

**Minutes – Regular Meeting of the
Board of Education of the
Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana**

October 15, 2013

A meeting of the Board of Education of the MSD of North Posey County, Poseyville, Indiana, was held in the Board office of MSD of North Posey County on October 15, 2013. The following Board members were present:

- Todd Camp, Superintendent
- Angela Wannemuehler, Curriculum & Assessments
- Stephen H. Bender, President
- Joseph D. Neidig, Vice President
- Linda K. O’Risky, Secretary
- Geoff A. Gentil, Member
- James R. Scarafia, Member
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Executive Session

The Board convened the Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of IC 5-14- 1.5-6.1 (9) to discuss job performance and evaluation of individual employees. The Board adjourned Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

The Board of Education convened for the regular meeting at 6:35 p.m. with Board President, Stephen Bender, calling the meeting to order with the initiation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the previous meeting were presented to the Board for September 9, 2013 and the Special Meeting on September 16, 2013. Upon a motion made by Mr. Neidig and seconded by Mr. Gentil, the minutes were approved with a 5 to 0 vote.

Claim Docket

A copy of the claim docket for the period of September 9, 2013 to October 15, 2013 was presented to the Board for consideration. Upon a motion made by Mrs. O’Risky, seconded by Mr. Scarafia, the claim docket was approved with a 5 to 0 vote. A copy of the approved claim docket shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

New Business

Dr. Camp and William Bender, School Board Attorney, opened new business with an explanation of the proposed plan to change from the current three (3) district alignment to a two (2) district alignment for School Board elections. After explaining the proposed plan, the floor was opened up for comments and questions from citizens attending. In the closing of the discussion, Mr. Bender explained that the next step is to adopt and publish a resolution. The goal is to have the resolution

ready for approval during the November meeting. Assuming there are no protests of the resolution after 120 days, the resolution shall be sent to the state for approval.

Dr. Camp introduced Eric Long, District Technology Coordinator, to discuss the fiber optic plan and information regarding the proposed Virtual Desktop Integration (VDI), for the future direction of the technology updates. Mr. Long let the Board know that due to third party delays, the fiber optic plan has been delayed until approximately November 22. No action necessary.

Dr. Camp introduced Dr. Strieter, High School Principal, to discuss the proposed beverage contract with Pepsi Beverage Company. Dr. Strieter and Mr. Kavanaugh received proposals from Coca-Cola and Pepsi Beverage Company for the Junior/Senior High School facilities. They recommended the Board approve the five (5) year contract with Pepsi Beverage Company. Upon a motion made by Mr. Scarafia and seconded by Mr. Neidig, the request was approved with a 5 to 0 vote.

Dr. Camp presented a request from Nancy Dougan, Food Services Director, to purchase a Unox Combi Oven. Mrs. Dougan received two bids; Weber Equipment \$5,587.73 and Wabash Foodservice \$5,610.45. Mr. Neidig made a motion to purchase the oven from Wabash Foodservice and Mr. Scarafia seconded the motion. The request was approved with a 5 to 0 vote.

Dr. Camp request the Board to approve the renewal contract for fire protection services with Vanguard Alarm Services. The contract covers all locations for a one year period in the amount of \$5,995.00 effective from September 1, 2013 – July 30, 2014. The contract has no changes in it from the 2012 year. Upon a motion made by Mr. Gentil and seconded by Mrs. O’Risky, the renewal was approved with a 5 to 0 vote.

Dr. Camp provided the Board with a request he approved from Monica Conrad to transfer the New Harmony Annexation documents to the law firm of Church, Church, Hittle & Antrim. Ms. Conrad was employed by Hodge & Davis PC during the annexation process and they require our approval to transfer the files to her new law firm. No action required.

Dr. Camp requested to create a memorandum of understanding with Dr. Burkett to provide assistance for the well-being of staff and students. This memorandum has been created the past several years. Mr. Neidig made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Gentil seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Camp presented requests from Carrie Schmitt and Amy Moore to do an action research project for the completion of their Master Degree. Mrs. Schmitt’s project will involve students of North Posey and Ms. Moore’s project will include an anonymous survey with the faculty of North Posey High School. Upon a motion made by Mrs. O’Risky and seconded by Mr. Scarafia, the requests were approved with a 5 to 0 vote.

Dr. Camp presented the 2014-2015 School Calendar for Board review and to be voted on in the November Board Meeting. No action necessary at this time.

Dr. Camp asked the board to approve a facility use request from Dena Embrey, on behalf of Youth First, to use the South Terrace gym every Wednesday from October 9th through December 18, 2013 from 5:30- 7:30 p.m. for the Strengthening Families program. Mr. Neidig made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Scarafia seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Camp asked the board to approve the request from Shannon Schickel to take approximately 18 students to the Indiana Association of Student Councils Convention at the Convention Center in Indianapolis on October 26-27, 2013. This trip does require an overnight stay. Hotel and registration expenses, as well as any applicable bus driver expenses, shall be paid by the students and the student council fund. Mr. Gentil made a motion to approve the request and Mrs. O'Risky seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Personnel

FMLA

Dr. Camp presented a request for FMLA from Melissa Mahrenholz due to a serious health condition from September 22, 2013 until approximately October 11, 2013. Upon a motion made by Mr. Neidig and seconded by Mrs. O'Risky, the request was approved with a 5 to 0 vote.

Dr. Camp presented a request for FMLA from Kristi Reynolds due to a serious health condition from September 23, 2013 until October 8, 2013. Upon a motion made by Mr. Scarafia and seconded by Mr. Neidig, the request was approved with a 5 to 0 vote.

Dr. Camp presented a request for FMLA from Shari Reed to care for a parent with a serious health condition from October 7, 2013 until approximately January 13, 2014. Upon a motion made by Mrs. O'Risky and seconded by Mr. Scarafia, the request was approved with a 5 to 0 vote.

Retirement

Dr. Camp presented a letter of retirement from Shari Reed effective at the conclusion of 120 school days of the 2013-2014 school year; depending on any applicable weather days, would be February 14, 2014. Mrs. Reed will have concluded 17 years of service as a Special Education teacher at North Elementary at the time of her retirement. Upon a motion made by Mrs. O'Risky and seconded by Mr. Scarafia, the request was approved with a 5 to 0 vote. The Board wishes her well in her future endeavors.

Resignation

Dr. Camp presented a letter of resignation submitted by Lori Motz to resign as an Instructional Assistant at North Elementary effective October 25, 2013. Mrs. Motz has 21 years of dedicated service at North Elementary as an instructional assistant as well as a cafeteria clerk. Upon a motion made by Mr. Scarafia and seconded by Mr. Neidig, the request was approved with a 5 to 0 vote. The Board wishes her well in her future endeavors.

Employment

Dr. Camp presented a request from Kelly Carlton to hire Shalane Niemeier as a girls' basketball coach at South Terrace. Upon a motion made by Mr. Neidig and seconded by Mr. Gentil, the request was approved with a 5 to 0 vote.

Dr. Camp presented a request from Dr. Strieter to hire Jacob Melliff as the head wrestling coach at North Posey High School. Mr. Melliff has been the assistant wrestling coach, so they shall begin the search for an assistant coach. Upon a motion made by Mrs. O'Risky and seconded by Mr. Neidig, the request was approved with a 5 to 0 vote.

Professional Leave

Dr. Camp presented the following professional leave requests:

Name	School	Date/Reason	Location	Approx Cost/Fund
Paul Rynkiewich	NPHS	October 16, 2013 Sectional Meeting	Jasper	Sub & Use of Van Costs ECA Athletics
Leesa Kuhn	NES	October 22, 2013 Preparing for Reading Series	NES	Sub Cost Only General Fund
Jenny Lamble	NPHS	October 28-29, 2013 IACAC Financial Aid	Indianapolis	\$332 Registration & Hotel General Fund
Carol Lupfer	CO	November 7, 2013 IASBO Business Office Seminar	Plainfield	\$275.00 General Fund
Amanda Reynolds Susie Tooley	NPHS NPJHS	November 14-15, 2013 ISCA Conference	Indianapolis	\$489 Registration & Hotel General Fund
Jenny Lamble	NPHS	December 3-4, 2013 IYT's Kids Count Conference	Indianapolis	No Costs - Scholarship Received to Cover

Mr. Neidig made a motion to approve the requests and Mr. Gentil seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Reports and Information

Fuel Report

Building October Calendars

Patron Comments or Requests

- The Mueller's Praise for STES ISTEP Scores

Reminder: To be on the Board agenda, patrons must call the office of the Superintendent (812-874-2243) by the first Wednesday of the Month. All patrons are welcome to be present at all regular Board meetings. Schedules are available on the district website www.northposey.k12.in.us.

Next Board Meeting

The next Regular Board meeting will be November 11, 2013. The meeting will be held in the Board room of the Office of the Superintendent. Executive session will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the regular meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Neidig, seconded by Mr. Gentil, and carried with a 5 to 0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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