

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

Held March 8, 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 March 8th, 1976 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. with Board members Fletchall, Eisterhold, Tenison, Hall and Staples in attendance. Also in attendance were Superintendent Hollen and Administrative Assistant, William J. Wilson.

The meeting was called to order by President Fletchall, who presided. Minutes of a regular meeting and a special meeting held were read to the Board, and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, minutes were approved as read.

Claims No. 701 through 754, in the amount of \$10,745.26, were presented to the Board for consideration. Upon motion by Eisterhold, seconded by Tenison, and unanimously carried bills were approved by the Board and ordered paid.

Superintendent Hollen and Mr. Wilson explained to the Board some of the criticism that had been directed toward the administrators concerning the first bidding on the buses as well as the second advertisement of bids. Criticism of the various specifications of the local school district were made. The Board was informed that the second bids will be opened on March 22, 1976. It was pointed out by the administrators that local dealers were most critical of the procedures to date.

Mr. Hollen then informed the Board that he had met with Mrs. Kraft and discussed the using of her sick leave days to cover during her convalescence period after birth of her child in late August. It was pointed out that Mrs. Kraft would be able to use only days which were involved in her "temporary disability" which probably would be determined by her doctor. This time should not extend more than three to four weeks. It was also pointed out that Mrs. Kraft understood P.L. 252 of the Acts of 1975 which spelled out sick leave taken during temporary disability and agreed to that ruling.

Superintendent Hollen then presented an agreement with the local nursing home concerning their patients during any disaster. After a discussion of the matter the Board authorized Mr. Hollen to enter into the agreement.

The school calendar for 1976-77 came up for discussion and Mr. Hollen pointed out that not too much input had come from the NEA-North Posey group that would be acceptable. They proposed a calendar of 175 student days and 180 teacher days. The Board, after discussion of the matter, felt that they preferred the 178 student days and 180 teacher days as proposed by the administration, and tentatively adopted same.

Mr. Hollen informed the Board that he had been in contact with the Schoolhouse Planning Division of the State Department concerning the re-roofing of the High School gym this summer. It was pointed out that a new project number probably would be granted and an emergency appropriation would be needed.

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Mr. Hollen discussed with the Board his meeting with the NEA-North Posey representatives concerning the "family illness" refusal by the Board at their last meeting. The meeting was attended by Mr. Roberts, Uni-serve Director, Mr. Westfall, President of NEA-North Posey and John Siders, teacher involved. Also in attendance were Mr. Hollen, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Schuler. Mr. Hollen stated that he felt that some good came out of the meeting in that a closer look would be taken by all teachers in requesting various types of leaves from their duties. Too, Mr. Westfall and Mr. Hollen agreed that they would co-sign a memorandum to teachers stating various aspects of the leave of absence area of our contract which is being violated and request that teachers not continue to abuse the privilege. Mr. Hollen recommended that Mr. Siders take no loss in pay but to substitute one day of personal leave for one day of family illness and have no deduct of his wages. This was agreed to by all concerned and the Board approved this recommendation.

Mr. Wilson offered a suggestion that we continue with the Doron Precision Systems Maintenance Agreement for another year in the amount of \$1175.00 which would be shared by all three Posey County schools according to the previous percentage of cost as in the past. Board approved the continuing of the Maintenance Agreement. This Agreement is to cover the Simulator used in Driver Training classes at all three schools.

Mr. Hollen informed the Board that he had purchased four "weather alert" systems for the three schools and the Central Office. These items were needed in that we are ~~are~~ approaching the storm period of tornadoes etc, as well as meeting guidelines of State Department in installing warning systems in our schools.

Mr. Wilson informed the Board on the local dealers furnishing driver education cars for the coming summer school session. He pointed out that agreements would be signed with the local dealers concerning clean up of cars as well as labor on installing dual controls and oil changes at completion of course. Board authorized Mr. Wilson to proceed with agreements with dealers.

Superintendent Hollen informed the Board that he had ordered installation of chain barriers adjacent to the driveway behind the Jr. - Sr. High Schools to prevent drivers from cutting across the lawns to avoid the "bumps".

The final tax rates as had been certified to the State Board of Tax Commissioners by the County Auditor are as follows:

General Fund -----	\$ 3.86
Debt Service -----	.84
Cum. Bldg. Fund -----	.25
Total -----	\$ 4.95

As no further business was to come before the Board, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the Board adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

P. C. Fleetschall *Jack D. Hall*
Ernest Sesterhold *Billy D. Siders*
Gene Johnson

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTY, INDIANA

Held March 22, 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 22nd day of March, 1976, at the hour of 7:30 p. m., with Board Members Fletcher, Hall, Eisterhold, Staples and Tenison present. Also attending were Superintendent Hollen, Administrative Assistant Wilson, and Attorney Schuler.

The meeting was called to order by President Fletcher, who presided. Minutes of the previous meeting of March 8 were read to the Board and approved as read.

Claims No. 758 through No. 804 in the total amount of \$11,760.42 were presented to the Board for consideration, and upon motion duly made by Eisterhold, seconded by Hall, and unanimously carried, were approved by the Board and ordered paid.

Bus Bids

Following a rejection of all previous bus bids received, and new advertising, bids were received for bus bodies and chassis as follows:

1. Kerlin Bus Sales
Three 60-passenger bus bodies \$ 6,392.80.
2. North Posey Ford, Inc.
Three 60-passenger chassis, unit cost - \$7,111.00.
Total cost \$21,333.00
Automatic transmission option cost, each unit \$ 1,081.00.
3. Nix Bus Sales
Three 60-passenger bus chassis, unit cost - \$7,075.00
Total cost \$21,225.00
Automatic transmission option cost, each unit \$ 1,135.00.
Three 60-passenger bluebird bus bodies - \$6,655.00
per unit, with a \$1,700.00 per unit trade-in.
Three complete chassis and Bluebird bus body units \$41,190.00
Less trade-in - 5,100.00
Net cost \$36,090.00
4. Hastings Equipment Company
Three 60-passenger Superior bus bodies, unit
cost - \$7,023.66 .
Total cost \$21,071.00
Trade-ins - 1,750.00
Trade-ins - 2,250.00
Trade-ins - 2,750.00

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Three International truck chassis, with 345 cubic inch engine, per unit - \$6,813.00. Total Cost ... \$20,439.00

Three International truck chassis, with 392 cubic inch engine, per unit - \$6,966.00. Total Cost ... \$20,898.00

Options with automatic transmissions at \$1,150.00 and tilt hood at \$150.00.

Following a discussion, upon motion duly made by Staples, seconded by Tenison, and unanimously carried, the Board determined to award a contract for one bus body to Nix Motor Sales at a net cost of \$4,955.00, and determined to award a contract to Hastings Equipment Company for two Superior bus bodies and three 392 cubic inch engine chassis for a total cost of \$29,945.32.

Public Employee Retirement Fund

The Superintendent reported to the Board that information had been received indicating that the cost of participation in the Public Employees Retirement Fund would be 7.42 per cent of the payroll, with the employee paying an additional 3 per cent. The Board directed that a representative from PERF be requested to appear before the Board to discuss this proposal.

Personnel

The Superintendent reported the resignation of Don Powers as senior high art instructor, effective March 31, 1976. This resignation was accepted.

The Superintendent read to the Board a request for maternity leave from Judith Phipps, with the leave to commence sometime in October, 1976, and with Mrs. Phipps to return at the beginning of the second semester in 1977.

Reorganization

The Superintendent reported that the Metropolitan School District of North Posey County was recognized as a reorganized school district effective March 10, 1976.

He further reported to the Board that all schools had been evaluated and received a first class accreditation, with recommendations made for certain improvements.

Insurance Coverage

A discussion was held concerning the insurance coverage of the district and the cost as proposed by Will Ulrich Agency and the Forrest Sherer, Inc., Agency. The Board directed that an attempt be made to secure a comparable cost from the Will Ulrich Agency and to determine whether or not it would be necessary to advertise for insurance coverage.

Federal Programs


Mr. Wilson gave a report on federal programming indicating that several of the federal programs had been combined into a new ESEA Title IV number, and that the programs were now freed from restrictions as to how the funds were to be spent, although an application for the use of the funds was necessary. He further stated that under this Title there would be a flat grant with no matching funds required, and that the sum of \$3,888.00 was expected to be received during the fiscal year 1976, with \$5,800.00 to be received during the fiscal year 1977. Mr. Wilson recommended that an application be made to spend the \$3,888.00 toward the cost of a multilith machine for the industrial arts department, with the district to pay the remaining cost. He estimated that the machine would cost somewhere around \$7,000.00. Approval for this application was given by the Board.

Mr. Wilson further reported that Title VI Learning Disability Program would be continued, and he was granted approval to make application for these funds.

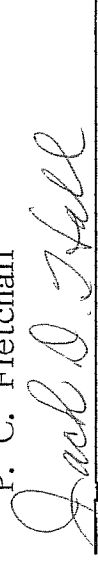
Negotiations

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Schuler discussed with the Board the progress of negotiations with the NEA NPC.

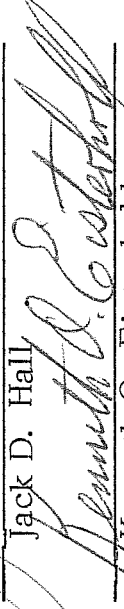
Following a general discussion of further school matters, the Board determined to hold its next meeting on April 5, 1976, as several board members would be absent for the National School Board Association Convention on April 12. Thereafter, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 10:30 p. m.



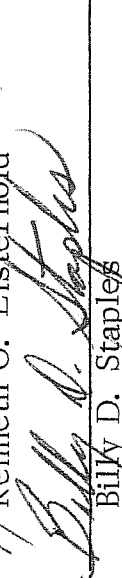
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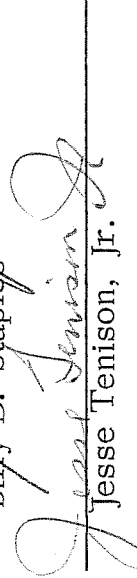
Jack D. Hall



Kenneth O. Eisterhold



Billy D. Staples



Jesse Tenison, Jr.

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