

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

Held February 14, 1977

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 14th day of February, 1977, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock p.m., with Board Members Hall, Eisterhold, Newman, Tenison, and Staples present. Also attending were Superintendent Hollen, Administrative Assistant Brenton and Attorney Schuler.

The meeting was called to order by President Eisterhold who presided. Minutes of the previous meeting of January 24, 1977, were read to the Board and approved as read.

Claims

Claims No. 34-88 in the total amount of \$20,292.47 were presented to the Board for consideration, and upon motion duly made by Hall, seconded by Tenison and unanimously carried were approved by the Board and ordered paid.

Architect Report

The architectural firm for the addition to the South Terrace Elementary School presented to the Board its proposed final plan for the addition, and after an extended discussion and certain modifications, it was decided that advertisements should be made for the receiving of bids on March 14, 1977, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock p.m.

James Pittman Report

Mr. Pittman, principal of the Senior High School, reported to the Board of certain problems and thoughts, indicating that there was a need for an increase in size of the Industrial Arts Department and recommended to the Board the employment of an additional staff member. He further reported that attendance was a problem in that it was difficult to enforce the present attendance law since an absence is excused if the parent certifies if the student was ill, whether or not this was true. He suggested establishing a set number of days per year to cover sickness or otherwise and suggested that those students who exceeded this number would suffer some grade penalty. These matters were taken under advisement for the Board for later decision.

Leave of Absence

Mrs. Cynthia Grassman presented to the Board her request for a 30-day medical leave of absence which was granted by the Board. Mr. Hollen reported that he had hired one April Gregory as a replacement under a temporary contract.

Mrs. Beth Thompson submitted her request for maternity leave covering the first semester of the 1977-78 school year, indicating that she would return to teaching in January, 1978, at the beginning of the second semester. This leave was granted.

The Superintendent presented to the Board the contract for Mrs. Phipps, who was returning from maternity leave at the beginning of the second semester. This contract was signed by the Board.

Special Education Inspection

Mr. Brenton reported to the Board that a team from the State Department of Education had made an inspection of the Special Education Department of the school district and orally reported to him that they were impressed with both the teachers and the program, and had no critical comments to make. Mr. Brenton stated that a written report would be received sometime in March and would be presented to the Board.

Bond Issue

Mr. Hollen reported to the Board that the State Tax Control Board had approved the issuance of the \$200,000 General Obligation Bond issue for the addition to the South Terrace Elementary School. Mr. Schuler reported that the Board was now in a position to advertise for the sale of bonds, and he was directed to cause the necessary publication to be given with the bond sales to take place, if possible, on the 16th or 17th of March.

Negotiation Report

Mr. Schuler reported to the Board on the first negotiation session held with NEA North Posey County on February 8, and furnished the Board with a copy of the requested changes of the present contract submitted by NEA. Following a discussion, the Board formally appointed Mr. Hollen, Mr. Brenton, and Mr. Schuler as their representatives for negotiating the 1977-78 contract.

Fuel Costs

Mr. Hollen reported to the Board that the cost of #5 fuel had increased 2 cents and was now 31 cents per gallon. Mr. Hollen indicated that there would be an increase in transportation costs. Cost of #2 fuel is now 35 cents per gallon and an increase in transportation costs there was also expected.

Public Depositories

There was submitted to the Board the proposal from The Cynthiana State Bank and Farmers Bank & Trust Company to be public depositories for the funds of the school district. Following a discussion, these proposals were accepted and signed by the president and secretary.

Vocational Agricultural Report

Mr. Hollen presented to the Board a report of coming activities for the Vocational Agricultural Department indicating meetings to be held in the future and stressing that the FFA annual banquet would be held on April 13, with all Board Members invited.

Energy Problem

Mr. Hollen reported that he had been advised by Doris Butler, the head of the Poseyville Gas Department, that the North Elementary School has exceeded its gas quota and might be shut off from the gas system on March 15 unless additional gas can be found for the Town. Board Members discussed the possibility of converting the heating system to alternate fuels, and the Superintendent was directed to investigate both conversion to fuel oil and to LP gas.

Board Meeting

Attention was called to the fact that the next Board meeting would be held on February 21, 1977, instead of February 28, due to the forthcoming Superintendent's Convention.

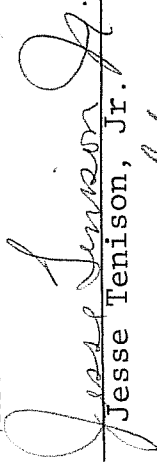
Letter of Appreciation

A letter was received and read to the Board from Mr. P. C. Fletchall, retired Board Member and former President of the Board, who expressed his appreciation for the gifts presented to him upon his retirement.

Following a general discussion of school matters, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 10:30 p.m.



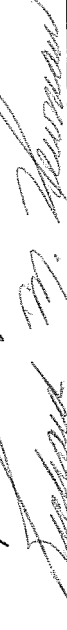
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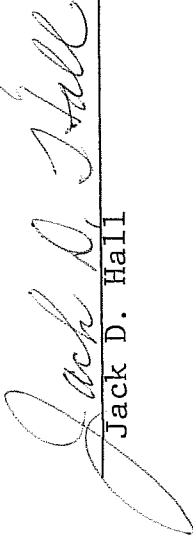
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The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana, was held in the office of the Superintendent of schools on the 21st day of February, 1977, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock p.m., with Board Members Hall, Eisterhold, Newman, and Tenison present. Also attending were Superintendent Hollen, Administrative Assistant Brenton and Attorney Schuler.

The meeting was called to order by President Eisterhold who presided. Minutes of the previous meeting of February 14, 1977, were read to the Board and approved as read.

Claims

Claims No. 89-97 in the total amount of \$4,172.11 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.

Back-up Heating System

The Superintendent reported to the Board that it would be possible to secure a 10,000 gallon fuel oil storage tank for #2 fuel to be used in the North Elementary School at a cost of \$2,048.00. He further reported that Urban Schmitt, Standard Oil dealer, had indicated he would furnish necessary #2 oil at the current cost plus transportation. The conversion could be made by the Scott Boiler Company, and it was estimated that the cost of the conversion, exclusive of oil, would be approximately \$3,000.

Mr. Hollen further reported that he had investigated the use of LP gas as an alternate fuel and found that a 10,000 gallon fuel tank would cost approximately \$10,000, and he was of the opinion that the cost of LP gas would be greater than that of #2 fuel.

Following a discussion, upon motion duly made by Tenison, seconded by Newman and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of the 10,000 gallon fuel oil tank and the necessary installation and piping to the boiler, and further approved the purchase of the burner unit for #2 fuel and the filling of the oil storage tank, but with conversion to be held off until such time as natural gas for the heating was shut off by the Town.

South Terrace Addition

The Superintendent reported that Builders' Risk Insurance could be obtained for \$1,601.00 with a \$250.00 deductible clause. Following a discussion, authorization was given for the district to purchase this insurance when needed.

Bus Bids

It was reported to the Board that it was desirable to advertise for the purchase of 60-passenger school buses, and following a discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board directed that advertisement be made for bids for three 60-passenger buses with two used buses to be traded in; such new buses to have standard transmission and power steering with alternate bids for hydraulic or air brakes. Bids would be opened March 28, 1977.

South Terrace Construction

The Superintendent reported to the Board that bids for both the construction and for the library equipment at the South Terrace Elementary School would be opened on March 14, 1977.

Mr. Schuler reported to the Board that the bond sale bids would be received and opened March 15 at 1:00 p.m.

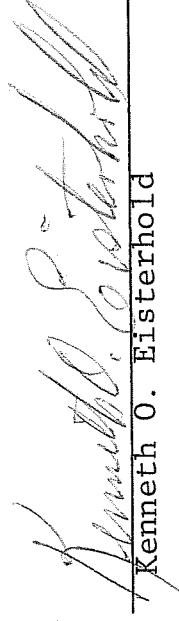
Assistant Wrestling Coach

Mr. Carl Genglebach submitted his resignation as assistant wrestling coach, the wrestling season having terminated. The Superintendent reported that he would endeavor to find a replacement prior to the opening of the next season.

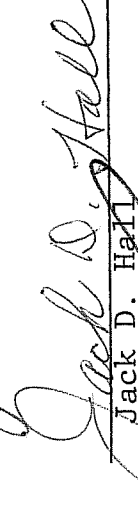
Special Meeting

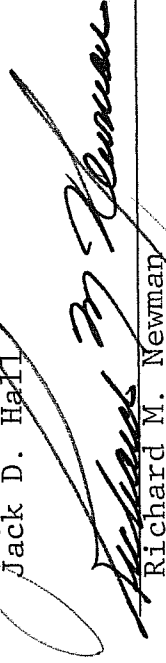
Upon agreement, the Board determined to hold a special meeting on March 21, 1977, for the purpose of interviewing prospective candidates for the Superintendentcy.

Following a further discussion of school matters, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 9:30 p.m.


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