

January 11, 2024

The **Indian Creek Board of Education** met in regular session on January 11, 2024 at 6:20 P.M. at Indian Creek High School, Wintersville, Ohio. President Dr. Starkey called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. At roll call, the following members were present: Dr. Ted Starkey, Mr. Stephen Cowser, Mr. Daniel Bove, Jr., Mr. James Speece and Dr. John Figel.

READING, APPROVAL, SIGNING OF MINUTES

#03-01-24

Mr. Bove moved and Dr. Figel seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2023 regular meeting: **Vote on motion:** Dr. Starkey, yes; Mr. Speece, yes; Mr. Bove, yes; Mr. Cowser, yes; Dr. Figel, yes. **Motion approved 5-0.**

BILLS, FINANCIAL, BANK RECONCILIATION

#04-01-24

Dr. Starkey moved and Dr. Figel seconded the motion to approve the bills financial report and bank reconciliation for the month of December 2023. **Vote on motion:** Mr. Cowser, yes; Mr. Bove, yes; Mr. Speece, yes; Dr. Figel, yes; Dr. Starkey, yes. **Motion approved 5-0.**

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

I.C.E.A. – President Karen Lloyd discussed the following:

- Welcomed new Board members Mr. Speece and Mr. Cowser and thanked all of the Board members for their support of the students and teachers.
- Meeting with the teachers to make them aware of the increased insurance costs and to discuss cost containment measures.
- Upcoming Literacy Night program at Hills Elementary

Superintendent, Dr. Chappellear, commended the teachers and OAPSE staff for sending out emails and contacting employees regarding insurance cost containment ideas. He noted that it shows that everyone is invested and on the same page for the overall benefit of the District. Dr. Figel extended the Board's appreciation for working together on this issue.

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

COMMUNICATIONS - None.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

APPROVAL OF ITEMS A THROUGH E UNDER NEW BUSINESS AND ITEM A UNDER PERSONNEL

#05-01-24

Dr. Starkey moved and Mr. Cowser seconded the motion to approve items A through E under New Business and item A under Personnel.

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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
Backyard Living Source, Inc.	\$7,716.60	Greenhouse for ICMS (STEM Grant)
The Ohio Desk Company	\$7,896.56	Furniture for additional classroom at CCE

B. Adoption of Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan

The Treasurer recommends the Board approve the District’s Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan for the 2024 calendar year as administered by American Fidelity Assurance Company and directs the Treasurer to take such actions that are necessary and proper in order to implement the plan.

C. Appropriation Modifications

The Treasurer recommends approval of the following appropriation modifications that are necessary to fulfill purchasing requests:

Supplemental appropriations of \$1,000.00, Hills Principal’s Fund (018-960E)
Supplemental appropriations of \$10,000.00, Maintenance Fund (034-9009)

D. Donation

The Treasurer recommends the Board approve a donation in the amount of \$6,000.00 from Charles Unsworth for the ICHS Band.

E. Planning Session Meeting Date

The Superintendent and Treasurer recommend the Board consider setting a planning session meeting date for February 1, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. , to be held at the Administration Offices, Wintersville.

OTHER MATTERS

PERSONNEL

A. Notice to Administrators of Expiring Contracts

Pursuant to ORC 3319.02, the Board is asked to authorize the Treasurer and Superintendent to notify those District administrators whose employment contracts will expire June 30, 2024 and July 31, 2024.

Vote on motion: Dr. Figel, yes; Mr. Speece, yes; Mr. Bove, yes; Mr. Cowser, yes; Dr. Starkey, yes.
Motion approved 5-0.

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REPORT OF BOARD LIAISONS

- a. Student Achievement – Mr. Bove congratulated the ICHS Girls Swim Team for winning the Buckeye 8 Championship and the ICHS Boys Swim Team for finishing third. Dr. Starkey provided an updated on the wrestling season and commended the team and coaches.
- b. Legislative – No report.

REPORT OF BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- a. Athletic Board – No report.

REPORT OF TREASURER/CFO – Mrs. Todoroff provided a financial update as of December 31, 2023 and noted revenues and expenditures are currently in line with the November forecast.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Belt discussed additional stadium improvements to include new retaining walls, additional cement work and track resurfacing. He noted the projects will be funded with remaining funds from the 2018 Bond Issue which specified how the funds can be used.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT - Dr. Chappellear discussed the following:

- Congratulated Mr. Cowser and Mr. Speece for serving as new board members and Dr. Starkey as a returning member.
- Commended the Board of Education and the process of how the Board of Education works in a public-school setting.
- Vouchers – he noted that private schools receiving public tax dollars do not have an elected Board of Education as supported by the community as public schools do. The voucher programs are creating a second system of schools, which is contrary to the Ohio Constitution which states that the state “will secure a through and efficient system of common schools”.
- Career-Tech Education grant application submission
- Thanked the Board of Education, staff and community for working together for the benefit of the students

ADJOURNMENT

#06-01-24

Dr. Starkey moved to adjourn. All Yes. Time: 6:50 P.M.

ATTEST:

Board President

Treasurer