

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

Held January 9, 1978

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 9th day of January, 1978, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock p.m., with Board Members Eisterhold, Newman, Hall, Staples and Tenison present. Also attending were Superintendent Brenton, Administrative Assistant Rapp, and Attorney Johnson.

The meeting was called to order by President Eisterhold who presided. Minutes of the previous meeting of December 19, 1977, were read to the Board and approved as read.

Claims

1977 Claims No. 520-566 in the total amount of \$10,729.13 and a Title IV-B Claim in the amount of \$1,181.85, and 1978 Claims No. 4-17 in the amount of \$36,298.72 were presented to the Board for consideration, and upon motion duly made by Hall, seconded by Staples and unanimously carried were approved by the Board and ordered paid.

South Terrace Update

Mr. Brenton reported to the Board that the insulation in the new addition had been completed, and that the new addition may be completed by January 31, 1978, if the work continued at the present pace. The Board directed Mr. Brenton to purchase a dedication plaque for installation in the new South Terrace Addition.

Additional Appropriation

The Superintendent informed the Board that he had received final written approval from the Department of School Finance on the additional appropriation in the amount of \$4,055.14 into Account No. 1300 - Debt Service.

Scoliosis Screening

Mr. Brenton reported to the Board that he had received many favorable comments in relation to the scoliosis screening recently completed in the M.S.D. of North Posey. He further reported that 1,702 students were screened and that there were 191 referrals made by the school nurse, Kathryn Thompson.

Attendance Policy

Following a discussion of the new attendance policy at the High School, upon Mr. Brenton's recommendation, it was the Board's decision to do away with excused and unexcused absences for a period of 10 school days, however absences from classes due to suspension or truancy would be considered as unexcused

absences with students receiving no credit in classes missed due to truancy or suspension from school. It was further agreed that if a student is absent for medical, dental, court appointment, or a funeral of the immediate family, for a portion of the school day, the absence would not count against the student as far as final exam exemptions, providing the student presents a statement from the physician or court official.

Transportation

Mr. Rapp gave a report to the Board on the cost of operation for the bus fleet for the month of December, 1977, and the major repairs that have been made on busses 11 and 19. Mr. Rapp presented the Board with a breakdown of purchase costs for CB radios and insurance coverage. He further recommended that the Board consider purchasing radios for the transportation fleet. Following a discussion, upon motion duly made by Staples, seconded by Tenison and unanimously carried, the Board authorized Mr. Rapp to purchase 26 mobile units, 3 base stations, and antennas from Doug Patton. The Board further decided to insure the radios for an initial period of six months.

Coal Supply

Mr. Brenton informed the Board that 650 bushels of coal had been purchased and delivered for the heating of the old Poseyville Gym.

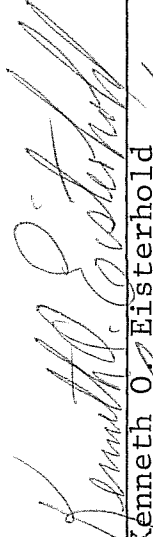
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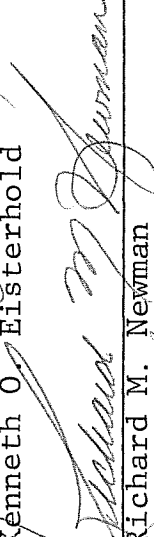
The Board gave its approval for Attorney Johnson and Mr. Rapp to attend a negotiation meeting sponsored by the Indiana School Board Association in Indianapolis on January 26 and 27, 1978.

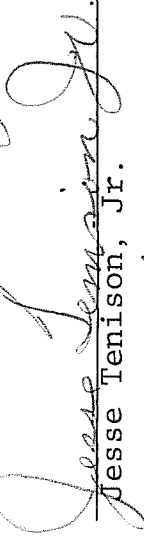
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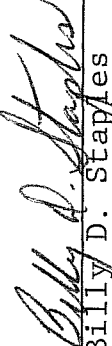
The Board set School Attorney Kenneth Johnson's retainer fee for the calendar year 1978 at \$1,800.00.

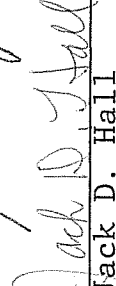
Following a further discussion of school matters, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 9:30 p.m.


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(BOARD OF EDUCATION)

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Held January 23, 1978

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 23rd day of January, 1978, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock, p.m. with Board Members Eisterhold, Newman, Hall, Staples, and Tenison present. Also attending were Superintendent Brenton, Administrative Assistant Rapp, and Attorney Johnson.

The meeting was called to order by President Eisterhold who presided. Minutes of the previous meeting of January 9, 1978, were read to the Board and approved as read.

Claims

Claims No. 19-46 in the amount of \$52,251.81 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.

Athletic Lighting Bids

School Attorney Johnson opened and reviewed with the Board the only bid received for the installation of athletic lights at the High School. A bid from Cundiff Electric Company was received as follows:

Installation of baseball lighting:	
Total Cost	\$25,908.00
Alternate Addition No. 1	
Installation of tennis court lighting	\$1,200.00
Alternate Addition No. 2	
Installation of baseball scoreboard	\$1,800.00

The cost of installation and maintenance of the lighting facility is to be paid over a four-year lease-maintenance agreement with an annual cost of \$8,365.00 to be paid in the month of February, the first annual lease-maintenance payment being due in February of 1978.

Following a discussion, upon motion duly made by Staples, seconded by Hall and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to tentatively accept the bid of Cundiff Electric, including Alternate Addition No. 1 and Alternate Addition No. 2, to be paid over a four-year lease-maintenance agreement period in the total amount of \$33,460.00, subject to the review and approval of School Attorney Johnson.

South Terrace Update

Mr. Brenton informed the Board that the carpeting would be installed in the new South Terrace Addition once the painting and cabinet installation was completed. He further informed the

Board that Wally Given had informed him by letter that the new addition should be completed within the next two weeks.

School Attendance

The Superintendent reported to the Board that there was approximately 96 percent attendance in classes today, January 23, 1978, the first day back after missing five consecutive days due to the heavy winter snowfall.

Transportation Report

Mr. Rapp reported to the Board that two busses needed to be pulled out of snow drifts today as schools were reopened following the heavy winter snowfall. Mr. Rapp further reported to the board that overall the bus drivers and parents had been very cooperative in once again reopening school. Mr. Rapp further reminded the Board that it would soon be time to consider advertising for bids on new school busses.

Non-Food Assistance Application

Mr. Rapp reported to the Board that he was in the process of initiating a request for financial assistance ~~as~~ a matching ~~UM~~ ^{food} basis for the purchase of a reach-in food freezer, food mixer, and new cafeteria tables at South Terrace Elementary and a food mixer at the High School. After an explanation of the application to be made to the Division of School Food and Nutrition, Board President Eisterhold signed the applications and ordered they be submitted for approval.

Law Seminar

Mr. Brenton informed the Board that a law seminar to help keep school administrators up to date with the latest changes in school law would be held at Mt. Vernon High School on January 25, 1978. He further informed the Board that the administrative personnel of the M.S.D. of North Posey planned to attend.

Finance Committee

The Board selected Richard Newman to be chairman of the Finance Committee and Jesse Tenison to be secretary of the Finance Committee for the calendar year 1978.

Amendment to Administrative Handbook

The Board amended Item No. 9, Page 35 of the Administrative Handbook for the M.S.D. of North Posey County to read as follows:

No new contract of employment for Bus Drivers or other non-instructional personnel in the school district shall be offered or awarded if the individual is sixty-eight (68) years of age at the time of awarding contracts or will reach the age of sixty-eight (68) prior to the next July 31.

Board MinutesHalf-Time Attendance Officer-Teacher

Mr. Brenton recommended to the Board that Myron Westfall be employed as a half-time attendance officer and half-time elementary music teacher for the 1978-79 school year. Upon motion duly made by Hall, seconded by Staples and unanimously carried, the Board accepted Mr. Brenton's recommendation.

Teacher Contracts

The Board approved the awarding of teacher contracts for the second semester (January 13, 1978 through May 26, 1978) to the following: Carol McCart, Beth Thompson, Nancy Davis, and Ellen Simpson.

Teacher Certification and Re-Employment

Mr. Brenton recommended to the Board that a teacher not be offered a new contract for the next school year if he or she had not completed the requirements for the Masters Degree within five years, thus necessitating a permit from the Division of Teacher Education and Certification in order to continue teaching in Indiana Public Schools. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board accepted Mr. Brenton's recommendation.

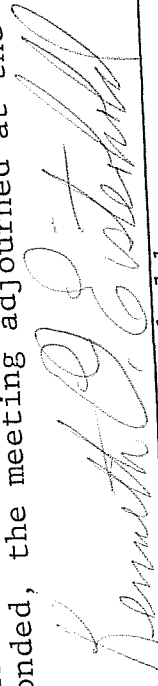
Board Meeting


Upon agreement, the Board determined to meet for a first February meeting on February 6, 1978 instead of the normally scheduled meeting date.


Summer Maintenance

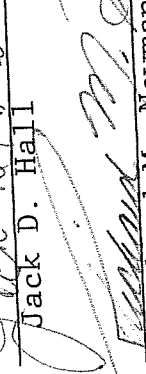
Richard Newman requested that a tentative summer maintenance recommendation be submitted to the Board for the first meeting in March.

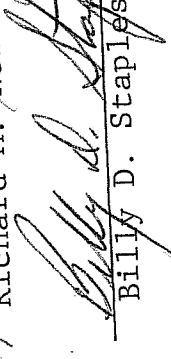
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