

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTY
(Board of Education Meeting -- May 11th, 1959)

MINUTES

The Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, May 11th, at 8:00 P.M., in the Administrative Office.

Board members present were: George Heckerman, Vertis Matz, Virgil Williams, Harold Kemmerling and W. W. Lowe.

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

BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED AS FOLLOWS:

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

2. MINUTES:

Copies of Minutes of April 27th meeting were mailed to Board members for study -- previous to the meeting.

The motion was made by Mr. Matz -- seconded by Mr. Williams -- to approve and accept the minutes as written. The motion carried.

3. CLAIMS:

Regular Claims Nos. 239 to 275, and Payroll Claims Nos. 21A-25 were presented for approval of payment.

The motion was made by Mr. Williams -- seconded by Mr. Matz -- to pay the bills. Motion carried.

4. BONDING OF TREASURER:

Mr. Crawford stated that present bonds covering the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Education will expire on May 13th. He also stated that, effective April 1st, only the Treasurer will need to be bonded. Since the Board must be re-organized July 1st -- the new bond can be written so that it will extend until July 1, 1960.

After a discussion, the motion was made by Mr. Williams -- seconded by Dr. Lowe -- to have the Wadesville Insurance Company write the bond for the Treasurer, the bond to continue until July 1, 1960. Motion carried.

5. PERSONNEL RESIGNATIONS:

Mr. Crawford stated that resignations were received from John Culbertson, Marion Cowling and William Hendrickson.

The motion was made by Dr. Lowe -- seconded by Mr. Kemmerling -- to accept the resignations. Motion carried.

6. COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES:

Data was distributed showing school, date and time of each high school commencement.

7. GRIFFIN SEWAGE:

It was stated that, in the April 13th meeting, a proposal was made that a licensed engineer draw up specifications and plans for repairs needed on the Griffin School sewage system.

Since school enrollment will be considerably less beginning next fall, it is thought that, by installing new toilet fixtures and stopping the leaks, the situation can be corrected. It is also thought that it will not be necessary to move the rest rooms upstairs, as mentioned in previous plans.

The motion was made by Dr. Lowe -- seconded by Mr. Williams -- to give the Administrative Office authority to get quotations on installation of new fixtures in the Griffin School rest rooms, and to rescind the previous authorization to get plans and specifications from a licensed engineer, for repairs to the sewage system.

The motion carried.

8. BIDS FOR MOWING EQUIPMENT:

Bids were received for mowing equipment as follows:

Davis-Downen Motor Co.:

1 ea. Unit Tractor - Ford - 1959 Model - Model No. 641 -----	\$2359.00
1 Mower - Rotary Type - Model 2260 -----	445.00
Total -----	2804.00
Less Special School Discount ----	766.06
	<u>\$2037.94</u>

6 Months Warranty on both parts and labor.

Breiner & Uhde:

1 New International Utility Tractor - Model No. 240 - 1958 Model ---	\$1,699.99
1 New International Model No. 330 - 1958 Model -----	1,889.93
6 Months Warranty. If 3 point wanted, add \$40.85.	
1 International Cub LoBoy Tractor - Demonstrator Model 1957, with New 6 Months Warranty -----	1,085.00
Mower - for use with No. 240 or No. 330 Tractor -----	299.99
No. 28 Rotary Cutter	
Mower - for use with LoBoy Cub Tractor - 1959 Model -----	250.00
Alternate Bid for Mower -----	250.00

Posey County Farm Bureau Co-Op:

1 Model No. 540 Tractor - Cockshutt - 1959 Model -----	\$2,034.00
Mowing Equipment - Imperial Rotocycle - 1959 Model -----	279.00
Total -----	<u>\$2,313.00</u>

1 Year's Warranty on parts and labor.

E. F. Heiser:

1 Ferguson Tractor No. 35 Deluxe -----	\$2,095.00
1 Ferguson Tractor - No. 35 - Special -----	1,795.00
1 Used Ferguson Tractor - 1951 Model -----	795.00
Wood Rotary Mower - 1958 Model -----	295.00

Juncker Bros., Mt. Vernon:

1 Ferguson Tractor No. 35 - New -----	\$2,139.68
Rotary Mower - New -----	274.34
Total -----	<u>\$2,414.02</u>

Carl Nix:

No. 9114E Excello Riding Mower - 90 Days Warranty on all parts ----- \$ 298.00

Recommends 5 units -- total price \$1490.00 - 1 unit at each school.

In the discussion, it was suggested that it might be well to see a demonstration of these types of equipment, also that a study of these bids be made in light of the figures themselves, and also types of equipment offered.

The motion was made by Mr. Williams -- seconded by Mr. Kemmerling -- to meet Tuesday afternoon, May 12th, at 1:00 o'clock, to see demonstration of tractors and mowers by Davis-Downen, Farm Bureau Co-Op., Breiner & Uhde and Heiser Hardware. These types of equipment will be demonstrated on the Poseyville School lot.

The motion carried.

9. TRANSPORTATION:

Bids on Busses:

Bids received on furnishing busses were opened, tabulated and studied.

(A tabulation is in the Minute Book.)

As time is needed to study and re-organize figures on bus bids, it was decided that the Board would meet in special session on Tuesday, May 12th, at 4:00 P.M., in the Administrative Office, for this purpose.

The motion was made by Mr. Williams -- seconded by Mr. Kemmerling -- to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 P.M. An inspection of a Blue Bird Transit Bus was held following the meeting.

Signed: George H. Heckerman
(Chairman)

(Secretary)

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTY
(Special Meeting of Board of Education - May 12, 1959)

MINUTES

The Board of Education met at the Administrative Office on May 12th, 1959, at 1:30 P.M., in Special Session, for further study of bids on school busses which had been received and opened in the regular meeting of May 11th.

Members present were: George Heckerman, Virgil Williams, Harold Kemmerling, Vertis Matz, and Dr. W. W. Lowe.

Mr. Crawford, Supt., Mr. Roberts, Ass't. Supt., and Mr. Schuler, School Attorney were present.

After thorough discussion of the relative merits of the bus bodies, chassis, and combinations offered, together with quoted prices; also the matter of service to equipment, and the transportation needs of the District, agreement was reached as stated in the following motion.

Motion was made by Mr. Matz and seconded by Mr. Williams that installment conditional sales contracts, in accordance with Chapter 104 of the 1959 Acts of the Indiana General Assembly, be entered into for the purchase of new school busses on the basis of bids as follows:

1. To Davis-Downen Motor Co., of Poseyville: Seven (7) Forty-eight (48) passenger busses with Wayne bodies on Ford chassis with 6 cylinder motors. These busses are to be furnished with fifty-two ounce fabric on seats and equipped with split sash windows. Total amount, including extras, to be \$33,971.70.
2. To Davis-Downen Motor Co., of Poseyville: Two (2) Fifty-four (54) passenger busses with Wayne bodies on Ford chassis with 8 cylinder motors. These busses are to be furnished with fifty-two ounce fabric on seats and equipped with split sash windows. Total amount, including extras, to be \$10,928.72.
3. To Nix Motor Sales: Six (6) Sixty (60) passenger busses as follows: Five (5) with conventional Bluebird bodies on 2.5 ton Chevrolet chassis and One (1) Transit type bus with Bluebird body; all motors to be Chevrolet 8 cylinder. All of these busses to be furnished with fifty-two ounce fabric on seats. Total amount \$37,781.50.

Action on this motion was delayed until after the Board had inspected a Bluebird body on a conventional type bus. Following this inspection the Board re-convened at 9:00 P.M., for the purpose of voting on the above motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Details of contracts and orders are to be completed for signatures by Mr. Roberts and Mr. Crawford.

A summary of bids is attached.

Demonstration of mowing equipment scheduled for 1:00 P.M. was postponed because of wet weather. It was pointed out that this demonstration should be scheduled at an early date and a decision reached, due to the fact that request for emergency appropriation for purchase of school busses and mowing equipment will be made in the same publication.

Suggested procedures for employment of drivers were distributed to Board members for study.

The meeting was recessed at 5:00 P.M., and re-convened at 9:00 P.M., for the purpose of acting on the motion to purchase school busses, then adjourned.

Signed:

(Chairman)

(Secretary)

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTY
(Board of Education Meeting - Special Meeting -- May 14, 1959)

MINUTES

The Board of Education met on Thursday afternoon, May 14th, at the Poseyville School ground to inspect and observe the performance of tractor-mowing equipment on which bids were received May 11th.

Members of the Board present were: Harold Kemmerling, Virgil Williams, Dr. Lowe, and Vertis Matz. Mr. Roberts, Ass't. Supt., and Mr. Crawford, Supt. of Schools, were also present.

Following the inspection a brief meeting was held in the administrative office for the purpose of taking formal action to decide which equipment to buy.

Motion was made by Mr. Matz and seconded by Mr. Williams to purchase the tractor-mower equipment, consisting of a Model 641 Ford Tractor and a Model 22-60 mower, both 1959 models, from Davis-Downen Motor Co. at Poseyville, on the basis of a bid of \$2037.94 which was considered the best bid from the standpoint of quality, price and performance. The motion carried.

Other bids submitted for this equipment were as follows:

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Description of Equipment</u>	<u>Price</u>
1. E. F. Heiser -----	Ferguson #35 Special with Wood Mower -----	\$2090.00
2. Breiner-Uhde -----	1. Int. Tractor #240 ----- Cub Int. Model 28 Mower	1999.98
	2. Lowboy Tractor - with mower -----	1335.00
3. Juncker Bros. -----	Ferguson #35 -----	2414.02
4. Carl Nix -----	5 Excello-Riding Power Mowers -----	1490.00
5. Farm Bureau Co-Op -----	Cockshutt - #540 - Tractor with Imperial Rotocycle Mower -----	2313.00

Approval was granted to publish "Notice to Taxpayers of Additional Appropriation", which will request authority to transfer funds from the Cumulative Building Fund to Capital Outlay for use in purchase of mowing equipment, and from Transportation to Capital Outlay in the amount of 10% of the total cost of new busses.

A copy of this notice is attached.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:30 P.M.

Signed:

George H. Heckerman
(Chairman)

(Secretary)

May 18, 1959.

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTY
(Board of Education Special Meeting -- May 18, 1959)

MINUTES

The Board of Education met in special session on Monday, May 18th, at 8:00 P.M., in the Administrative Office.

Board members present were: George Heckerman, Vertis Matz, Harold Kemmerling, Virgil Williams and W. W. Lowe.

Also attending were: Eldon R. Crawford, Supt. of Schools, Charles E. Roberts, Ass't. Supt., Lloyd Hutchinson, Principal, and Ralph Schuler, School Attorney.

The purpose of this special meeting was to continue study of bids for transportation.

Copies of "Recommendations in Regard to Policy & Procedure for Employment of Drivers" were distributed, read and explained by Mr. Crawford.

A lengthy discussion followed.

A decision was made to accept sealed bids, submitted on April 20th, for Routes #4, 5, 7 and 17, and to re-advertize for negotiations with drivers beginning June 4th.

The motion was made by Mr. Williams -- seconded by Mr. Matz -- "to accept sealed bids and award bus routes as follows:

Route # 4	---	John Goedde	-----	\$6.20	per day
" # 5	---	Gordon Rumble	-----	\$6.50	" "
" # 7	---	Gene Williams	-----	\$5.50	" "
" #17	---	Charles Schutz	-----	\$5.00	" "

and to reject all other bids submitted on April 20th except the three already awarded. The contracts for Routes #4, 5, 7 and 17 are for one year." The motion carried.

The motion was made by Dr. Lowe -- seconded by Mr. Kemmerling -- to advertize for sealed proposals to be received until 4:00 P.M., on June 4th, in order to start negotiations on Routes 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18 & 20." The motion carried.

It was stated that a Temporary Agreement of Employment will be given the driver, to suffice until he fully qualifies by presenting a performance bond, health certificate, proper license, etc., at which time a regular contract will be awarded.

It was suggested that letters be written to drivers who submitted bids on April 20th, also to other prospective drivers whose names were submitted at the Board meeting, notifying them concerning the "advertizing for sealed proposals."

It was pointed out that it would be well to have substitute drivers, approved by the Board of Education, listed in the Administrative Office, and that the Administrative Office be notified in case a substitute driver is used.

MEETING FOR APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION:

Mr. Crawford stated that it is necessary to have a meeting Monday night, June 1st, for final Board approval of the Emergency Appropriation.

NEWS RELEASE:

Mr. Crawford read a News Release which he proposed having published in the newspapers, as a means of informing the public concerning the purchase of busses for school transportation. The Board agreed to having this report published. (Copy is in Minute Book.)

TRACTOR-MOWER:

Supervisory responsibility regarding operation, care and maintenance of tractor-mower was delegated to Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Roberts suggested that the job of driving the tractor be given to Mr. George Yancy, as he seemed to be the custodian most fitted to handle a tractor.

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SUMMER WORK -- CUSTODIANS:

In the summer maintenance program, it was suggested that all four custodians work together in each school, to do the heavy work; then each custodian would finish up the lighter work in his own particular school.

The detailed suggested work plan for summer maintenance is not yet completed.

GOTTMAN PLUMBING BILL -- SOUTH TERRACE:

Mr. Crawford stated that he, Jack Gottman & Ralph Schuler had a conference, in which Mr. Gottman again requested a \$6000 payment, which would leave a balanced owed \$507.05.

In the conference, Mr. Gottman presented a letter from Trane, manufacturers of the heating system, which explained that the difficulty at South Terrace could be corrected with only an adjustment.

Mr. Schuler stated that he felt that the architect's recommendation to pay \$6000 to Gottman would seem to indicate that the architect was convinced the job had been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications, and that we would have no defense in the event of a suit to collect.

The motion was made by Mr. Matz -- seconded by Mr. Williams -- to pay Gottman Plumbing Co. \$6000. Motion carried.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KEMMERLING -- SECONDED BY MR. WILLIAMS -- TO ADJOURN AT 11:00 P.M.

Signed:

George H. Heckerman
Chairman

Secretary