

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

Held on March 9, 1998

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 9th day of March 1998. 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 (present at Executive Session only).

At 5:30 p.m., it was the decision of the Board to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of IC5-14-1.5-6.1(2) for the discussion of strategy with respect to (A) collective bargaining; and (B) initiation of litigation or litigation which is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. The Board adjourned from Executive Session at 6:18 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:20 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Baehl. Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday, February 16, 1998, were submitted to the Board and approved on a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Lewis, 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 Mr. Lewis, 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

North Posey High School Gymnasium Sound System Proposal

Mr. Rapp introduced Mr. Steve DeVillez and Mr. Steve Wargel representing Ohio Valley Communications from Evansville to present a proposal for a new sound system in the large gym at North Posey High School. The current sound system was installed in 1980 at a cost of \$17,325. Mr. DeVillez recommended the installation of eleven (11) Electro-Voice Sx300 speakers closer to the bleacher area on the upper deck of the gym. To improve the sound reaching the floor area of the gym, Mr. DeVillez recommended the installation of an Altec VI-12 speaker. This speaker is especially designed to throw sound in a rectangular pattern and will get sound to the gym floor enabling the people sitting in the bleachers on the floor to hear the P.A. system. The total cost for the project will be \$11,374.45. Ohio Valley Communications will install, test and warrant all equipment and labor for one (1) year. A second proposal given by Mr. DeVillez included moving the six (6) existing speakers from the large gym and installing three (3) in the auxiliary gym at North Posey High School and three (3) in the gym at North Posey Junior High School. To keep from having to purchase new amplifiers for this setup, six (6) Electro-Voice TM-60 70-volt transformers for the existing speakers will be installed. The total cost for this proposal would be \$1,081.84. Mr. DeVillez concluded by giving the total cost of the two (2) proposals as \$12,456.29. Mr. Rapp informed the Board the payment for the project would come from the Capital Projects Fund. Following a

thorough discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mr. Lewis, and unanimously approved by the Board to proceed with the sound system installation by Ohio Valley Communications. A copy of the proposal from Ohio Valley Communications, as approved by the Board, shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

Girls' Softball Diamond Progress

Mr. Rapp reported on the progress of the construction on the new softball field at North Posey High School. Mounts Electric has installed the six (6) light poles and light fixtures. The final wiring connections need to be completed. The completion has been currently delayed due to inclement weather. Weather permitting, the entire project should be completed by the first home softball game. Mr. Rapp publicly thanked WIN Energy of Knox County for generously donating the six (6) light poles. Mr. Rapp referred to a thank you ad placed in the Posey County News by the school corporation and furnished by Mr. Jim Kohlmeyer, publisher. Mr. Rapp publicly thanked Mr. Kohlmeyer for his generosity and support.

I.S.B.A. District Meeting

Mr. Rapp reminded the Board of the ISBA district meeting to be held on Monday, March 16, 1998, at the Jasper Country Club at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Baehl, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Mauck, Mr. Seibert, Mr. Rapp, and Mr. Wood plan to attend.

Posey County Farm Bureau Banquet

Mr. Rapp advised the Board of the annual Posey County Farm Bureau banquet to be held in the Mt. Vernon High School cafeteria on Wednesday, March 18, 1998, at 6:00 p.m. The invitation extends to all Board members, school administrators, and their spouses.

Professional Leave Requests

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board approve the following requests for professional leave:
Yvonne Knies – Attend a Health Education Conference in Clarksville, IN, on March 9 (Monday)

Rick Wilgus and Mike Swartzentruber – Attend a School-to-Work and Tech Prep Career Guidance and Development Workshop in Indianapolis on March 17 (Tuesday)

Paul Rynkiewich, Mike Kuhn, and Nick Eckert – Attend the Indiana Football Coaches' Association annual clinic in Indianapolis on March 20 (Friday)

JoBerta Hein – Attend the 1998 State Leadership Conference of the Future Homemakers of America in Indianapolis on April 2-4 (Thursday thru Saturday) and on April 17 to attend the conference and annual meeting of the Indiana Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (Friday)

Tim Teel, Suzanne Bender, Rick LeGrange – Attend a workshop sponsored by the Indiana Educational Service Center, Indiana Department of Education and the Indiana State Board of Education entitled, "Vision-Driven Professional Development Workshop Series for School Teams" in Scottsburg, IN, on March 5, April 30, May 5, and May 6

Career Awareness Fair

Mr. Rapp asked Mrs. Harrington, principal at North Posey High School, to explain about the "Career Awareness Fair" to be held at North Posey High School on Tuesday, March 10, 1998. This will be the first organized career awareness fair for students and parents. Mrs. Harrington acknowledged that Mrs. Rebecca Warford was involved in the planning and coordinating of this project. Numerous local business people and laborers will be present to talk to students and parents about their chosen profession. Students will be able to attend sessions in the afternoon. A special session for parents will begin at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Harrington invited the Board to a dinner at 4:30 p.m. for all of the presenters and North Posey High School staff members.

Additions and Renovations at North Posey Junior High – Change Order

Mr. Rapp discussed with the Board a proposed change order for North Posey Junior High School. Principal Kevin Sergesketter requested the addition and installation of the following items not included in the original construction specifications:

- (a) four (4) paging speakers to be installed on the exterior of the building;
- (b) six (6) clocks to be installed in the hallways of the new addition and the Mass Learning Center and;
- (c) two (2) recessed-mounted interior speakers in the Mass Learning Center.

Mr. Rapp stated the total cost of the change order would be \$4,250. Payment for the project will come from the Capital Projects Fund. The work would be completed by Tri-State Fire Protection. The plan was designed by Veazey, Parrott & Shoulders. Mr. Rapp recommended the Board approve the change order. On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion unanimously carried. A copy of the change order, as approved by the Board, shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

Recommendation of Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach at North Posey High School

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board approve Danny Embrey as a volunteer assistant baseball coach at North Posey High School for the 1998 season. On a motion by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion unanimously passed.

PBA Accreditation

Mr. Rapp announced to the Board that he had received notification from Mr. George Stuckey, PBA consultant for the Indiana Department of Education, stating all four (4) schools in the Corporation will receive full accreditation status for the next five (5) years. Mr. Rapp stated the next evaluation would take place in the fall of 2002. Receipt of a Certificate of Accreditation will grant full accreditation from the Indiana State Board of Education in recognition and acknowledgement of the satisfactory compliance with the prescribed standards established by the Indiana State Board of Education. Mr. Rapp praised all of the personnel who participated in the PBA self-evaluation process.

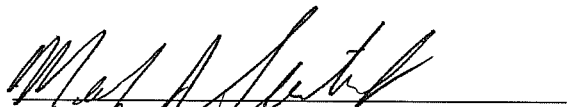
Special Executive Session & Next Regular Board Meeting


Mr. Rapp requested the Board hold a special Executive Session on Tuesday, April 7, 1998, at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving 1997-98 building principals' reports. The next regular Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, 1998, at 6:15 p.m. with an Executive Session at 5:30 p.m.


ADJOURNMENT

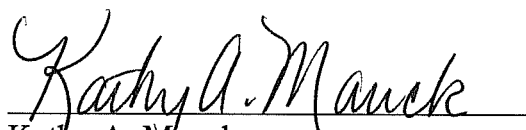
As there was no further school business to come before the Board at this time, President Baehl entertained a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Buecher, and unanimously carried. The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:25 p.m.


Michael A. Baehl


Mark J. Seibert


Larry O. Lewis


Timothy K. Buecher


Kathy A. Mauck

**Board of Education
M.S.D. of North Posey County**