

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF EDUCATION OF THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL
DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTY, INDIANA,

Held February 12, 1968

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana, met in regular session at the office of the Superintendent of Schools on the 12th day of February, 1968, with board members Wade, Tenison, Meredith, Hall and Fletchall present. Also attending were Superintendent Hollen, Attorney Schuler, and Principal Lloyd Hutchinson.

The meeting was called to order by President Tenison, who presided. Minutes of the last regular meeting of January 22, 1968, and special meetings of January 29, 1968 and January 31, 1968, were read to the board, and upon correction were accepted.

Claims No. 51 through No. 101 in the amount of \$9,832.70 and Title II Claims No. 1 through No. 10 in the amount of \$1,412.33 were presented to the board for consideration, and upon motion duly made by Wade, seconded by Fletchall and unanimously carried, were approved by the board and ordered paid.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller, parents of a student in the high school, appeared before the board for an audience, and after the hearing the board affirmed the actions taken by Principal Hutchinson in regard to their son, Stephen M. Miller.

The Superintendent reported to the board that the final school tax levy had been established in the amount of \$4.86, which concluded a General Fund rate of \$3.50; a Debt Service rate of \$.36; and a Cumulative Building Fund rate of \$1.00.

The Superintendent reported on the survey he had taken with the various teachers involved in the current radio instructional program, and reported that eight had indicated that value was received from the radio instructional program and five had indicated that they felt no such value was received. The board discussed the radio and television educational program but no decision was made in regard to a change in the District participation.

A proposed calendar for the year 1968-69 was presented by Superintendent Hollen and a discussion was held relevant to it, and the board directed that the Superintendent should establish the school calendar in the manner which he felt best.

The Veterans' Memorial Fund application was signed, and permission was granted to Superintendent Hollen to personally take it to Indianapolis for presentation.

The Opinion Questionnaire which had been submitted to each teacher in regard to the organizational planning for the school district was reviewed by the board, and it appeared that the majority of the teachers were in favor of a K-6-2-4 system, although many also favored a K-6-3-3 system.

A discussion was held relevant to the selection of an architectural firm and to the procedure involved in establishing a holding corporation for the financing of the district.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 10:45 p.m.

Jesse Tenison, Jr.
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P. C. Fletchall
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Held February 26, 1968

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana, met in regular session at the office of the Superintendent of Schools on the 26th day of February, 1968, with Board Members Tenison, Wade, Meredith and Hall present. Also in attendance was Superintendent Hollen.

The meeting was called to order by President Tenison, who presided. Minutes of the last regular meeting held February 12, 1968, were approved with one change. It was noted that the minutes of the previous meeting had not included the number of members to be obtained for the Holding Company. This should have read 25. With this correction and on motion by Wade, seconded by Hall, motion carried and the minutes were approved as read.

Claims No. 103 through 122 were presented to the Board for consideration. Upon motion by Wade, seconded by Hall and unanimously carried, claims were ordered paid.

Superintendent Hollen presented the resignation of Orvil Tate, bus driver of Route No. 5 for Board acceptance. Also, the recommendation of Mr. Hollen that Albert Rose be employed to replace Mr. Tate. Board approved the recommendation and accepted the resignation of Mr. Tate.

Also, Mr. Hollen brought to the attention of the Board that Glenn Ramsey would be resigning very soon and that no replacement had been found to take his place. It was brought out that Les Pritchett would perhaps drive the morning route with Ramsey continuing the afternoon run. The Board then considered the age limitation and waived this policy so that Mr. Pritchett could continue with the morning route, if he did not wish to take the route full time. Mr. Hollen was instructed to contact the parties and make known the waiver of the age rule to Mr. Pritchett.

Superintendent Hollen brought to the attention of the Board that it was nearly time to advertise for new school buses and that he recommended that we purchase three new buses this year with three trade-ins. Two 60 passenger buses and one 54 passenger would be purchased with trade-in of like capacity. Board approved the preparing of advertising within the next few weeks.

Mrs. Carol Riggs, Business Department teacher at North Posey Jr-Sr High School submitted a request to take eight girl members of the FBLA to Muncie, Indiana on March 29-30 to attend a state convention. They would go with the group from Reitz High School but would need transportation to Evansville on day of departure. Board approved the request if written permission of parents were on file in the Principal's Office before departure.

Mr. Hollen explained the School Financial crisis in Indiana. It was pointed out that at least three schools would not be able to complete the 1968 year without financial aid. Also that many scores of schools would not be able to stay within the limitations of budgeting for the 1969 year. It was pointed out by Mr. Hollen that the North Posey School District would be able to stay within limitations but would by necessity be forced to raise our local levy at least 50¢ over the present rate. This is due to loss of revenue on the State Level for the 1968-69 school year.

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Mr. Hollen explained to the Board the problem existing between the Sunshine Girls group and the Music Department conflict which occurred when both activities happened to fall on the same date this spring.

Superintendent Hollen recommended that Preliminary Contracts to teaching contracts be offered to Mrs. Arletha Southwood and Doris Jean Williams, who will be graduating from the University of Evansville this coming March. Board approved the contracts which were to be mailed to the prospective candidates.

A long discussion ensued as to the employment of an Architect for the proposed building program. Mr. Meredith reported that he did not get to make a visitation as he had planned this past week. Mr. Hall reported on a visitation to the North Daviess Community Schools where a new Junior-Senior High School is under construction. This building is being designed by the C. H. Byfield II Architectural Firm and Mr. Hall reported that many good things were apparent to he and Mr. Fletchall who also made the visitation. After further discussion as to the merits of both the Everett I. Brown Firm and the Byfield II Firm, the Board upon motion by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mrs. Wade, that the Byfield II Firm be employed to do our architectural work. Motion carried with member Meredith abstaining. Mr. Hollen was instructed to notify all firms interviewed as to the selection.

Mr. Hollen presented to the Board for study the educational specifications as compiled by the Elementary Committee for a new elementary school. Various items in the specifications were pointed out to the Board members as variable and that changes were bound to occur at a later date. Board members were to study the specifications and report their reactions at the next regular meeting.

As no further business was to come before the Board, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

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