Hill PTO - \$599.00 (HS Math 3-D Printer)

Roll call vote was as follows:

Dr. Hooker, aye
Mr. Lutz, aye

Mrs. Johnston, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP (041509) Mrs. Johnston moved, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, to approve the overnight field trips, as follows:

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- (1) DECA, International DECA Career Development Conference, Orlando, FL, Apr 24-29, 2015
- (2) Academic World Quest Team, Washington, DC, Apr 24-25, 2015 (AP Human Geography)
- (3) Power of the Pen, State Tournament, College of Wooster, Wooster, OH, May 21-22, 2015
- (4) Men's Soccer Team, Adidas National Soccer Showcase, Strongsville, OH, July 24-26, 2015

Roll call vote was as follows:

Dr. Hooker, aye
Mr. Lutz, aye

Mrs. Johnston, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

PERSONNEL ACTIONS (041510) Mrs. Johnston moved, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, to approve the following personnel matters as recommended by the Superintendent:

A. Employment Contracts – beginning 2015-16 year

| Employee Name | Bldg/Assignment | % Contract | 2015-16 Salary |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Jennifer Bammerlin | ES/Grade 4 | 100 | \$65,558 |
| Christian Miller | MS/Intervention | 100 | \$67,307 |
| Barbara Mitten | MS/Intervention | 100 | \$62,062 |
| Amy Smart | MS/Intervention | 100 | \$72,114 |

B. Nonrenewals of Limited Contracts – At End of 2014-15 Year

| Employee Last Name | Employee First Name | Assignment | Building |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Dupps | Joseph | Instructional Aide | Elementary |
| Estep | Amy | Instructional Aide | Primary |
| Ledwin | Lisa | Instructional Aide | Elementary/Primary |
| Cooper | Karen | Substitute Bus Driver | Transportation |
| Darnell, II | Nicholas | Substitute Bus Driver | Transportation |
| Dietz | Thomas | Substitute Custodian | District |
| Friedhoff | Julia | Substitute Bus Driver | Transportation |
| Pique | David | Substitute Bus Driver | Transportation |
| Savage | Jackson | Substitute Custodian | District |
| Werling | Debara | Substitute Bus Driver | Transportation |

C. Classified Employment Contract Recommendations – 2015-16 Year

| EMPLOYEE | BLDG | ASSIGNMENT | HRLY RATE | CONTRACT RECOMMENDATION |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Reid, Kathleen | Transportation | Bus Driver | \$22.48 | Renew – 2 yr, exp 2017 |
| Rich, Doug | Transportation | Bus Driver | \$19.40 | Renew – 2 yr, exp 2017 |
| Sanderson, Donna | Transportation | Bus Driver | \$22.48 | Renew – 2 yr, exp 2017 |
| Sheehy, Tim | Transportation | Bus Driver | \$20.40 | Renew – 2 yr, exp 2017 |
| Anderson, Carolyn | Elementary | Secretary | \$20.93 | Renew – 2 yr, exp 2017 |
| Brown, Patricia | District | Payroll | \$20.93 | Renew – 2 yr, exp 2017 |
| Darnell, Nick | Transportation | Asst to Transp Director | \$25.37 | Renew – 2 yr, exp 2017 |
| Noes, Cheryl | Middle | Secretary | \$24.20 | Renew – 2 yr, exp 2017 |
| Post, Karen | High | Secretary | \$24.20 | Renew – 2 yr, exp 2017 |
| Williamson, Vicki | Primary | Secretary | \$24.20 | Renew – 2 yr, exp 2017 |
| Leonard, Kendra | High | Media Aide | \$14.36 | Renew – 2 yr, exp 2017 |
| Billock, Karen | Elementary | Playground Aide | \$8.10 | Renew – 2 yr, exp 2017 |
| Eisenhauer, Elsie | Elementary | Playground Aide | \$8.10 | Renew – 2 yr, exp 2017 |

PERSONNEL ACTIONS (041510) - continued

C. Classified Employment Contract Recommendations – 2015-16 Year - continued

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| EMPLOYEE | BLDG | ASSIGNMENT | HRLY RATE | CONTRACT RECOMMENDATION |
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| Brady, Andrea | District | Communications Director | \$51,250 | Renew – 3 yr, exp 2018 |
| Dietz, Michael | District | Systems Engineer | \$89,739 | Renew – 3 yr, exp 2018 |
| Gruber, William | District | Lead Technician | \$52,531 | Renew – 3 yr, exp 2018 |
| Humbert, Deborah | District | Administrative Assistant | \$63,089 | Renew – 3 yr, exp 2018 |

D. Approval of Administrative Contracts – beginning 2015-16 year

| EMPLOYEE | CURRENT ASSIGNMENT | CONTRACT TERM | EFFECTIVE DATE |
|------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Nichols, James | Primary School Principal | 3 years | Beginning August 1, 2015 |
| Shelton, Antonio | High School Principal | 3 years | Beginning August 1, 2015 |
| Zidron, Jeff | Athletic Director | 3 years | Beginning August 1, 2015 |

E. Retirements/Resignations

| Last Name | First Name | Assignment | Building | Effective Date |
|-----------|------------|----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Johnson | Robert | Custodian | District | June 30, 2015 |
| Porter | Allison | Grade 4 | Elementary | August 10, 2015 |
| Ulland | Jennifer | Asst Principal | High | July 31, 2015 |

F. Approval of Supplemental/Personal Service Contracts – 2014-15 year

| EMPLOYEE | CONT | BLD | CONTRACT POSITION/DUTY | RATE | AMOUNT |
|-------------------|------|-----|---|------------|------------|
| Arcuri, Anthony | SUPP | ATH | Intramurals Coach, Winter (50%) | 4% | \$747.50 |
| Ely, Larry | PSC | ATH | Intramurals Coach, Winter (50%) | 4% | \$747.50 |
| Hardy, Emily | PSC | ATH | Swim/Dive Co-Coach, Sectional/District/State Comptn | 1% | \$374.00 |
| Jasina, Elizabeth | PSC | ATH | Track Coach, MS, Asst - Volunteer | 0% | \$0.00 |
| Podijal, Rebecca | PSC | ATH | Track Coach, MS, Asst - Volunteer | 0% | \$0.00 |
| Cole, Diana | PSC | DST | Health Fair 2015 Nursing Services | | \$80.00 |
| Markiewitz, Peggy | PSC | DST | Health Fair 2015 Nursing Services | | \$80.00 |
| Mukai, Kristin | PSC | DST | Health Fair 2015 Nursing Services | | \$80.00 |
| Richardson, Mark | SUPP | ES | Data Support-Student Achievement, August 2014 | | \$1,200.00 |
| Milligan, Heather | SUPP | ES | OH Achievemt Test Prep Tutor, 20 hrs max (Gr 3) | \$32.92/hr | \$658.40 |
| Slusher, Katie | SUPP | ES | OH Achievemt Test Prep Tutor, 20 hrs max (Gr 3) | \$32.92/hr | \$658.40 |
| Goodlett, Jay | PSC | HS | Choreographer, Spring Choral Concert | | \$600.00 |
| Carpenter, Nick | SUPP | DST | Tutor, Home Instruction, not to exceed 5 hrs | \$32.92/hr | \$164.60 |
| Himsworth, Kyle | SUPP | DST | Extended Service, Aud Coord, up to (20) days-June | Per Diem | \$4,648.60 |

PERSONNEL ACTIONS (041510) - continued

G. Tuition Reimbursements

| EMPLOYEE | COURSE | COLLEGE | TUITIO |
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| Cherita Townsend | Cyber Bullying Strategies | University of LaVerne | \$330.00 |
| Cherita Townsend | Suicide, Self Injury | University of LaVerne | \$110.00 |
| Jon Perry | Relevant Elementary PE | Drake University | \$410.00 |
| Julie Mascaritolo | Cold War Part 1 | University of LaVerne | \$330.00 |
| Julie Mascaritolo | Cold War Part 2 | University of LaVerne | \$115.00 |
| Lisa Schauer | Instructional Guidance | University of Cincinnati | \$652.00 |
| Sara Vincent | Understanding and Dealing With Difficult Parents | University of LaVerne | \$330.00 |
| Shalee Osborn | Effective Instruction | Walsh University | \$575.00 |

H. Approval of Summer Help: \$10.00 per hour

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|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Robin Anderson | Joe Fitzwater | Cole Tameris |
| Michael Bader | Kaitlynn Perkins | Chad Graham |
| Carver Cook | Tyler Quattrone | Lisa Poe |
| Jonathan Corwin | Jake Savage | Anastasia Sheppard |
| Nick Childs | | |

I. Approval of Specialized Classified Salaries – 2015-16 year

| EMPLOYEE | CURRENT ASSIGNMENT | 2015-16 SALARY |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Tari DePoy | EMIS Coordinator | \$56,226 |
| Ester Hall | College & Career Counseling Center | \$49,097 |
| Kyle Himsworth | Auditorium Coordinator* | \$52,000 |

*260 day contract

J. Approval of Administrative Contract – beginning 2015-16 year

| EMPLOYEE | ASSIGNMENT | CONTRACT TERM | 2015-16 SALARY |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Bridgette Ridley | Principal | 2 years, eff 8/1/2015 | \$94,000 |

Roll call vote was as follows:

Dr. Hooker, aye
Mr. Lutz, aye

Mrs. Johnston, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (041511) Dr. Hooker moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, to approve the following minutes of the March 10, March 20, and April 13, 2015 meetings, as written. Roll call vote was as follows:

Dr. Hooker, aye
Mr. Lutz, aye

Mrs. Johnston, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS (041512) Dr. Hooker moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, to approve the financial reports for the month ended March 31, 2015 including Fund Reports and Expenditure/Warrant Listings totaling \$3,164,465.92, as follows:

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| General Fund | \$2,370,990.35 |
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| Bond Retirement Fund | \$0.00 |
| Permanent Improvement Fund | \$475,134.83 |
| Enterprise Funds | \$47,321.28 |
| Special Revenue Funds | \$261,635.23 |
| Special Trust Funds | \$0.00 |
| Agency Funds | \$9,384.23 |
| TOTAL ALL FUNDS, March 31, 2015 | \$3,164,465.92 |

Roll call vote was as follows:

Dr. Hooker, aye
Mr. Lutz, aye

Mrs. Johnston, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES (041513) Dr. Hooker moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, to approve the following invoices prior to payment in accordance with Section 5705.41 (D)(1):

| VENDOR | ITEM DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
|----------------------------|---|---------------|
| BSN Sports | Warm Up Pants and Jackets for Track | \$9,760.00 |
| Eckstein Roofing, Co. | Roof Repairs at the Middle School | \$8,900.00 |
| Environmental Enterprise | Waste Pick Up/Disposal | \$4,947.95 |
| Indian Hill Transportation | Athletic High School Field Trips February 2015 | \$3,129.60 |
| Mariemont High School | Pool Usage Fees for 2014-2015 | \$7,320.00 |
| Motz Engineering | Updates for Energy Audit | \$7,804.50 |
| PSAT/NMSQT | Test Fees for October 2014 Administration | \$3,391.00 |
| Quinn Contracting, Inc. | High School Roof Repairs | \$4,200.00 |
| Stephen Reger | Reimbursement for Hotel and Meal for State Mock Trial Competition | \$3,366.75 |

Roll call vote was as follows:

Dr. Hooker, aye
Mr. Lutz, aye

Mrs. Johnston, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

APPROVAL OF HAMILTON COUNTY ESC CONTRACT (041514) Dr. Hooker moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, to enter into an agreement with the Hamilton County Educational Service Center (HCESC) to cooperatively provide the following services as following for the 2015-16 school year:

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES:

Early Childhood (Preschool) Program (half day) at facilities arranged by the HCESC – Rates to be determined.

GREATER CINCINNATI SUBSTITUTE SOLUTION SERVICE:

Consortium Membership for more than 300 employees on system @ \$3,500 annually

Current Customer Membership (join before 6/30/02) \$1.75 per month (10 mos) per replaceable employee (est. 212 employees)

Current Customer Membership (join before 6/30/02) \$.85 per month (10 mos) per non-replaceable employee (est. 92 employees)

GREATER CINCINNATI APPLICATION SYSTEM:

Consortium Membership @ \$2,000 annually

APPROVAL OF HAMILTON COUNTY ESC CONTRACT (041514) - continued

BASIC SERVICES includes membership in the HCESC instructional consortium; telephone and email consultation and support; support and resources for consortium curriculum development and proficiency test support; assessment projects, technology consortium including information, project opportunities, software preview guide, technology coordinator support; mentor and Goals 2000 consortiums, information dissemination and statewide liaison activities for professional associations,

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state department of education and related entities; instructional council, grant participation opportunities, principal support, professional development consortium membership and opportunities, teacher networks, resource materials sharing and identification. Districts below 2,500 ADM @ \$14,250 annually

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY CONSORTIUM SERVICES: Districts below 2,000 ADM @ \$3,520 annually

ATTENDANCE SERVICES/DIVERSIONARY COURT/CASE COORDINATION: Estimated 10 days annually, \$5,044

HEARING IMPAIRED SERVICES:

SST Services for students with Hearing Impairments @ \$132 per hour

Interpreter Services for students with Hearing Impairments @ \$62,300 annually per student

Hourly Interpreter Services @ \$48.00 per hour

Audiological Consultation Services @ \$145 per hour

Hearing Assistive Technology (formerly FM Amplification Equipment) – \$75 per piece per month.

PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT - Full day for cross categorical post-high school students @ \$23,100 annually

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES:

Staff Development for (2) District Hired School Psychologist(s) @ \$1,310 per psychologist annually

SPEECH/LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES:

Speech/Language Services – Early Commitment Pricing @ \$82,995

VISUALLY IMPAIRED SERVICES:

SST Services for students with Visual Impairments @ \$152 per hour

Orientation & Mobility Instruction for students w/Visual Impairment @ \$152 per hour

Roll call vote was as follows:

Dr. Hooker, aye
Mr. Lutz, aye

Mrs. Johnston, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

APPROVAL OF ARAMARK CONTRACT (041515) Dr. Hooker moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, to approve the service contract with the ARAMARK Corporation to provide food services management for the 2015-2016 fiscal year at a per meal rate of \$3.38 per lunch meal served, and \$3.28 per a la carte meal served. This contract is eligible for up to four renewals in succeeding school years. This contract also includes provision for a non-NSLP (National School Lunch Program) offering at Indian Hill High School for the 2015-16 school year. Further, lunch and milk prices are approved as follows: Primary and Elementary, \$2.95; Middle, \$3.20 and \$3.45; High School, \$3.45, \$3.70, and \$4.50 (Deluxe Offering). Milk will be \$.65 per carton. Adult meal prices will be \$3.85 for all buildings. Roll call vote was as follows:

Dr. Hooker, aye
Mr. Lutz, aye

Mrs. Johnston, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

COMMITTEE REPORTS – The Indian Hill Wellness Committee in collaboration with the Indian Hill Public Schools Foundation will host the Fourth Annual “Conquer the Hill” 5K Run/Walk on April 25, 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY – In advance of the Public Commentary portion of the meeting, Mrs. Lewis, Board Vice-President, read the following statement on behalf of the Board of Education:

“In 2009, the IH Board passed a resolution that effectively raised taxes for the property owners in IH school district.

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Mr. Sanborn and his group brought their concerns to the Board since 2009. The Board believed that it had the legal right to recategorize the inside millage, which created an increase in the outside millage of approximately 1 mill. The Budget Commission and the Board of Tax Appeals agreed, but the Supreme Court in December 2014 disagreed.

The Board desires to resolve all issues with the plaintiffs and desires to return funds to its citizens as soon as possible.

The Plaintiffs and the Board do not agree on the dollar amount.

Although many citizens at our board meetings have voiced their desire that the Board refund their money immediately, there is currently no mechanism to do so. In fact, the plaintiffs asked the court to prohibit the Board from refunding any money until the court case is resolved. The Board filed a motion to provide for a rebate to taxpayers in the 2016 budget which will be considered at the May Board meeting. The plaintiffs filed an objection yesterday. There will be a hearing on the Board's motion next week.

We hope the citizens will encourage not only the Board but also the plaintiffs to meet and resolve the situation without continued litigation. It takes two sides to resolve a dispute.

In the back of the room, we have provided copies of the Board of Education press release which was released last week, and the Ohio Supreme Court decision.

The Board is prepared at any time to sit down with the plaintiffs with an independent third party mediator to try to reach resolution on the remaining legal issues.

Thank you for your patience."

Mr. Fred Sanborn, Demar Road resident and CRSS representative, addressed the Board regarding the property tax lawsuit. Mr. Sanborn expressed that CRSS is trying to work through this situation in a neighborly manner.

Ms. Judy Mitchell, Kugler Mill Road, acknowledged her pride in our schools and the huge responsibility the Board has. Ms. Mitchell presented a petition from constituents requesting a refund.

Mr. Bill Sloneker, Camargo Club Drive, expressed his concern for the behavior of the school district, the Board, and the teachers following the Supreme Court decision in December 2014.

Mr. Pat Ashcraft, Westover Circle, voiced his frustration about the extra tax he did not choose to pay.

Mrs. Susan Wisner, Councilrock Lane, encouraged the Board in retaining a Rainy Day buffer, but that the accumulation of taxpayer dollars had become too large.

Mrs. Mary Siegel, Drake Road, addressed the Board regarding the importance of class certification to the property tax lawsuit. Without class certification CRSS cannot represent all the taxpayers in this action.

ADJOURNMENT (041516) Dr. Hooker moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, to adjourn the April 21, 2015, regular meeting of the Indian Hill Board of Education at 8:16 p.m. Roll call vote was as follows:

Dr. Hooker, aye
Mr. Lutz, aye

Mrs. Johnston, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

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Board President

Treasurer