

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

HELD JANUARY 24, 1994

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the M.S.D. of North Posey County, Indiana, was held in the office of the Superintendent of Schools on the 24th day of January, 1994, at the hour of 5:00 P.M., with Board Members Saxe, Buecher, Lewis, Baehl, and Schmitt present. Also attending were Superintendent Brenton, Administrative Assistant Rapp, and School Attorney Bender.

At 5:30 P.M. it was the decision of the board to go into an Executive Session to discuss the purchase of land adjacent to North Posey High School and the negotiations of a master teacher contract with NEA North Posey. The Board secured from Executive Session at 6:15 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Saxe, who presided. Minutes of the previous meetings of November 8, 1993 and December 13, 1993 were read to the Board and approved as read.

Claims

A copy of the Claim Docket was presented to the Board for their consideration. Upon a motion made by Buecher, seconded by Lewis, and unanimously carried, the claim docket was approved by the board and shall be made a part of the minutes by incorporation.

Kelly Carlton - President, NEA North Posey

Kelly, Carlton, President of NEA North Posey presented the board with a petition signed by association members that strongly support a Master Contract for the 1993-94 school year, which includes Fair Share. She explained that non-members of the association should be required to pay a fee of 80% of the regular membership dues because they receive benefits from the association. Miss Carlton also requested further clarification of teacher responsibility in implementing the new computer program. Superintendent Brenton explained that he was willing to discuss teacher concerns related to the new computer program and that released time would be allowed for computer training for classroom teachers. President Saxe accepted the petition on behalf of the board. A copy of the petition shall be made a part of the minutes by incorporation.

Land Acquisition - William Bender

On a motion made by Buecher, seconded by Lewis, and unanimously carried, the board gave their approval for the purchase of approximately 12 acres of land at a cost of \$2750.00 per acre from the Greta Doll Estate. Board President Saxe signed the contract agreement and directed Mr Bender to deliver the contract to the legal representative with \$1,650.00 earnest money. Mr. Bender further explained that it would be 60 - 90 days before closing on the contract agreement.

Lonnie Therber - Financial Consultant

Lonnie Therber, financial consultant with Therber, Brock & Kramer, Inc. of Indianapolis, Indiana, presented a preliminary report and discussion on refinancing the 1987 Building Corporation Bonds. An outstanding principal balance of \$2,925,000.00 currently exists, with an interest rate of 6.65% and maturity on January 1st, 2009. By the terms of the lease between the School District and the Building Corporation, the maximum annual payment over the remaining fifteen (15) years is estimated at \$319,500.00

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Due to a decline on long term interest rates to approximately 5%, Mr. Therber stated the district could save by refinancing the 1987 Bond Issue. Six (6) refinancing options were presented.

The first two (2) options involved the same term, and compared the average annual payment with the maximum annual payment. The average annual payment would create \$41,845.00 of new cash, and the maximum annual payment would generate \$229,945.00 of new cash.

The next two (2) options presented by Mr. Therber simply extended the term by two (2) years, and again compared the average annual payment with the maximum annual payment. The average annual payment extended by two (2) years would generate \$314,095.00 of new cash, and the maximum annual payment would generate \$507,145.00 of new cash.

Finally, the last two (2) options presented did not generate new cash, but simply lowered the annual lease payments. The lease payments would be lowered to \$315,000.00 per year with the same term, and with a two (2) year extension would be further reduced to \$291,000.00 per year.

After discussion, Urban Schmitt, Jr. moved to refinance the 1987 Bonds by utilizing the maximum annual payment authorized of \$336,000.00 and extending the lease term by two (2) years, thus generating an estimated \$507,145.00 of new cash. Timothy Buecher seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, and Mr. Therber and the Board of Education attorney, William H. Bender, were directed to pursue such refinancing.

#### Acceptance of Bus Bid

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Rapp and Mr. Brenton, on a motion made by Baehl, seconded by Buecher and unanimously carried, the board accepted Nix Bus Sales bid in the of \$71,435.36 for the purchase of two (2) 66 passenger Chevrolet/Blue Bird buses. A copy of the bid tabulations shall be made a part of the minutes by incorporation.

#### Johnson Controls Presentation

Mike Persinger and Mark Meyer of Johnson Controls were present and made a short presentation on energy conservation for each of the schools in the district. They also presented the board with a written School Building Efficiency report for all the schools in the district which will be kept on file in the superintendent's office. Following a discussion a motion was made by Buecher, seconded by Baehl, and unanimously carried authorizing the superintendent to proceed with the bidding process on the proposed project to lower energy costs.

#### Golf Team Recommendation

Upon the written recommendation of John Wood, a motion was made by Baehl, seconded by Schmitt, and unanimously carried, the board gave their approval to Mr. Wood's request to start a golf team at North Posey High School in the spring of 1994 and emphasized that a member of the staff be employed as coach if at all possible. The board also requested that girls be given the opportunity to participate on the golf team.

### Teacher Requests

On a motion made by Schmitt, seconded by Buecher and un-animously carried, the following teacher requests were approved.

Blake Krueger - attend the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association state clinic on January 21, 1994.

Mike Wassmer - Attend a state called agriculture teacher meeting on February 11, 1994.

Mary Heldt - attend a volleyball clinic in St. Louis on January 21-23, 1994.

Carl Gengelbach - attend the 1994 Indiana Football Coaches Association Clinic on March 18, 1994.

Diane Smith - Chaperone students from North Posey H.S. to participate in the Indiana High School Forensic Association State Debate and Congress on February 4-5, 1994 at Logansport High School.

Marilyn Rogers - attend the Hoosier Association of Science Teachers of America Convention to be held in Indianapolis on February 10 - 12, 1994.

JoBerta Hein - attend Vocational Home Economic Inservices on February 8th and March 17th and the Indiana FHA Advisory Board meeting on February 25, 1994.

Margaret Rapp and James Anderson - attend the NCTM annual meeting in Indianapolis on April 13 - 15, 1994.

### Amy Lyell Request - Shortened Class Schedule

On a motion made by Buecher, seconded by Schmitt and unanimously carried, the board approved the request of Amy Lyell for a shortened class schedule for the second semester of the 1993-94 school year.

### I.S.B.A. Legislative Meeting

Mr. Brenton informed the board that there would be an I.S.B.A. legislation update meeting for school board members in Indianapolis on February 9th and asked board members to let him know if they planned to attend the meeting.

### Resignation of Robert Schnarr

On a motion made by Baehl, seconded by Lewis, and unanimously carried, the board reluctantly approved Robert Schnarr's request for early retirement to become effective at the end of the 1993-94 school year.

### Adjusted School Calendar

Mr. Brenton reviewed with the Board the dates of the five make-up days that will be implemented into the school calendar due to the five days schools were not in session the week of January 17-21 due to inclement weather.

### Traffic Control Light - SR66 and Stierly Road

Mr. Rapp read a letter that he and Mr. Brenton had received from Greg Curtis, Vincennes District Director of the Indiana Department of Transportation, informing them that an overhead flashing traffic beacon flashing yellow to SR66 traffic and red to Stierly Road traffic is scheduled to be installed within the next 12 to 14 months. A copy of the letter shall be made a part of the minutes by incorporation.

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Patron Concerns

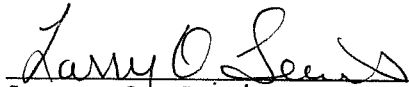
Vickie Seibert was present and stated that she and other friends in the district felt that the guidance department and math and science teachers at North Posey High School were not adequately preparing students attending Purdue University, taking classes required for admission to the School of Pharmacy or a degree in Engineering. Mrs Seibert asked if any of the board members had ever been in the classroom to evaluate teachers.

Mrs. Seibert also stated that she felt that employees working in the computer curriculum should have proper teacher certification in the area of computer science.

As there was no further school business to come before the board at this time the meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

  
C. David Saxe

  
Timothy K. Buecher

  
Larry O. Lewis

  
Michael A. Baehl

  
Urban Schmitt, Jr.

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