

# Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana

*Held on January 13, 1997*

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the M.S.D. of North Posey County, Poseyville, Indiana, was held in the Board Room at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools on the 13th day of January, 1997. The meeting began at the hour of 5:30 p.m. The following Board members were present: Mr. Baehl, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Buecher, Mr. Seibert, and Mrs. Mauck. Also present were Ernest W. Rapp, Superintendent, John D. Wood, Administrative Assistant, and William H. Bender, school attorney.

At 5:30 p.m., it was the decision of the Board to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel according to Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(8). The Board adjourned from Executive Session at 6:20 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:22 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Baehl. Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday, December 16, 1996, were submitted to the Board and approved on a motion by Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mr. Seibert and unanimously carried.

## **CLAIM DOCKET**

No claim docket was presented for Board consideration.

## **AGENDA**

### **Oath of Office**

Mr. Rapp opened the meeting by asking William Bender, school board attorney, to administer the official oath of office to newly re-elected Board members Michael Baehl and Larry Lewis. Mr. Baehl and Mr. Lewis will serve a term of office of four (4) years from January 1, 1997, through December 31, 2000.

### **Election of Board Officers**

Mr. Rapp asked Mr. Bender to conduct the election of officers for the Board for 1997. Nominations for the office of president were opened first. Mr. Lewis nominated Michael Baehl; seconded by Mr. Seibert. As there were no other nominations, a vote was taken. Mr. Baehl was unanimously elected president of the Board. Next, Mr. Bender opened nominations for vice-president. Mrs. Mauck nominated Mark Seibert; seconded by Mr. Buecher. As there were no other nominations, a vote was taken. Mr. Seibert was unanimously elected vice-president of the Board. Mr. Bender opened the nominations for secretary. Mrs. Mauck nominated Larry Lewis; seconded by Mr. Seibert. As there were no other nominations, a vote was taken. Mr. Lewis was unanimously elected secretary of the Board. Mr. Bender opened the nominations for treasurer. Mr. Buecher nominated Eudora Hopf; seconded by Mr. Lewis. As there were no further nominations, a vote was taken. Mrs. Hopf was unanimously elected treasurer of the Board. The official slate of officers for the 1997 Board of Education is:

President	Michael A. Baehl
Vice-President	Mark J. Seibert
Secretary	Larry O. Lewis
Treasurer	Eudora Hopf

President Baehl presided over the appointment of school attorney. Mr. Lewis nominated William Bender, seconded by Mr. Buecher. The Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Bender as school attorney.

### **Board of Finance**

Mr. Baehl directed the Board to establish a Board of Finance. It is required by the Indiana State Board of Accounts, between the dates of January 1-31, to organize a Board of Finance by electing one member as president and one member as secretary for the year. This is a matter of procedure and is to be recorded in the minutes of the Board. Mr. Baehl opened the nominations. Mrs. Mauck nominated Mr. Lewis as president and Mr. Seibert as secretary; seconded by Mr. Baehl. The Board unanimously approved these two selections. It was the decision of the Board of Finance to designate

Citizens Bank of Posey County and Cynthiana State Bank as the public depositories they will use for calendar year 1997.

#### **Presentation by Patrick Beamon of Certified Environmental Services**

Mr. Rapp indicated to the Board that Pat Beamon, of Certified Environmental Services, had to cancel his presentation at this meeting due to illness in his family. He will be present at the February meeting to give his report on the proposed plans for bringing the sewage plant at North Posey Jr/Sr High School in compliance with the permit standards established by the State of Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

#### **Indiana Incentive Award Program**

Mr. Rapp reported to the Board the results of the March, 1996, ISTEP scores relating to the Indiana Incentive Award Program. A letter from Dr. Suellen Reed, Superintendent of Public Instruction, indicated that the schools in our district qualified for the following awards:

North Posey High School - Monetary Improvement Award of \$2,598.86

North Elementary School - Certificate of Recognition

South Terrace Elementary - Four Star School

Mr. Rapp explained that in order to qualify for a monetary award, a school must improve in two of the following four areas: ISTEP total battery score, language arts proficiency score, mathematics proficiency score, and attendance rate. During the 1995-96 school year, North Posey High School improved in two areas; ISTEP total battery and attendance. These improvements qualified them for a monetary improvement award. North Elementary School improved in attendance and will receive a certificate of commendation. South Terrace Elementary School received a Four Star School designation. Their scores in all four areas were in the top 25% of all schools in the State measured in the Indiana School Incentive Award Program. South Terrace Elementary also showed improvement in the area of attendance. North Posey Junior High School could not participate in the ISTEP program during 1994-95 or 1995-96, as the 7th and 8th grade students were not required to be tested. Mr. Baehl requested that Mr. Rapp write letters to the administration and staff of all three award-winning schools commending them for their accomplishments on the March 1996 ISTEP.

#### **Teacher Retirement**

Mr. Rapp reported to the Board that he had received a letter of resignation from Peggy Adams in order to retire from teaching English at North Posey High School for 30 years. Mr. Rapp reluctantly requested the Board to accept this retirement. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the Board unanimously approved the request.

#### **School Bus Bids**

Mr. Rapp asked Mr. Wood to explain the bus bid tabulations and recommendations to the Board. Mr. Wood reported that on Friday, January 3, 1997, at 1:30 p.m., Mr. Bender, Mr. Rapp, and he opened the bus bids received from Kerlin Bus Sales & Leasing, Inc., and Nix Bus Sales, Inc. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Wood, a motion made by Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mr. Seibert, and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the bid from Nix Bus Sales, Inc., in the amount of \$84,287.90 for the purchase of two 1997 66-passenger Chevrolet/Blue Bird buses. A copy of the bid tabulations shall be made a part of the minutes by incorporation.

#### **School Bus Driver Certification Class**

Mr. Wood announced to the Board that Pete Baxter, Director of School Traffic Safety for the Department of Education, will conduct a pre-service school bus driver training course at North Posey High School from Wednesday, January 22, through Friday, January 25, 1997. Class will begin at 8:00 a.m. (CST) each day. This pre-service training course is required by the State of Indiana for any individual desiring to become a school bus driver. There is no fee for the training course.

#### **1997 Summer School**

Mr. Rapp requested permission from the Board to begin making plans for summer school. The Department of Education requires a plan be submitted by April 1. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the Board unanimously granted the request.

#### **Resignation of Baseball Coach**

Mr. Rapp announced to the Board the resignation of Charles Mair as head baseball coach at North Posey High School, effective immediately, and asked his resignation be accepted. On a motion by Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the Board unanimously carried the motion.

**Conflict of Interest Statements**

Mr. Rapp requested the signing of Conflict of Interest Statements by Mr. Wood, Mr. Baehl, Mr. Buecher, Mr. Lewis and himself, to comply with the State Board of Accounts. Three copies of the documents were signed by each individual. Mr. Rapp will send a copy to the proper authorities.

**Requests for Shortened Student Schedules**

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board grant permission for a second semester shortened schedule due to financial hardships for Chris Flener, Nickolas Hooe, and Rachel Paul, seniors at North Posey High School. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the Board unanimously approved the requests.

**Professional Leave Requests**

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board grant professional leave to Diane Smith on the following dates:

- North Posey High School Speech Team to Indiana University - Friday, January 17, 1997
- North Posey High School Debate Team to Indianapolis for State Debate Congress - Friday, February 7, 1997

On a motion by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the Board unanimously approved the professional leave requests.

**Next Regular Board Meeting**

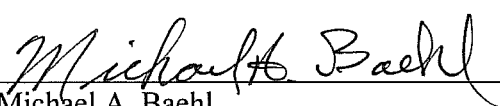
Mr. Rapp announced the next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be on Monday, February 10, 1997, at 6:15 p.m. If needed, an executive session will be held at 5:30 p.m.

**Snow Makeup Days**

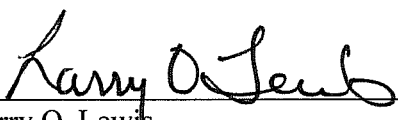
Mr. Rapp informed the Board that the two days of school missed due to snow will be made up on Monday, January 27, and Monday, February 17, 1997, as scheduled on the 1996-97 school calendar.

**ADJOURNMENT**

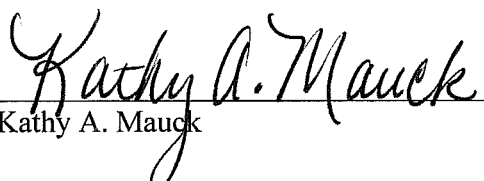
As there was no further school business to come before the Board at this time, President Baehl entertained a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Lewis, and unanimously carried. The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

  
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