

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTY(BOARD OF EDUCATION -- SPECIAL MEETING)

MARCH 5th, 1958.

MINUTES

The Board of Education held a SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 5th -- following the Joint Meeting of the Board of Education and the Holding Corporation Directors. All members were present -- except Gordon Rogers.

BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MR. PRICE.
2. DINNER MARCH 10th -- FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS & PRINCIPALS -- was announced. The dinner will be at 6:00 PM at Harold's Restaurant.

3. RED CROSS HOME NURSING CLASS:

Mr. Crawford stated that Betty Allyn had been asked by the Red Cross Organization to teach a Red Cross Nursing Class for a group of women in the School District. This class would be in session over a period of seven weeks -- a 2-hour session each Thursday afternoon -- starting April 10th. This work is voluntary on the part of Mrs. Allyn -- no compensation involved.

Mr. Morlock made the motion -- seconded by Mr. Redman -- that we give Mrs. Allyn permission to teach the Red Cross class. Motion carried.

4. CAN TEACHER SERVE AS TRUSTEE AND CONTINUE TO TEACH? (Attitude of Board Toward This.)

The matter of a teacher serving as trustee and continuing to teach was discussed pro and con. Some opinions voiced were:

"It is legal, but not particularly desirable because of the principle of the situation."

"He'd be getting taxpayers' money in two jobs at the same time."

No definite decision reached.

5. SCHOOL BUS TRANSFER:

Mr. Roberts stated that Carl Poehlein has sold out, and plans to move to Boonville, or thereabouts, and will no longer drive his school bus route. Mr. Poehlein suggested a man who is interested in taking over the payments on the bus -- \$145 per month for 1 year -- and who would continue on Mr. Poehlein's contract -- if this would meet the approval of the Board of Education.

In the discussion that followed, the following questions were raised:

1. Is the man qualified to drive the route? This would need investigation.
2. Could the School District buy the bus for \$1800 and hire someone to drive it? (If the School District purchases the bus, it could also be available for educational trips, etc.)

DECISION: Mr. Roberts is to try to negotiate with Mr. Poehlein on buying the bus for \$1800, and also check with the Finance Co. to make sure that this amount is the correct amount owed on the bus.

Mr. Kohlmeier made the motion to buy the bus for \$1800. Seconded by Mr. Hicks. Motion carried.

6. CONTRACT WITH PLUMBERS -- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Mr. Crawford stated that the Board has been asked by Jack Gottman Co. if they wish to comply with Article IV of the Contract with Gottman's for heating and plumbing in the new elementary school.

The motion was made by Mr. Morlock -- seconded by Mr. Redman -- to have Alternates A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H reinstated in the contract as of March 1, 1958. Motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 10th, at 7:30 P.M., IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE.

Signed:

Mason Price  
(Chairman)

Carl Kahlmeyer  
(Secretary.)

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTY

(BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING -- MARCH 10th, 1958)

MINUTES

The Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 10th, 1958, at 7:30 P.M., in the Administrative Office. The following members were present: Mason Price, Carl Kohlmeyer, Robert Redman, Allen Hicks, Eugene Morlock and Norman Wade. (Gordon Rogers did not attend.)

Also attending the meeting were: Eldon R. Crawford, Supt., Charles E. Roberts, Ass't. Supt., Ralph Schuler, Attorney; Roy Goerges, William Hendrickson, Lloyd Hutchinson and William Wilson, Principals.

BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MR. PRICE.

Mr. Price -- speaking in behalf of the Board of Education -- expressed their appreciation of the dinner at Harold's -- given by the Superintendent, Ass't. Superintendent and Principals. Mr. Crawford responded.

2. MINUTES:

Since each member had a copy of the minutes, the motion was made by Mr. Morlock -- seconded by Mr. Wade -- to omit the oral reading. Motion carried.

3. BILLS AND CLAIMS:

Claims Nos. 54 - 91 and Payroll Claims Nos. 6A - 10 were presented and approved for payment. Mr. Morlock made the motion -- seconded by Mr. Redman -- to pay the bills. Motion carried.

4. REPORT ON TELEVISION EDUCATION:

The Report on Television Education was made by Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Goerges. Sixteen schools from this area have been invited to participate in an Educational Television program in cooperation with Station WTWW and the Ford Foundation. The advantages and disadvantages of this program were explained. The cost to the Metropolitan School District was presented.

After considerable discussion, the Board suggested that Mr. Crawford contact Mr. Becker and ask for an extension of time until next meeting; if extension was not possible, he (Mr. Crawford) should call a special meeting of the Board on March 19th.

5. REPORTS:

Mr. Crawford read to the Board a letter sent to Mrs. Malone -- regarding purchase of the ground adjacent to Griffin School.

Mr. Roberts reported on the boiler section replacement at Cynthiana, price \$420. The broad insurance problem was discussed, and the Board wants broad coverage as soon as possible -- even if it requires immediate replacement of the cracked section.

The heating units have been replaced in the Griffin Gym.

Mr. Crawford reported on Mr. Gottman's contract, and read a letter which stated that certain alternates should be added to the plumbing and heating contract.

6. ELECTRICAL WORK AT CYNTHIANA:

Mr. Roberts read a letter to electricians which asked for a reply by March 7th, 1958. Since no reply had been received, Mr. Morlock moved we give the electrical repair work -- as set out by conditions in letter of February 26th -- to Erbacher Electric Co. Seconded by Mr. Wade. Motion carried.

7. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA -- FINAL BID:

Mr. Kohlmeyer moved -- seconded by Mr. Hicks -- that the bid of Weber Equipment Co., of \$10,981.34, be accepted. Motion carried.

8. POEHLEIN BUS MATTER:

After discussion of Mr. Poehlein's option to sell his bus for \$2001.93, Mr. Morlock moved that Mr. Roberts have Mr. Poehlein bring his bus to Nix Motor Sales and to Davis-Downen Motor Co., and have the compression, transmission, differential, tires & chassis checked for condition, and appraised; and that the appraisal be given to Mr. Roberts for presentation at the Board of Education meeting March 24th, 1958. Seconded by Mr. Hicks. Motion carried.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY MR. PRICE AT 10:00 P.M.

Signed:

Mason Price  
(Chairman)

Carl Kohlmeyer

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTYMINUTES OF MARCH 24th MEETING

The Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 24th, at 7:30 P.M., in the Administrative Office, with the following members present: Mason Price, Carl Kohlmeyer, Allen Hicks, Eugene Morlock, Norman Wade and Robert Redman. (Gordon Rogers did not attend.)

Also attending were: Eldon R. Crawford, Supt., Charles Roberts, Ass't. Supt., Lloyd Hutchinson, Roy Goerges, William Wilson, Principals; and Ralph Schuler, Attorney.

BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MR. PRICE.
2. MINUTES:  
Mr. Hicks made the motion -- seconded by Mr. Redman -- to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
3. BILLS AND CLAIMS:  
Claims Nos. 92 to 110 were presented for approval of payment. Mr. Morlock made the motion -- seconded by Mr. Wade -- to pay the bills. Motion carried.
4. LINE FENCE -- HIGH SCHOOL SITE:  
Mr. Crawford stated that Alvin Doll had been in, and asked that a line fence be built between the high school site and his property.

Specifications decided upon were:

4" penta-treated posts -- 7 ft. long -- 10 to 12 ft. apart.  
Fencing to be No. 9 Stays, No. 7 Mesh, 42" or 49" high.  
4 Point barbed wire on top, 1 strand.  
50 lbs. staples.

(The School Corporation to purchase materials and Mr. Doll to pay his part.)

It was suggested to hire men on relief to do the work, under the supervision of Mr. Doll. Mr. Roberts is to contact Alvin Doll and see if these arrangements meet with his approval; then Mr. Roberts is to purchase the necessary materials.

5. KITCHEN EQUIPMENT -- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:  
The bid of Weber Equipment Co. was accepted at the last meeting. The contract -- examined and approved by Ralph Schuler -- was presented tonight for signatures. Mr. Price and Mr. Kohlmeyer signed the contract.
6. TELEVISION EDUCATION CONTRACT:  
Mr. Crawford read portions of a letter from Ralph Becker, Supt. of Schools at Evansville -- stating that eleven contracts have been received so far -- which indicates a great deal of interest in the television education program.

This letter also stated that there will be a Workshop on Television Education -- on March 31st -- for Superintendents and Principals -- at Harper School, beginning at 3:00 P.M.

Mr. Crawford read "The Contract of Participation in Television Education Program."

A lengthy discussion followed.

Some advantages in taking part in this program were pointed out as follows:

1. It would broaden the curriculum of the school.
2. It would broaden the outlook of the students.
3. It would enable us to combine classes and offer more subjects.
4. There's a possibility of doing a better job of teaching, and that would be worth the approximate \$3000 it would cost.

The main disadvantage was the fact that "taxes are high enough. We are providing new buildings, and that should be sufficient."

Mr. Kohlmeier made the motion that the Board approve the Contract of Participation in the Southwestern Indiana Educational Television Council -- in accordance with the estimated budget, and authorize completion of contract and return it to Mr. Ralph Becker, Supt. of Schools in Evansville. Seconded by Mr. Hicks. Motion carried. VOTE: "YES" -- 4; "NO" -- 2 (MORLOCK and WADE.)

7. POEHLEIN BUS:

Mr. Roberts presented an estimate from Nix Motor Sales -- in accordance with the minutes of March 10th. According to their report, there was only one thing wrong with Poehlein's bus -- the universal joint needs to be replaced. Value of bus -- approximately \$2500.

Davis-Downen Estimate -- No repairs necessary. Value of bus -- approximately \$2000.

A discussion followed.

It was the general opinion that Mr. Poehlein's price of \$2001.93 was too high. It was suggested that Mr. Roberts negotiate with Mr. Poehlein, to see if he will make a reduction of \$400 in the price of his bus.

Mr. Wade made the motion -- seconded by Mr. Redman -- that Mr. Roberts offer Mr. Poehlein \$1601.93 for his bus. Motion carried.

8. BIDS ON FURNITURE:

Bids were received from the following firms: Allied, Inc., King Equipment Co., Lee School Supply, Rundell Supply and Tri-State School Supply.

The bids were opened and read, and samples of furniture were examined by Board members.

The motion was made by Mr. Kohlmeier -- seconded by Mr. Morlock -- to delay action on the bids until a later date. Carried.

9. PEYRONNIN -- GENERAL CONSTRUCTION:

Mr. Crawford stated that it is now time to re-instate hold-backs into the contracts. Mr. Hicks made the motion -- seconded by Mr. Redman -- authorizing a letter to contractors to state that we have taken action to re-instate alternates in accordance with provisions of the contracts as follows:

- (1) General Construction Contract with Peyronnin Construction Co., Inc.-- Alternates D, E, F, G, H, as set out in Articles 3 and 4 of said contract. Alternates 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 11 -- as set out in Article 5 of said contract; such action to be effective as of March 1, 1958.
- (2) Althoff-Howard Electric Co., Inc.: Alternate A, as set out in Article 3, said action to be effective as of March 1, 1958.

10. PETITION FOR LEASE OF HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING:

Mr. Schuler stated that the Board of Education must be petitioned by 50 or more patrons -- to lease the building from the North Posey School Building Corporation. (He presented the petition with 62 signers). He stated that the Board needs to adopt a resolution to approve this petition. The Resolution was read by Ralph Schuler. (A copy of the Resolution is in the Minute Book.)

Mr. Morlock made the motion to adopt the Resolution to approve the Petition. Seconded by Mr. Hicks. Motion carried.

The Certification of this Resolution was signed by the Board members. This Certification will be sent to Mr. Wilbur Young, Supt. of Public Instruction.

11. KIRKMAN PROBLEM:

Mr. Crawford explained Mrs. Kirkman's problem as follows:

On Thursday morning, March 13th, because of a heavy snow, two of our teachers, Maurine Taylor (Wadesville School), and Patricia Kirkman (Poseyville School), did not make it to school. (However, all other out of town teachers in the system -- from Evansville, Owensville, Princeton, Crossville, etc. -- came ahead.)

Since the roads were cleared by noon, we reasoned that these two teachers could have come to school at least a part of the day. However, they missed the whole day, thus leaving the students in their classes without instruction, and we deducted a day's pay from each of these teachers' pay checks. Mrs. Taylor -- upon having the situation explained to her -- accepted it without question.

Mrs. Kirkman came in to see Mr. Crawford, and in the conference she stated that she felt she was treated very unfairly and wished to present the matter before the Board. In the meantime, she took the matter to Mr. Price, President of the Board -- at his home -- and he suggested that she contact Mr. Crawford and make an appointment to appear before the Board.

Mr. Crawford explained that a situation of this nature is not covered in the provisions of the teachers' salary schedule.

He also stated that this action was taken in fairness to all other teachers who did get to school that day.

Mr. Crawford stated that, if the Board thinks our decision was wrong, then both teachers should be granted the day's pay.

In the discussion which followed, the majority of the Board members agreed that our reasoning was sound, and that we had done the right thing by deducting the day's pay.

It was the opinion of the Board that if a teacher were excused and paid for a situation of this nature, it would establish a precedent which would be detrimental to instruction during any period in which we had bad weather.

Mr. Crawford stated that he is "concerned about the attitude of some teachers -- particularly in Poseyville School -- and he thinks it would be a good idea to discuss this problem -- with Mr. Hendrickson present -- before re-hiring teachers for next school year.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. DUE TO ANOTHER SCHEDULED MEETING ON APRIL 14th, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL HOLD ITS NEXT REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 11th.

SIGNED

Mason Price  
Chairman.

Carl Kohlmyer  
Secretary.