

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

Held October 11, 1976

The 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 11th day of October, 1976, with Board Members Staples, Hall, Fletchall, Eisterhold and Tenison present. Also attending were Superintendent Hollen and Attorney Schuler.

The meeting was called to order by the president who presided. Minutes of the previous meeting of September 27, 1976, were read to the Board and approved as read. Claims No. 205-252 in the total amount of \$9,383.58 were presented to the Board for consideration and upon motion duly made by Eisterhold, seconded by Tenison and unanimously carried, were approved by the Board and ordered paid.

German Township Water Company

A group of officials from the German Township Water Corporation were present to explain their proposal for connecting the Junior-Senior High School to the water system. Mr. John M. TenBerge acted as spokesman and explained that the corporation had laid a 6 inch line to the "Ebert" corner in order that the school could be served in the future, but stated that if the school would take water service, it would be necessary to run a 6 inch line from the "Ebert" corner to the school property at a present cost of approximately \$8,000.00 and that it would cost the school corporation approximately \$5,000.00 to connect up to the meter, which would be installed at the property line. Mr. TenBerge further stated that it was estimated that the monthly cost for water during the peak season would be \$365.75. It was requested that the Board advise the water company of its intentions within 30 days or sooner if possible.

Following a discussion by the Board Members, final consideration of the acceptance or rejection of water from the German Township Water Corporation was scheduled for the meeting of October 25, 1976.

Storage Building

Attention was called to the fact that it did not appear that the contractor had placed the 10" x 24" foundation for the storage building upon the footings as required by the specifications. Mr. Hollen stated that the contractor did not understand the specifications to call for this, but it was the feeling of the Board that the specifications were clear. Mr. Hollen was requested to check into the matter.

Amoco Confirmation

Mr. Hollen stated that he had received a letter from the Amoco Company, indicating that they would supply #2 fuel oil to the South Terrace Elementary School at the posted price plus delivery.

Maintenance Truck

Mr. Hollen stated to the Board that there was need to replace the maintenance truck now driven by Robert Smith, and that he had received a quote from North Posey Ford for a 1972 Ford pick-up truck with approximately 60,000 miles to sell for \$2,200 plus trade-in. He had also received a proposal from David Duvall for the purchase of a 1975 Ford pick-up truck with approximately 14,000 miles at a cost of \$3,200 plus trade-in. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the purchase of the 1975 truck from David Duvall.

Architect Conference

A conference was had with the architect, and Mr. Hollen reported to the Board that preliminary plans were nearly complete and that it was the desire of the architect to increase the size of the addition to some degree in order to give more room in some areas. The architect proposed a total area of 6,700 square feet which Mr. Hollen felt was excessive, and the architect indicated that the estimated cost of this area would be \$225,000, including heating which would be by electrical units.

The Superintendent reported that a contract with the architectural firm had not been signed, and a contract was submitted and signed by the Board.

Temporary Contract

The Superintendent presented to the Board the temporary contract for Ella Pittman who would substitute teach for Judy Phipps for the remainder of the semester. This contract was signed by the Board.

Overhead Door

Quotes were received from Poseyville Lumber Company for the installation of an overhead door at the garage building with a price of \$790.00 for a Crawford door and \$450.00 for a Clopay door. Following a discussion, upon motion duly made by Staples, seconded by Tenison and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the purchase of the Clopay door.

Following a further discussion of school matters, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 10:15 p.m.

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The 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 25th day of October, 1976, with Board Members Staples, Hall, Fletchall, Eisterhold and Tenison present. Also attending were Superintendent Hollen and Attorney Schuler.

The meeting was called to order by the president who presided. Minutes of the previous meeting of October 11, 1976, were read to the Board and approved as read. Claims No. 256-290 in the total amount of \$6,872.33 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.

German Township Water Company

The president called the attention of the Board to the assurance given the German Township Water Company at the last Board meeting that a decision would be made at this time concerning whether or not to receive water at the Junior-Senior High School from the German Township Water Company. Following a discussion concerning the merits of the existing water system and the cost of the proposed hook-up, and the monthly cost of water to be purchased from the water company, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board determined not to make a hook-up of the Junior-Senior High School to the water company.

Parent Delegation

A delegation of parents attended the meeting to discuss with the Board problems that they felt existed between the students and the vocational agricultural teacher. It was the feeling of these parents that the students do not feel that they can relate to the teacher and that there was a lack of harmony in the vo-ag program. The matter was discussed thoroughly by the parents and the Superintendent, and the consensus indicated that the basic problem had arisen over the past several years and the current lack of harmony was a result of trying to correct previous problems. Mr. Hollen assured the delegation that the administration would work with the instructor in an effort to achieve greater harmony in the department and asked that the delegation and all parents of students in the agricultural classes work toward this same end.

Storage Building

The Superintendent reported to the Board that he had conferred with the contractor regarding the construction of the storage building and the "foundation wall," which was planned to extend 2 feet above ground level. He indicated

that the contractor in his interpretation of the specifications concluded that this "foundation wall" was to be below ground level, and that the footings called for in the specifications were to be only placed under the structural steel members, rather than completely around the perimeter of the building. Following a discussion, in which the bid of the contractor was examined, it was determined by the Board that there was a misunderstanding of the parties concerning the meanings of certain terms in the specifications, but that the work of the contractor was in accordance with his bid, which included an interpretation of the specifications, and would therefore have to be considered acceptable.

#### Bleacher Seats

Mr. Hollen reported to the Board that there was a need for portable bleacher seats to be used both in the high school gymnasium and possibly in the Junior High School gymnasium. He indicated that seats could be had, constructed of aluminum, on casters, and seating 44 persons per unit, for the unit cost of \$811.00. Following a discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of five such portable bleacher units.

#### Garden Area Clean-up

Junior High School Principal John Wood called attention to the fact that there was need for a clean-up and trimming of the garden area in the courtyard in the Junior High School complex, and requested permission of the Board to utilize student help in this project. This request was granted.

#### Rapp Request

Senior High School Assistant Principal Rapp submitted his request to the Superintendent for permission to attend the Indiana Association of Assistant Principals' Conference in Indianapolis on November 17 and 18. This request was granted.

#### Attendance Officer

Mr. Hollen reminded the Board that the Posey County Council had declined his request for an additional appropriation covering the salary of the attendance officer for the balance of this year and had declined to make an appropriation sufficient to cover the total salary for the coming year. He indicated he would meet with the council on November 8 in an effort to convince them that they should adhere to the requirements of the law, which provides that the school district shall fix the salary and that the County shall pay it.

#### Transportation

Mr. Brenton submitted a report to the Board indicating that prior to October 25, it was necessary for 161 students to walk across various bridges in the school district. He indicated that as of October 25, it would only be necessary for 40 students to walk across bridges and that he was hopeful that additional bridges could be approved for crossing and that the number of students walking across bridges would be reduced or possibly even eliminated.

ESEA

Mr. Hollen reported to the Board that funds would be received under Title 4B, which replaces the former Title 2, for library and learning aids, in the amount of \$8,737.00. He indicated that the proposed plan was to use this money for upgrading library facilities and purchase of library books.

South Terrace Addition

The Superintendent reported that South Terrace Principal Don Thompson had submitted an estimate for furnishing of the addition to the South Terrace School in the amount of \$13,876.00. Mr. Hollen further stated that the preliminary plans for the addition had been received from the architect, and that these called for 6,642 square feet of classrooms and corridors, and that the architect's estimate of cost at \$32.00 per square foot was \$212,544.00, which included all plumbing and heating units.

The Superintendent further reported that petitions for a \$200,000 general obligation bond issue to be used in the financing of this addition had been received, signed by 492 persons. As it is legally necessary to have only 50 signatures in all, he felt that this indicated tremendous support in the district for the proposed addition.

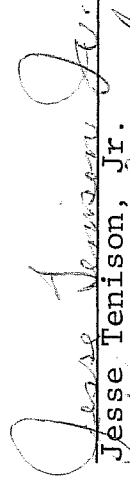
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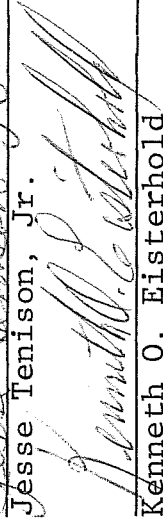
The Superintendent requested that he be permitted to hire someone to patrol the high school grounds between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. between October 26 and November 1, in an effort to curtail damage which might arise from halloween pranks. Approval was given for the employment of this person.

P.E.R.F.

Mr. Hollen reported that he had attended a conference at Indianapolis relating to the Public Employee's Retirement Fund and that he would secure the sign-up of the individual members of the fund and forward the applications to Indianapolis so that the district would be eligible to participate as of January 1, 1977. He also indicated that he felt the participation in the P.E.R.F. program was greatly appreciated by the employees and was a great morale booster.

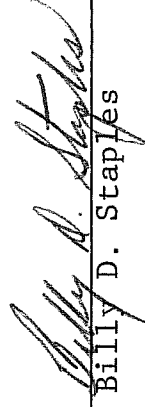
Following a further discussion of school matter, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 9:40 p.m.

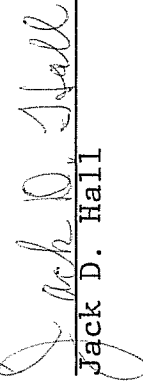
  
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