

INDIAN HILL EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of March 10, 2015

A regular meeting of the Indian Hill Exempted Village School District was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at 5:30 p.m., in the Indian Hill School District Administrative Offices, 6855 Drake Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45243 in accordance with notices sent to each member. Roll call showed the following members as present:

Dr. Hooker

Mrs. Johnston

Mrs. Lewis

Mr. Lutz

Mrs. Lewis convened the meeting in Mr. Sharp's absence due to traffic. Mr. Sharp joined the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Also present were Dr. Miles, Mrs. Toth, Mark Ault, Jim Nichols, Melissa Stewart, Josh Kauffman, Bridgette Ridley, Antonio Shelton, Jennifer Ulland, Jeff Zidron, Arline Pique, Barb Leonard, Lori Klinedinst, Matt Watson, Anne Kuhn, Brad Kirk, Mark Richardson, Steve Akers, Doug Lanigan, Connie Hubbard, Marci Blachman, Amy Magenheimer, Tom and Lisa Butt, Mark and Marcie Longenacker, Fred Sanborn, Janet Dieman, Mary Siegel, Susan Wonnell, Pat Ashcraft, Judy Mitchell, John Bucci, Dick and Eileen Alexander, Lakshmi Sammarco, Rebekah Miles, and others.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (031501) Dr. Hooker moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, to move into Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. to discuss pending litigation with Board counsel. Roll call vote was as follows:

Dr. Hooker, aye
Mr. Lutz, aye

Mrs. Johnston, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

The Board reconvened its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Indian Hill High School Multipurpose Room.

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

ADOPTION OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA (031502) Dr. Hooker moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, to adopt the agenda of the regular business meeting of the Indian Hill Board of Education, as amended, to include a recommendation to employ Austin Sayre, accept the resignations of Dr. Mark Ault and Mr. Joshua Kauffman, provide notice of a hearing regarding re-employment of a retiree; acceptance of laptop donations; and approval of a service contract with Hamilton County ESC for speech services during 2015-16 year. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Mr. Sharp read the following statement on behalf of the Board:

“The Board has met tonight with its legal counsel regarding the on-going property tax litigation pending in the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas. It is the Board's intent to fully comply with the ruling of the Ohio Supreme Court and with applicable Ohio law. In fact, in December, this Board took the action to voluntarily refrain from collecting the Permanent Improvement tax for 2014.

The Plaintiffs, however, are over-reaching in their Amended Complaint, including the amount they claim is due to be refunded and also with regard to their claim for entitlement to attorney fees, among other things. In fact, in their amended complaint, plaintiffs seek to prevent the Board from making any refund that does not include the payment of significant attorney's fees to them. Our counsel has advised us not to comment on the on-going legal proceedings outside of the court system, and we have instructed our counsel to work with the Court and the Plaintiffs' counsel to hopefully reach a timely and legally correct resolution of the lawsuit.”

Dr. Miles expressed his appreciation and congratulations to the two District mechanics, Mr. Steve Akers and Mr. Doug Lanigan, who work tirelessly to ensure our bus fleet is of high quality for our students. I certainly want them to know that their hard work does not go unnoticed as they contribute to student learning.

Recently, several Taiwanese teachers visited the Indian Hill School District for a week to learn more about our educational environment and instructional practices. Several staff members volunteered to allow our guests to stay in their homes. These staff members included Janine Hunsche, Erica Keith, Brad Kirk, Becky McFarlan, and Arline Pique. I want to thank them for their generosity and willingness to open their homes to our guests. They are truly global ambassadors.

The Ohio School Boards Association recently notified us of a ten-year service milestone for Elizabeth Johnston. I want to thank Elizabeth for her ten years of Board service and look forward to our continued work together.

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT – Dr. Shelton and Mrs. Ulland provided a report on the achievements and opportunities at Indian Hill High School this year. The High School faculty and staff continue to carry out its mission to create and advance a positive,

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engaging learning community for students through strong, healthy relationships; global perspectives suitable for our world; integrity and accountability; life-long passion and curiosity for learning; and collaborative learners who strive to reach their potential as responsible, contributing citizens. The Braves Council Representatives developed 6 Pillars of an IHHS student: Excellence, Opportunity, Pride, Leadership, Integrity, and Respect. The High School community strives to embrace and support the whole child with particular emphasis for each year of a student's high school experience: Bridges for incoming Freshmen, Re-Do Day for our Sophmores, Team Building for our Juniors at Camp Kern's Rope Course; and Senior Trip and Senior Projects for our 12th graders. Projects, including a bullying assembly, Haiti Water Project, Volunteer Hours, 8th Bell Intervention, OGT Support, the Writing Lab and other activities (Bridges, ReDo Day, etc) demonstrate to students that the world is much larger than just IHHS.

Achievements during 2014-15 continue to make us proud: Newsweek's ranking of #1 in Ohio and #57 in the nation; JSA's attendance at National Convention with passage of 3 of its bills; VEX Competition at State for our engineering students; Mock Trial and DECA annual treks to State competition; Academic World Quest Team going to national competition; and service projects, including Math Club's Crayons-to-Computers project and the IH Fire Department project; Leadership Class tutoring for IHMS students; and the AP Capstone project – one of just 100 schools worldwide participating.

Several students from the new AP Capstone project presented some of their work this year focusing on the various skills they are learning in their research: seeing multiple perspectives, evaluating source materials, asking productive questions and writing with evidence. Students from the Engineering and IHeart Club gave a demonstration of their award-winning Robotics entry – a robot designed using IED-Autodesk software. Engineering students are in a three-year curriculum: Introduction to Engineering, Principles of Engineering, and Digital Electronics.

Our college prep testing continues to be strong with 73% of students graduating with at least one AP course on their transcript. The average SAT score has increased to 1790 this year; the ACT average remains solid at 26.1 in 2014. The class of 2015 is proud of its 9 National Merit Semifinalist/Finalist/Commended students. The High School's State Performance Index of 111.3 (out of 120) on the State Report Card reflects a small decline from last year's all-time high; the High School also reports 85% of its students scoring in the Accelerated/Advanced Category on the Ohio Graduation Test in 2014.

HEARING RE: AMENDED 2015-16 SCHOOL CALENDAR – Dr. Miles proposed a revision to the 2015-2016 school calendar. Instead of a day of student attendance, Friday, September 4, would become a full day of professional development for staff members. There has been consistent feedback from teachers and administrators during the past couple of years related to this need. In addition, Parent/Teacher conferences in the fall would move from Friday, November 6, to Friday, October 30. Dr. Miles further commented that even with this recommended change, the District remains well in excess of state minimum requirements (minimum school year defined by hours – at least 683 hours for ¾ day Kindergarten, 910 hours for students in grades 1-6, and 1,001 hours for students in grades 7-12).

By law, we are required to hold a public hearing to consider a revision to the school calendar when the number of hours scheduled for instruction is less than the prior year. And according to law, the Board may not act upon this proposed revision until at least 30 days following the public hearing. Thus, the second reading of the 2015-2016 school calendar will be provided at the April meeting of the Board of Education.

At this time, Dr. Miles opened the public hearing and asked anyone wishing to address the Board of Education related to the proposed amendment to the 2015-2016 school calendar to please approach the podium, state your name, role, and provide comments.

Dr. Melissa Stewart, Principal of Indian Hill Elementary School, addressed the Board with praise and appreciation for consideration this important change in the school calendar which would assist teachers in their professional development. With all of the changes impacting student learning, it is extremely difficult to collaborate with teachers, remain current, and implement changes which will impact student growth.

Mrs. Anne Kuhn, Indian Hill High School math teacher, commented during this time in support of this change and gratitude for the Board's consideration of this amendment to the 2015-16 school calendar. Additional professional development time will permit teachers to cooperate in the creation of instructional strategies with colleagues to have an effect on student achievement.

As no one commented further, the public hearing was closed. The second reading of the 2015-2016 school calendar will be provided at the April meeting of the Board of Education.

FIRST READING – 2015-16 CAPITAL PLAN – Dr. Miles presented the 2015-16 Capital Plan for first reading. The capital planning process is an ongoing process that begins with reflection upon capital planning in prior years. We conduct facility walkthroughs with principals and department leaders in August. Throughout the year, we engage in discussions with MSA

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Architects and other vendors to determine approximate costs of each of the capital plan expenditures. Significant time and energy has been invested in the draft before you this evening.

This plan is a draft and tonight's review is the first reading of the 2015-2016 capital plan. The original list of capital requests totaled more than \$2.5 million; we have deferred or eliminated several items from that original list. Total capital plan items in the spreadsheet before you total a little over \$1.5 million and address needs from each of our buildings, maintenance, technology, athletics, auditorium, commons areas, and transportation. Keep in mind that changes may be made between tonight's review and the April Board of Education meeting where the Board will be asked to vote upon the recommendation.

APPROVAL OF STUDENT FEES –2015-16 school year (031503) Mr. Lutz moved, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, to approve the student fees for the 2015-16 school year, as follows:

	2014-15	2015-16	\$ Chg	
Primary School				
General/Instructional - K	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ -	incl consummable science materials
General/Instructional - 1-2	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ -	incl consummable science materials
Elementary School				
General/Instructional - Gr 3	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ -	incl consummable art/science materials/wkbooks
General/Instructional - Gr 4	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ -	incl consummable art/science materials/wkbooks
General/Instructional - Gr 5	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ -	incl consummable art/science materials/wkbooks
Middle School				
General/Instructional - 6-8	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ -	incl grammar wrkbk/consummable art/science materials
High School				
General/Instructional - 9-12	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ -	includes Naviance Access Fee for all students
Graduation Fee	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -	Direct charge: caps, gowns, name cards, tassel
Roses	\$ 19.00	\$ 19.00	\$ -	Direct charge: florist
PlanBook	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00	\$ -	
Art, Art History, AP	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.00	\$ -	
Art I, II, III	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ -	
Art, Ceramics I, II	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ -	
Art, Crafts	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00	\$ -	
Art, Photo, I, II, Adv	\$ 21.00	\$ 21.00	\$ -	
Art, Studio Art AP	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ -	
Marketing I	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Marketing II, III	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ -	
English, Creative Writing	\$ 28.00	\$ 28.00	\$ -	
English 9, Adv	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ -	does not include cost of novels
English 9	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ -	does not include cost of novels

APPROVAL OF STUDENT FEES –2015-16 school year (031503) - continued

	2014-15	2015-16	\$ Chg	
High School - continued				

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English 10, Adv	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	does not include cost of novels
English 10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	does not include cost of novels
English 10, AP Capstone	\$ 139.00	\$ 139.00	\$ -	does not include cost of novels-does incl (3)
English 11, AP Capstone Research	\$ -	\$ 139.00	\$139.00	NEW-Yr 2 implementation of Eng AP Capstone
English 11, AP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	does not include cost of novels
English 11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	does not include cost of novels
English 12, AP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	does not include cost of novels
English 12	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	does not include cost of novels
Chinese Culture & Language, AP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Mandarin I, II, III	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00	\$ -	
French, I, II, III,	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 10.00	incl workbooks
French IV, V	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
French, AP	\$ 35.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 13.00	incl workbook
Latin I, II	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Latin III	\$ 38.00	\$ 38.00	\$ -	incl workbooks
Latin IV, V	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Latin V, AP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Spanish I, II, III	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ -	incl workbooks
Spanish, AP	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -	incl workbooks (3)
Spanish IV, V	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.00	\$ -	incl workbooks
Spanish Literature, AP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Health	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Geometry, Geometry Concepts	\$ -	\$ 4.50	\$ 4.50	includes Sketchpad
Algebra I, Alg I Concepts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Band	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	
Band/Orchestra	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ -	
Band/Chorus	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ -	
Chorus - All	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ -	
Music Theory, AP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Orchestra	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ -	
Orchestra/Chorus	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ -	
Outdoor Education	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	Field Trip Admissions Costs
Biology, AP	\$ 20.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 3.00	incl lab chemicals, enzymes
Anatomy/Physiology	\$ 20.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 16.00	incl workbook
Biology I	\$ 12.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 3.00	incl lab chemicals, enzymes
Applied Science	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00	\$ -	
Watershed Studies	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ -	
Chemistry, AP	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ -	incl lab books
Chemistry, Advanced	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ -	
Chemistry	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ -	
Chemistry, Seminar	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ -	
Chemistry, Applied	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ -	
Environmental Science, AP	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ -	incl lab books
Environmental Science	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ -	

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	2014-15	2015-16	\$ Chg	
High School – continued				

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Geology	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ -	
Applied Life Science	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ -	Science elective course offering
Physics, AP	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ -	Science elective course offering
Physics, AP II	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ -	Science elective course offering
Physics	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ -	
U.S. Government & Politics, AP	\$ -	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	includes Pocket Constitution
U.S. Government	\$ -	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	includes Pocket Constitution
Economics, AP	\$ 33.00	\$ 33.00	\$ -	
Leadership Theory and Practice	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
App Tech, Info Technology I, II	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ -	
App Tech, Web Design/Dev	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ -	
App Tech, Computer Programming	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ -	
App Tech, Video Tech I, II	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ -	
App Tech, CADD I, II	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ -	
App Tech, Architectural Drawing I, II	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ -	
App Tech, Digital Electronics	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ -	
App Tech, Engineering Your Future	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00	\$ -	
App Tech, Principles of Engineering	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ -	
App Tech, Women in Engineering	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ -	
Career Investigation	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00	\$ -	
Financial Management I, II	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00	\$ -	
College Life Skills	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00	\$ -	
Gourmet Cuisine	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ -	
Food and Nutrition	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -	
Adv Placement Courses-Test	\$ 89.00	\$ 91.00	\$ 2.00	Direct Charge: College Board sets AP fees

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 (031504) Mr. Lutz moved, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, to approve the following overnight field trips:

- (1) Swim/Dive Teams – State Championships, Canton, OH Feb 24-28, 2015
- (2) Mock Trial, State Competition, Columbus, OH, March 11-14, 2015
- (3) DECA, State Competition, Columbus, OH, March 13-14, 2015

Roll call vote was as follows:

Dr. Hooker, aye
Mr. Lutz, aye

Mrs. Johnston, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

PERSONNEL ACTIONS (031505) Mr. Lutz moved, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, to approve the following personnel matters as recommended by the Superintendent:

A. Employment Contracts – beginning 2015-16 year

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Employee Name	Bldg/Assignment	% Contract	2015-16 Salary
Austin Sayre	HS/English	100	\$52,884

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

EMPLOYEE	CONT	BLD	CONTRACT POSITION/DUTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Campa, Amy	SUPP	DST	Tutor, Home Instruction, not to exceed 19 hrs	\$32.92/hr	\$625.48
Dillenburger, Katie	SUPP	DST	Tutor, Home Instruction, not to exceed 20 hrs	\$32.92/hr	\$658.40
Gemmel, Sandra	SUPP	DST	Tutor, Home Instruction, not to exceed 60 hrs	\$32.92/hr	\$1,975.20
Goodlett, Jay	PSC	HS	Drama/Thespians Director (Spring Musical)	Group B	\$3,679.00
Eble, Eric	SUPP	HS	SAT Review Evening Class, 2014-15, est 150 hrs (Spring)	\$35/hr	\$5,250.00

C. Retirements/Resignations

Last Name	First Name	Assignment	Building	Effective Date
Leak	Bridgette	Drama/Thespians Dir	High	February 25, 2015
Conway	Cody	Math	High	August 10, 2015
Pansing	Rachel	Intervention	Middle	August 10, 2015
Ault	Mark	Asst Superintendent	District	June 29, 2015
Kauffman	Joshua	Principal	Middle	July 31, 2015

D. Tuition Reimbursements

EMPLOYEE	COURSE	COLLEGE	TUITIO N
Courtney Ward	Creating Google Apps	University of LaVerne	\$330.00
Courtney Ward	The Flipped Classroom	University of LaVerne	\$110.00
Cristina Smith	Home Grown Institute Reading and Writing	Columbia University	\$350.00
Cristina Smith	Co-Teaching PLC	Ashland University	\$175.00

E. Approval of Athletic Department Game Day Personnel Rates

Adults - Clocks, Tickets, Scorebook	\$15.00 per hour
Students – Clocks, Tickets, Scorebook	\$10.00 per hour
Weight Room Supervision	\$25.00 per hour
Athletic Department Coordinator (MS Event Manager)	Group A

F. Re-employment of Retiree: The Board of Education hereby provides notice that Dr. Mark Ault will be retiring as of June 30, 2015 and that he is seeking employment with the Indian Hill School District, beginning July 1, 2015. Prior to consideration of his re-employment, the Board will hold a public meeting on May 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Indian Hill High School Multipurpose Room, 6865 Drake Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45243.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Dr. Hooker, aye
Mr. Lutz, aye

Mrs. Johnston, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS (031506) Mr. Lutz moved, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, to accept the following donations:

- (1) Indian Hill PTO
 - (a) Robotics State Competition - \$400

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- (b) PS/ES Spotlight - \$4,300 for Art and Music Departments
- (2) Indian Hill Public Schools Foundation
 - (a) HS Speaker – Connecting Across the Generations, \$1,000
 - (b) IHTN – Camcorder and Blackmagic Converter, \$536.41
- (3) Lisa Hack – (6) laptops for BYOT loaner program, \$500

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (031507) Dr. Hooker moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2015 meeting 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 (031508) Dr. Hooker moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, to approve the financial reports for the month ended February 28, 2015 including Fund Reports and Expenditure/Warrant Listings totaling \$3,226,235.38:

General Fund	\$2,521,334.95
Bond Retirement Fund	\$0.00
Permanent Improvement Fund	\$251,656.16
Enterprise Funds	\$24,558.41
Special Revenue Funds	\$417,223.77
Special Trust Funds	\$0.00
Agency Funds	\$11,463.09
TOTAL ALL FUNDS, February 28, 2015	\$3,226,235.38

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 (031509) Dr. Hooker moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, to pay the following invoices in accordance with Section 5705.41 (D)(1):

VENDOR	ITEM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
BSN Sports	Uniforms for Boys Basketball	\$5,311.61
IHEVSD Transportation	HS Athletic Field Trips	\$3,453.25

Roll call vote was as follows:

Dr. Hooker, aye
Mr. Lutz, aye

Mrs. Johnston, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

APPROVAL TO SET FY2016 BUDGET HEARING (031510) Dr. Hooker moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, to set Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Indian Hill High School Multipurpose Room as the Budget Hearing on the FY2016 Budget. Roll call vote was as follows:

Dr. Hooker, aye
Mr. Lutz, aye

Mrs. Johnston, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH SQUIRE PATTON BOGGS LLP (031511) Dr. Hooker moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, to approve the contract for services with Squire Patton Boggs LLP for legal representation services in reference to the inside millage matter and to be paid at a blended rate of \$375 per hour for all timekeepers. Roll call vote was as follows:

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Dr. Hooker, aye
Mr. Lutz, aye

Mrs. Johnston, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH HAMILTON COUNTY ESC (031512) Dr. Hooker moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, to approve a contract for services with the Hamilton County Educational Service Center for a Speech/Language Pathologist at a cost of \$82,995 for the 2015-16 school year. Roll call vote was as follows:

Dr. Hooker, aye
Mr. Lutz, aye

Mrs. Johnston, aye
Mr. Sharp, aye

Mrs. Lewis, aye

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY – Mr. Fred Sanborn, Demar Road, addressed the Board regarding the need for the immediate return of 100% of all funds received from the illegal inside millage tax that was imposed in 2010, with required interest and legal fees.

Ms. Judy Mitchell, Kugler Mill Road, acknowledged her pride in our schools and her support for every levy in the past. She requested a Board response to Mr. Sanborn's comments and the Board's resolve to rebuild trust within our community.

Mr. John Bucci, Stone Snail Lane, inquired about the scope of work included in the new contract with legal counsel. He suggested a full disclosure of how the Board will resolve this issue and offered to help with 'shuttle diplomacy' in getting the various groups to attain a satisfactory outcome.

Mrs. Eileen Alexander, Algonquin Drive, indicated her support for the District's efforts to depend and protect property values. She stated that the resolution of this matter is not clear, nor is the law. She expressed that there will need to be help to resolve this.

Mrs. Mary Siegel, Drake Road, informed that the question on the inside millage refund affects more than just residents. The Committee for Responsible School Spending (CRSS) has begun to contact businesses who had no idea they were paying an additional tax.

Mr. Richard Alexander, Algonquin Drive, acknowledged that this is a legal matter now and that the Board should not be intimidated to respond in a public arena as a local school board meeting.

Mr. Mark Longenecker, Chumani Lane, expressed his support for Mr. Sanborn and the work of the CRSS over the past five years. He pleaded for the refund for taxpayers as fairly and expeditiously as possible and remuneration for Plaintiffs' legal counsel. He voiced his belief that the Board should be recalled if they won't respond quickly and fairly.

Dr. Lakshmi Sammarco, Drake Road, conveyed her support for public schools, even if a user of the nonpublic school system. The entire community benefits from a good public school system. Public entities need money to provide the expected services; these funds need to be appropriately spent. She provided a parallel that the county commissioners have the authority to raise taxes without voter input.

Mr. Pat Ashcraft, Westover Circle, expressed his frustration about the extra tax he did not choose to pay and was not permitted to vote upon. In his opinion, integrity and respect have been shattered by the Board of Education. He appealed for his money back with interest and with the payment of attorney fees.

Mr. Fred Sanborn again addressed the Board insisting upon a Board response to his (and others) call for answers on the tax refunds due the community.

Mr. Sharp reminded of the statement he had provided on behalf of the Board at the start of this meeting and thanked all for their comments this evening.

ADJOURNMENT (031413) Dr. Hooker moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, to adjourn the March 10, 2015 regular meeting of the Indian Hill Board of Education at 8:31 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