

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

Held January 12, 1976

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana was held in the office of the Superintendent of Schools on the twelfth (12th) day of January, 1976, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock, p.m. Board Members Eisterhold, Tenison, Fletchall, Staples and Hall were present. Also attending were Superintendent Hollen, Administrative Assistant Wilson and Attorney Schuler.

The Meeting was called to order by the President who presided. Minutes of the previous meeting of December 22, 1975, were read to the Board and approved as read.

Claims No. 543-551 in the total amount of \$11,234.18 were presented to the Board for consideration and upon motion duly made by Tenison, seconded by Hall and unanimously carried were approved by the Board and ordered paid.

Contracts

A corrected contract for James M. Morgan was executed by the Board to include additional days of employment which had been inadvertantly omitted from the original contract. The Board further signed a contract of employment for Marijon Davis.

Re-organization

The superintendent reported to the Board that he had been in contact with the commission on general education in regard to the previous request filed by the district to be recognized as a re-organized school district. He reported that all necessary paper work had been completed and that it was probable that a hearing of the commission on general education would be held in Posey County in March at which time this matter would be considered.

Leave Requests

Request was received from Mrs. Phipps for one-half day of professional leave on January 23 in order to attend a business workshop in Indianapolis on the 23d and 24th. This permission was granted.

A request was received from Mrs. Dorcus Neidig for permission to be absent from teaching from February 25 through March 4 in order to accompany her husband on a trip to Spain. This permission was granted with the understanding that the days off would be taken without pay.

Bridge Problem

Mr. Wilson reported to the Board concerning the transportation problem arising from the posting of low load limits on county bridges by the Posey County commissioners. He reported that in the district there were four bridges where turn-arounds could be made so the buses would not have to cross the bridges; two bridges where minor repairs would restore them to servicable condition; fifteen

bridges which could be used if permission would be granted to use the operational load limit on the bridge rather than the inventory load limit; sixteen bridges requiring major repairs and eleven bridges around which buses could be rerouted. Following an extended discussion, the Board directed Mr. Wilson to attempt to secure permission to use the operational load limit on the fifteen bridges and directed him to reroute where possible around any bridge that has a lower load limit than the normal bus weight, and further directed that bridges which constituted an obvious hazard should not be used.

North Elementary Freeze Up

Mr. Hollen reported on the freezing of unit ventilators in three rooms in the northwest corner of the elementary school on January 8 when the temperature fell a bit below zero. He reported that it was found that necessary shut-off valves had not been installed in the heating system and that it had been necessary to shut down a major portion of the heating system in order to remove these units for service for repairs. He further stated that the units had been repaired and will be put back in service as soon as pipes can be drained and dried to permit soldering of the necessary joints.

South Terrace Closing

Mr. Hollen further reported that a malfunction occurred in the furnace at the South Terrace School on January 6, and that although work was immediately commenced to restore service, it was deemed necessary to close the school and send the children home because of the low temperature. He indicated that this furnace had been restored to service.

North Posey Break-in

Superintendent reported to the Board that he had been advised by local police officials that three youths had been apprehended who apparently were involved at the last break-in at the high school. A few items of equipment stolen were recovered, but the majority have not yet been located.

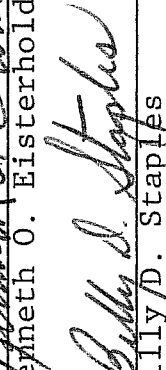
Mt. Vernon Request

Mr. Hollen reported that a request had been received from the MSD of Mt. Vernon that they be permitted to use our gym facilities on February 7 for a wrestling sectional meet. This meet had been scheduled at Mt. Vernon, but due to the shifting of the roof of their gymnasium, requiring the closing of it, another location was necessary. Mr. Hollen further reported that the Mt. Vernon district would furnish the necessary supervisory personnel and pay custodial charges. Permission for use of the gymnasium was granted

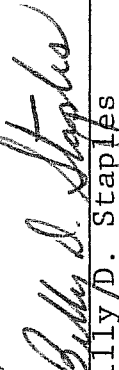
Following a general discussion of other school matters, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 9:00 o'clock p.m.


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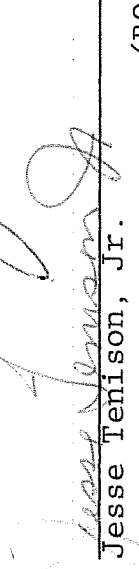

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
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THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF NORTH POSEY COUNTY, INDIANA

Held January 21, 1976

The Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana, met in Special Session in the office of the Superintendent of Schools on the 21st day of January, 1976, at the hour of 4:30 o'clock p.m. Board members attending were Hall, Tenison, Fletchall and Eisterhold. Also attending were Superintendent Hollen, Administrative Assistant Wilson, and Attorney Schuler.

The meeting was called to order by the president who presided.

Superintendent Hollen briefly restated the problems which exist in the district due to many of the bridges which school buses must cross being rated with a load limit under the weight of a school bus. Mr. Hollen stated that he felt that it was necessary to get information to the parents of changes in school bus routing and difficulties arising from these bridges and accordingly had prepared a news release which would appear in local papers on January 22 and 23. He further presented to the Board letters which he proposed be sent to all parents of students riding these buses and to all school bus drivers, explaining the problems and the solutions which would be attempted. This news release and the letters to the bus drivers and parents were approved by the Board.

Mr. Wilson stated to the Board that of the 65 bridges in the district which were rated at a limit less than the loaded weight of a school bus, he had rerouted buses around 42 of these and had secured permission to use the operational load limit of 16 of the bridges rather than the inventory load limit. This change in load limit would permit buses to cross.

Mr. Wilson reported that there were 7 bridges in the district which could not be used and, accordingly, it would be necessary that students walk across these. He presented the Board with a listing of the bridges involved and of the bus routes and drivers and indicated that it would involve a total of 161 students who would be required to walk across bridges, and in some instances, students would be required to walk across 2 bridges. Mr. Wilson stated that there were several methods to handle this and suggested the following:

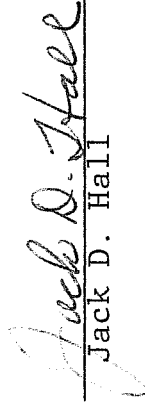
1. Bus driver remain on bus and visually observe children crossing before bringing bus across the bridge;
2. Driver accompany students across, then return for bus;
3. Driver remain on bus for visual supervision with a student "Flag bearer" leading the students across the bridge;
4. Unload, drive across the bridge and students follow;
5. Unload, drive across the bridge, then driver return and accompany students across.

These methods were discussed in some length by the Board and it was finally determined that in the opinion of the Board the safest method would be for the Driver to remain on the bus and visually supervise the students while the students were led across by a "Flag bearer" who would stop oncoming traffic.

Various suggestions were made by the Board concerning methods by which the students could be guided and supervised by the bus driver, and these were to be investigated by the Administrative Staff.

The Board further determined that in the event the re-routing of buses increased the mileage of bus drivers, they should be entitled to pay increases for the extension of the route.

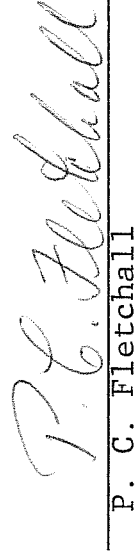
Following a further discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 5:30 p.m.



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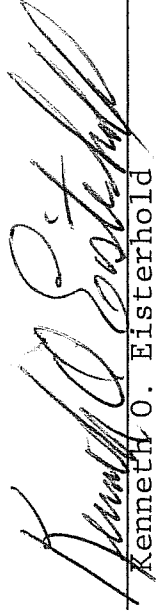


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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
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Held January 26, 1976

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana, was held in the office of the Superintendent of Schools on the Twenty-Sixth (26th) day of January, 1976, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock, p.m. Board Members, Eisterhold, Tenison, Fletchall, Staples and Hall were present. Also attending were Superintendent Hollen, Administrative Assistant Wilson and Attorney Schuler.

The meeting was called to order by the President who presided. Minutes of the last regular meeting of January 12 and of the Special Board Meeting of January 21 were read to the Board and were approved as read.

Claims No. 552-585 in the total amount of \$11,634.34 were presented to the Board for consideration and upon motion duly made by Hall, seconded by Eisterhold, and unanimously carried were approved by the Board and ordered paid.

Letter to County Commissioners

The Superintendent reported that in accordance with the direction of the Board issued at the last special meeting, he had sent a letter to the County Commissioners of Posey County, asking immediate action in regard to the problem the district has with county bridges in the area, and specifically requesting that bridges be repaired or replaced on a priority basis depending upon the importance of these to the district. He further requested immediate installation of fencing at all bridges where students must walk, and the installation of caution signs at these areas. The letter further requested immediate action on trimming all brush and trees near the approach of these bridges where children must walk in order to insure good visibility.

Appropriation Balances

The Superintendent reported to the Board that transfers for the closing of the 1975 appropriation had been made, and that all accounts were closed "in the black".

Mimeograph Machine

The Superintendent reported that he believed it necessary that a new mimeograph machine be purchased for the administrative office as the one currently in use has seen 18 years of service and was giving trouble. He indicated that quotes had been received from Business Equipment Company for a machine costing \$997.50 and from Adam's Office Equipment Company for a machine costing \$1425.00. Following a discussion, the Board authorized the purchase of a new mimeograph machine at the best price and quality as determined by the administrative staff.

School Bus Bids

The Superintendent and Mr. Wilson reported to the Board that it was proposed that three new 60-passenger buses should be pur-

chased this year, and that three of the old buses be traded in. Following a discussion, approval was given to advertise for these buses with bids to be open February 23, 1976.

Insurance Coverage

Mr. Hollen reported that he had talked with the Insurance Agent concerning the replacement cost insurance on the various school buildings and it was generally agreed that an increase in the amount of \$285,300.00, or 5%, was required in order to keep abreast of current building replacement costs. This increase was approved by the Board.

Heat Exchanger Repairs

The Superintendent reported that repairs had been made to the heat exchanger at the Junior High School to correct a persistent leaking condition.

Insurance Inspection

Mr. Hollen reported that the inspector for Continental Insurance Companies had been on hand to inspect all buildings and that he had orally raised questions in regard to a few items in the bus shop, but that indications were that no other defects were found. A written report would be received at a later date.

Following a further discussion of school business, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 9:10 p.m.

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