

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

Held on December 8, 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 8th day of November 1997. The meeting began at the hour of 5:30 p.m. The following Board members were present: Mr. Baehl, Mr. Buecher, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Mauck, and Mr. Seibert. Also present were Ernest W. Rapp, Superintendent, John D. Wood, Administrative Assistant, and William H. Bender, school attorney.

At 5:35 p.m., it was the decision of the Board to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(2A, 2B) for the discussion of strategy with respect to collective bargaining; initiation of litigation or litigation which is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing; and IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(8) to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. The Board adjourned from Executive Session at 6:40 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:43 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Baehl. Minutes of the previous meeting held on November 10, 1997, were submitted to the Board and approved on a motion by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Seibert, and unanimously carried.

CLAIM DOCKET

A copy of the current claim docket was presented to the Board for consideration. Upon a motion duly made by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Seibert, and unanimously carried, the claim docket was approved by the Board. A copy of the claim docket, as approved by the Board, shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

AGENDA

Permission to Transfer Appropriations

Mr. Rapp requested permission from the Board to make various transfers within functional accounts of the 1997 Budget to eliminate negative balances. This transfer will enable Mrs. Hopf to pay outstanding bills for the remainder of the 1997 calendar year. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion unanimously carried.

Performance-Based Accreditation

Mr. Rapp presented a report explaining the Performance-Based Accreditation predicted performance standards and league scores for each of our schools. Meeting expected performance standards is one component of Indiana's Performance-Based Accreditation system. Mr. Rapp stated that accredited schools must meet minimum expected performance standards in the following areas: ISTEP+ total battery scores, language arts proficiency scores, math proficiency scores, attendance rates, and graduation rates. Mr. Rapp reported that 3 out of 4 of our schools scored higher than predicted in the performance standard areas. North Posey High School scored below the predicted performance in the areas of language arts and the ISTEP+ total battery. But to North Posey High School's credit, it competed in the highest league of schools in the State based on the cognitive skills index (basic intelligence) and a very low percentage of students on free lunch at North Posey High School. Following an on-site visit with George Stuckey, educational consultant for the Indiana Department of Education, Mr. Rapp was assured that North Posey High School would also receive full accreditation from the Department of Education in March of 1998.

Professional Leave

- Bernard Fehribach – Attend Defensive Driving Seminar at Indiana Government Center in Indianapolis on December 9-10 (Tuesday & Wednesday)
- JoBerta Hein – Attend Project Taking Charge Meeting at Prosser School of Technology in New Albany on December 9 (Tuesday)
- Mike Wassmer – Attend Posey County Ag Day at the Wadesville VFW on January 14 (Wednesday)
- Terri Palmer & Jennifer Schroeder – Attend the Indiana Music Educators Association State Conference in Indianapolis January 15-16 (Thursday & Friday)

On a motion by Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the Board unanimously passed the motion.

North Posey Junior High Spell Bowl Team Wins 8th State Championship

Mr. Rapp congratulated the North Posey Junior High School Spell Bowl Team and the coaches, Linda Reising and Lisa Koester, for winning their 8th Indiana State Spell Bowl championship. The competition was held at Belzer Middle School in Indianapolis on Saturday, November 22, 1997. The team earned a perfect score! Mr. Rapp also reported the North Posey High School Spell Bowl Team, coached by Roberta Adamson, finished fourth in the Indiana State Spell Bowl competition in Indianapolis on Saturday, November 15, 1997. Mr. Rapp and the Board publicly praised the efforts of these students and coaches for their outstanding performances.

1998-99 School Calendar

Mr. Rapp explained the 1998-99 school calendar, prepared by the administration and the NEA North Posey Calendar Committee, to the Board and recommended the calendar be approved. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion unanimously carried. A copy of the 1998-99 school calendar, as approved by the Board, shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

Mathematics Textbook Adoption Committee

Mr. Wood asked the Board to approve the establishment of the Mathematics Textbook Adoption Committee for the purpose of reviewing and selecting mathematics textbooks to be used for the next six years. This committee is composed of teachers and parents representing each of the schools. On a motion by Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the motion unanimously passed. A copy of the list of the Mathematics Textbook Adoption Committee, as approved by the Board, shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

Permission to Advertise for School Bus Bids

Mr. Wood requested permission from the Board to advertise for bids on three new 1998 school buses. Bids will be opened at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 1998, at the office of the superintendent. On a motion by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion unanimously carried.

Personnel Recommendations to Replace Teachers on Maternity & Professional Leave

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board approve the following personnel assignments due to maternity leaves and a leave of absence:

- Rachelle Lutz, 4th grade at North Elementary School to replace Lisa Scheller during maternity leave;
- Tammy Maurer, half-time morning pre-school at North Elementary School to replace Kathy Petrig during maternity leave;
- Gary Gentil, half-time afternoon learning disabilities teacher at North Posey High School to replace Kathy Petrig during maternity leave;
- Tammy Maurer, half-time afternoon learning disabilities instructional assistant at North Posey High School for Gary Gentil;
- Stacy Smith, computer coordinator at North Elementary school to replace Leesa Kuhn during an unpaid leave of absence to student teach.

On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the motion unanimously passed.

Carnegie Library Support

Mr. Rapp asked the Board to sign a letter of support for the proposed renovation of the Carnegie Library in Poseyville. The library is seeking state funding to help finance the project.

Brenton Memorial Scholarship Fund

Mr. Rapp informed the Board of the current status of the Byron and ~~Lisa~~ Brenton Memorial Scholarship Fund. The fund presently has reached \$13,279.19. It is hoped that interest earnings from the principle can be awarded in the form of an academic scholarship to a North Posey High School student.

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Next Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Rapp set the next regular Board meeting to be held on Monday, January 19, 1998. An executive session will be held at 5:30 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 6:15 p.m.

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 Mrs. Mauck, and unanimously carried. The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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