

December 16, 2021

The **Indian Creek Board of Education** met in regular session on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. at the Indian Creek Middle School, Mingo Junction, Ohio. President Daniel Bove, Jr. called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. At roll call, the following Board members were present: Mr. Daniel Bove, Jr., Mrs. Kimberly Mark, Mr. Smith and Dr. Ted Starkey. Dr. John Figel was absent at roll call, but arrived later.

READING, APPROVAL, SIGNING OF MINUTES

#93-12-21

Mrs. Mark moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2021 regular board meeting. **Vote on motion:** Mrs. Mark, yes; Dr. Starkey, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Bove, yes. **Motion approved 4-0.**

BILLS, FINANCIAL, BANK RECONCILIATION

#94-12-21

Mr. Bove moved and Dr. Starkey seconded the motion to approve the bills, financial report and bank reconciliation for the month of November 2021. **Vote on motion:** Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Bove, yes; Dr. Starkey, yes; Mrs. Mark, yes. **Motion approved 4-0.**

Dr. Figel arrived.

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

I.C.E.A. President Karen Lloyd discussed the utilization of the new Cross Creek Elementary and the renovated Hills Elementary, noting the buildings are phenomenal for student learning and engagement, as well as staff collaboration. She invited the Board members to tour the buildings during school so they can see how they are being utilized. The high school teachers are looking forward to working in the new high school.

O.A.P.S.E.- No representative present.

Principal/Administrative Council

ICMS Assistant Principal, Scott Abercrombie, provided an update and discussed the following:

- Parent-teacher conferences
- Athletic events
- Fundraising for the Destination Imagination teams
- Cancer Care package donations
- Staff participation in the Mingo Police Department “Shop With A Cop” program
- Professional development

Karen Lloyd provided a report on behalf of CCE Principal, Dr. Nicole McDonald and discussed the following:

- Data driven approach to literacy instruction
- Students raised over \$1,300 for the United Way Campaign

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- Fundraisers for the Wintersville Good Neighbor and Wayne Townships food pantries

COMMUNICATIONS - None.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

APPROVAL OF ITEMS A THROUGH E UNDER NEW BUSINESS AND ITEMS A THROUGH E UNDER PERSONNEL
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Mr. Bove moved and Mrs. Mark seconded the motion to approve items A through E under New Business and items A through E under Personnel.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Bills to Be Considered, Over \$5,000.00 and/or Improper Procedure

The Treasurer recommends payment of the following invoices that have been submitted for payment:

VENDOR	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
Columbia Gas of Ohio	\$3,661.66	Gas for Cross Creek Elementary (additional over purchase order am
Damon Chemical Industries, Inc.	\$20,158.00	Avenger floor scrubber for Cross Creek Elementary
Bricker & Eckler, LLP	\$8,903.50	Construction legal services

B. 2022 Organizational Meeting and January 2022 Business Meeting

The Superintendent recommends the Board set a date, time, and place for the 2022 Organizational Meeting and the January 2022 Business Meeting.

The Board set the meetings for Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the middle school.

C. 2022 Organizational Meeting – Swearing in of 2022 Officers

The Superintendent recommends the Board appoint a Board member to serve as president pro-tem for the 2022 organizational meeting to preside over the election and swearing in of the president and vice-president.

The Board appointed Mr. Bove to serve as President Pro-Tem.

D. Resolution To Oppose the Establishment of the Backpack Scholarship Program

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve a resolution to oppose the establishment of the Backpack Scholarship program, as proposed in House Bill 290 of the 134th General Assembly.

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Resolution to Oppose the Establishment of the Backpack Scholarship Program, as Proposed in House Bill 290 of the 134th General Assembly (11-21-3)

WHEREAS, the establishment of a statewide universal voucher program, as introduced in House Bill (H.B.) 290 (the "Backpack Bill"), would allow \$5,500 for K-8 and \$7,500 for 9-12 students to be deposited into an education savings account to be used for private school tuition, tutoring, textbooks and other allowable uses; and

WHEREAS, the Backpack Bill would repeal the EdChoice and Cleveland voucher programs, and provide \$5,500 to \$7,500 to all students, regardless of a family's income; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Backpack Bill is being analyzed, but H.B. 290 will likely cost several billion dollars annually depending on student participation rates; and

WHEREAS, in many cases, the vouchers are awarded to student who never attended a public school; and

WHEREAS, private and charter schools are not held to the same academic or financial standards as the public schools; and

WHEREAS, from 2005 to current date, the NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) scores show no difference among public, private or charter schools; and

WHEREAS, many students who receive a voucher, show a decrease in state test scores during the first three years following the transfer; and

WHEREAS, in many cases, the operators of the private/charter schools are driven by profit motives and not educational improvement; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the Backpack Bill on the future of the Fair School Funding Plan is unknown, but it would no doubt be detrimental to further phase-in of the Plan.

WHEREAS, the impact of the Backpack Bill on the future of Indian Creek's funding is unknown and could require an unnecessary increase in the local funding share; and

NOW, TEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Indian Creek Local School District, that:

Section 1. It is necessary to oppose H.B. 290 of the 134th General Assembly to ensure the full phase-in of the Fair School Funding Plan; which Plan, when fully phased-in, will adequately and equitably funds Ohio public schools.

Section 2. The Treasurer is authorized to deliver or cause to be delivered a certified copy of this Resolution to community leaders; to members of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate, including Representative Bob Cupp and Senator Matt Huffman; and to the office of Governor Michael DeWine.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

E. Board Policy – New Policies and Updated Policies

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following revised policy

IKF	GRADUATION REQUIREMENT
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OTHER MATTERS

PERSONNEL

A. Resignation – Certified

The Superintendent recommends the Board accept the resignation of George Lucas, Indian Creek Middle School Math teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective December 16, 2021. Mr. Lucas has been a teacher for Indian Creek for 30 years.

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The Board thanked Mr. Lucas for his years of service and dedication to the District.

B. Resignation – Certified – Extra Duty

The Superintendent recommends the Board accept the resignation of Matt Arlia, Indian Creek High School Assistant Boys Basketball Coach.

C. Employment – Classified

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve Continuing Contracts for the following Classified Employees, pursuant to Article 6 of the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement:

Angie Bell, Cook/Cashier, Effective 12/18/2021

D. Employment – Classified – Substitutes

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve employment of the following individuals for inclusion on the Classified Substitutes list for the position(s) listed below and for any subsequent positions for which they may qualify:

Brigette Donley - Secretary, Cafeteria, and Paraprofessional (pending receipt of valid Educational Aide Permit with ESEA Qualified designation)

Melissa Geary - Paraprofessional

Mariah Lunsford - Cafeteria, Secretary

Agren-Fe Cowser - Cafeteria (Pending receipt of all pre-employment requirements)

Carly Muscari - Cafeteria and Paraprofessional (pending receipt of valid Educational Aide Permit with ESEA Qualified designation)

E. Employment – Extra—Duty Supplemental Contracts

The Superintendent recommends the employment of the following certificated/licensed individuals in the positions listed. One-year limited contracts for the 2021-2022 school year. If required for the position, individuals must have Pupil Activity Permits issued by the Ohio Department of Education, valid for the 2021-2022 school year.

ICHS Varsity Assistant Track Coach	Kaylee Schubenski
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Vote on motion: Mr. Bove, yes; Mrs. Mark, yes; Dr. Starkey, yes; Dr. Figel, yes; Mr. Smith, yes.
Motion approved 5-0.

REPORT OF BOARD LIAISONS

Student Achievement – Mrs. Kim Mark commended the following:

- Staff and students for participation, donations and fundraising for the United Way Program and area food pantries

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- Staff and students for Literacy Night Program
- ICMS band and instructors for outstanding concert performance
- All winters sports teams
- ICHS Band outstanding performance at the Mingo Light Up Night, as well as the Steubenville and Wintersville Christmas Parades

Legislative – Dr. Ted Starkey, no report.

REPORT OF BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEES - No report.

REPORT OF TREASURER/CFO – No report.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT – Mr. John Belt discussed the estimated substantial completion date for the new high school and move-in dates for the new central office.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT - Dr. Chappellear discussed the following:

- Thanked teacher Rob Lucas for his years of service with the District
- Provided a COVID update
- Enrollment as compared to November 2019
- Commended Sherriff Deputy Corey Virtue
- CCE and Hills Elementary
- Thanked retired ICHS Principal, John Craig, for a donation to the ICHS Wrestling Program.

ADJOURNMENT
#96-12-21

Mr. Bove moved to adjourn. Time: 6:33 P.M.

ATTEST:

Board President

Treasurer