

**Minutes – Meeting of the
Board of Education of the
Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana
October 12, 2021**

A meeting of the Board of Education of the MSD of North Posey County, Poseyville, Indiana, was held in the Metropolitan School District of North Posey Conference Room, on October 12, 2021.

The following Board members were present:

- Michael Galvin, Superintendent
- Michelle Walden, Assistant Superintendent
- Geoffrey A. Gentil, President
- Gregory U. Schmitt, Vice President
- Amy J. Will, Secretary
- Vincent F. Oakley, Member
- Larry Kahle, Member

Regular Meeting

The Board of Education convened for the regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. with President, Geoff Gentil, calling the meeting to order with the initiation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Collective Bargaining and Tentative Agreement(TA)

Mr. Galvin discussed the terms of the tentative agreement of the teacher collective bargaining agreement. The meeting was then opened for comments regarding the tentative agreement. There were no patrons present to comment. The tentative agreement shall be presented to the Board for ratification during special Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. on October 21, 2021 in the Conference Room of the district office.

Patron Concerns

There were no patron presents to address the Board.

Minutes, Claim Docket and Consent Items

Mr. Gentil asked the Board for a motion to approve the consent items as listed:

- Minutes of the previous meeting on September 13, 2021.
- Claim Docket for the period September 13, 2021 to October 12, 2021.
- Overnight Field Trips
 - Robyn Bender to take nine (9) students to the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, IN from October 27, 2021 – October 30, 2021.
 - Victoria Schaefer to take four (4) students to Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky from November 7, 2021 – November 8, 2021.
- The following resignations/retirements:
 - Resignations
 - Rachel Butler: Food Service Worker at North Posey High School

- Cody Campbell: North Elementary Maintenance Assistant
- FMLA & Leave Day Requests
 - Bernard Goebel, Jr.: FMLA for a serious health condition that he needs care from November 15, 2021 until approximately November 30, 2021
 - Kayla Sanford: FMLA for the birth of her child from approximately February 12, 2022 – March 26, 2022.
 - Jeanette Sturgell: Unpaid leave of Absence due to a family situation from October 11, 2021 – December 17, 2021
 - Joan Livers: Use of six (6) consecutive leave days October 21, 2021 – October 28, 2021 for her daughter’s wedding
 - Megan Voelker: FMLA for the birth of her child from approximately October 27, 2021 until December 17, 2021
 - Amy Hallam: Use of eight (8) consecutive leave days from November 8, 2021 – November 17, 2021 for a trip her husband is required to attend
- The following hiring, transfer, and volunteer requests:
 - Hiring
 - Courtney Bowen: Food Service Worker at North Posey High School
 - Shannon Schickel: North Posey High School BPA Sponsor effective immediately
 - Chantil Chanley: North Elementary and South Terrace Instructional Assistant effective September 27, 2021
- Mr. Kavanaugh requests to spend \$2,287.00 from fundraiser money to purchase window clings for both the junior high school front entrance and the MLC entrance. Mr. Schmitt made a motion to approve the consent items and Mr. Kahle seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

New Business

Mr. Galvin presented for adoption the 2022 Budget including the following resolutions connected to the Budget:

- Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates
- Resolution to Adopt the Bus Replacement Plan Budget Year 2022
- Resolution to Adopt the Capital Projects Plan Budget Year 2022
- 2021 Budget Transfer Resolution
- Resolution for 2022 Budget Hearing
- Rainy Day Transfer Resolution
- Resolution to Transfer up to \$1,500,000.00 from Education Fund to the Operations Fund

Mr. Oakley made a motion to approve the request and Mrs. Will seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 5 to 0 vote.

Mr. Galvin presented for consideration the renewal of the Dental Health Options by Health Resources, Inc. contract for 2 years. This agreement holds our current dental rates for the two-year period. Mr. Schmitt made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Kahle seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 5 to 0 vote.

Mrs. Linda Reising, Posey County Public Library President, presented an update on the library townships situation. Mrs. Reising indicated that since she last addressed the Board in April, she has been unsuccessful in getting the Robinson Township tax funds allocated to the Poseyville Carnegie Library. As discussed back in April, students of Robinson Township are part of the MSD of North Posey County district and the Board agreed that the tax funds from that township should go to the Poseyville Carnegie Library. The Poseyville library fully supports all students of the district, but the tax funds are given to the Alexandrian Public Library in Mt. Vernon. Mrs. Reising did reach out to our County and State representatives whom all agree that the funds should indeed go to the Poseyville Library, however, both Library Boards would need to agree to make the change. Mrs. Reising reached out to the Alexandrian Library Board, and attended one of their Board meetings. The Alexandrian Board did not agree that the funds should be reallocated to the Poseyville Library. They indicated that since there is a reciprocal agreement with both libraries that they should keep the funds from Robinson Township. Since that meeting, the Alexandrian Book Mobile showed up at South Terrace Elementary. This has caused an issue within the school as the students are now returning the books to the South Terrace library instead of taking them back to Alexandrian. Mrs. Morlan, MSD of North Posey district librarian and Director of Poseyville Carnegie library, asked the Board to reach out to Mrs. Koester to request they not allow the Book Mobile at South Terrace in the future to avoid the confusion among the students. Mrs. Reising then advised the Board that the district’s appointed representative on the Alexandrian Library Board was among the Board members that did vote in opposition to the MSD of North Posey Board’s wishes on this matter. After much discussion, the Board let Mrs. Reising know that they plan to reach out to Matt Thompson, Mt. Vernon Superintendent, to obtain his support in this matter. They also plan to contact the district’s attorney, Josh Orem, as well as our state and county representatives. Mr. Galvin and Mr. Gentil also indicated that they plan to attend the next Alexandrian Library Board meeting.

Personnel

Mr. Galvin presented for consideration the compensation package for Mr. Sean Fisher, North Posey High School Principal. Mr. Oakley made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Kahle seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 5 to 0 vote.

Professional Leave

Mr. Galvin presented the following professional leave requests:

| Name | School | Date/Reason | Location | Approx Cost/Fund |
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| Cody Moll and Braxton Lee | NPHS | October 21-22, 2021 2021 IHSWCA Wrestling Clinic | Indianapolis, IN | \$260.00/ECA Fund |
| Jacob Riecken Jayme Bender Sherri Schroeder Tiffany Harvey Brain Wilson | Tech Dept | November 9-12, 2021 HECC Conference | Indianapolis | \$4,982.00 Operation Fund |

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Will and seconded by Mr. Schmitt, to approve the professional leave requests with a 5 to 0 vote.

Reports and Information

- COVID-19 Update
- Good News Report

Next Board Meeting

There will be a Special Session Board Meeting on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. to ratify the Teacher Contract with the NEA North Posey. The tentative agreement may be found on the district's website. <http://www.northposey.k12.in.us/contract-information>

The next Regular Board meeting will be Tuesday, November 9, 2021 in the Metropolitan School District of North Posey Conference Room. Executive session will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the regular meeting to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kahle, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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