

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

Held on October 12, 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 12th day of October 1998. The meeting began at the hour of 5:30 p.m. The following Board members were present: Michael Baehl, Timothy Buecher, Larry Lewis, Kathy Mauck and Mark Seibert. 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 IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(2-B) for discussion of strategy with respect to initiation of litigation or litigation which is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing; and/or; IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (8) to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. The Board heard a statement, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sybert, parents of Michael Sybert, a kindergarten student, regarding their dissatisfaction with the teachers hired by Posey County Special Services to work with their son in the program established by Posey County Special Services. The Board adjourned from Executive Session at 6:45 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:50 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Baehl. Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday, September 14, 1998 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 Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, 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 Youth Soccer

Mr. Rapp opened the agenda by introducing Mr. Keith Batteiger, representing the North Posey Youth Soccer Program. Mr. Batteiger was the designated spokesperson for the 30-40 parents and students present in support of the establishment of boys' and girls' soccer teams at North Posey High School. Mr. Batteiger informed the Board that a total of over 37 boys and girls have signed up to play in the recreation soccer league started locally. He stated this large number indicates the interest in competitive soccer at the high school level. Mr. Rapp inquired about coaching possibilities, either a lay coach or a coach from our current faculty. Mr. Batteiger stated that Harold Welch, industrial technology teacher at North Posey Junior High, would be qualified and interested in coaching soccer. Mr. Rapp expressed an open concern about starting any new athletic program and the possibility of cutting participation from existing sports, marching band, or any other extracurricular activities. Mr. Batteiger stated the 37 students signed up for the recreational soccer league are not involved in any other activities and have expressed an interest in soccer only. Mr. Batteiger offered that the soccer field recently constructed at North Elementary School would be more than adequate for competitive soccer matches and

practice. He informed the Board the matches would normally be played on Tuesday, Thursday, and/or Saturday, depending on scheduling opportunities. Based on all the positive points stated by Mr. Batteiger, he requested the Board strongly consider the approval of competitive soccer at North Posey High School. Mr. Rapp closed the discussion by assuring Mr. Batteiger and the entire group present that he would seriously discuss the request with Mrs. Harrington, principal, and Mr. Fisher, athletic director at North Posey High School, regarding the feasibility of starting competitive soccer.

North Posey Youth Basketball

Mr. Rapp introduced Mr. Tim Schmitt, representing the North Posey Youth Basketball program. Mr. Schmitt asked the Board's permission to use the two gyms at North Posey High School for the winter youth basketball program. The program is offered to boys and girls in grades 1 through 6 for six Saturdays beginning on November 7, 1998, and ending on December 19, 1998. Mr. Schmitt requested custodial services for these dates. Mr. Baehl requested that Mr. Schmitt be sure there would be proper adult supervision of the children involved at all times. Mr. Schmitt assured Mr. Baehl he would work very hard to comply with this request. On a motion by Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion unanimously carried.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Mr. Rapp announced the annual Parent/Teacher Conference Day will be held Thursday, October 22, 1998, from 12:30 to 8:00 p.m. Students will be dismissed on Thursday, October 22 and Friday, October 23, to facilitate the conference schedule. There will be no school on Monday, October 26, 1998, which is Fall Break.

Official ADM Count for 1998-99 School Year

Mr. Rapp presented the Average Daily Membership (ADM) count total for 1998. The total ADM for the school district was 1,636.5. The total count indicated a decrease in total student enrollment of twelve students, as compared to last year. A copy of the official ADM count shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

Budget Hearing

Mr. Rapp informed the Board he would appear before the State Board of Tax Commissioners for a hearing on the 1999 Budget on Tuesday, October 13, 1998, at 11:00 a.m. This hearing will be held at the Hovey House in Mt. Vernon. Mrs. Hopf and Mr. Wood will accompany Mr. Rapp to the hearing. Mr. Rapp also informed the Board he would meet with the School Property Tax Control Board on Thursday, October 22, 1998, in Indianapolis to justify the request for an excessive levy increase of \$45,924 in the General Fund to cover the additional operational expenses for the junior high addition.

"No TV Week"

Mr. Rapp asked Mrs. Mauck to report on the success of the recent "No TV Week" activity. Mrs. Mauck announced the 4th annual "No TV Week", held October 5-9, was a huge success. A total of 593 students pledged not to watch TV during the week. South Terrace Elementary School had 160 students; North Elementary School had 298 students; North Posey Junior High had 60 students and North Posey High School had 75 students. Mrs. Mauck announced the many prizes available to the participants would be awarded on Wednesday, October 21, 1998. Mrs. Mauck commended all of the individuals who participated in this event and thanked the "No TV Week" committee for a job well done.

Red Ribbon Rally

Mr. Rapp announced the 6th annual Red Ribbon Rally will be held at North Posey High School on Wednesday, October 14, 1998, at 9:15 a.m. All 5th and 6th grade students from the schools in Posey County will gather to declare being "drug free". Mr. Rapp praised the merit of this activity and invited the Board members to attend the event.

Teacher In-Service Day

Mr. Rapp informed the Board that the next teacher in-service day will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 1998, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. (elementary schools) and 1:00 p.m. (junior high/high schools). The purpose of the in-service will be the review of the goals and objectives established at each school during the completion of the PBA plan.

Outstanding School Board

Mr. Rapp publicly congratulated the Board for receiving the "Outstanding School Board Award" from the Indiana School Board Association for the third consecutive year. The award was presented to President Mike Baehl on Tuesday, October 6, 1998, at the ISBA District meeting held at the Radisson Hotel in Evansville. The Board earned this outstanding honor by securing points through participation and attendance at many ISBA meetings, conferences and activities.

Recommendation of Damon Witherspoon

Mr. Rapp recommended the appointment of Damon Witherspoon as a volunteer assistant wrestling coach at North Posey High School for the 1998-99 season. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion unanimously carried.

Bus Garage Fish Fry

Mr. Wood invited the Board to attend the Transportation Department's Annual Fall Fish Fry to be held on Wednesday, October 21, 1998, at 12:30 p.m. in the bus garage. It is a covered dish pitch-in affair and the catfish fillets will be furnished by Delores and Jimmy Schweikart.

Update on ISTEP+ Testing

Mr. Wood reported to the Board on the ISTEP+ testing program recently conducted in grades 3, 6, 8, and 10. The test period began on Wednesday, September 16 and ended on Friday, October 2, 1998. A total of 129 third grade students were tested during 9 hours and 15 minutes. In grade 6, a total of 118 students were tested during 9 hours and 15 minutes. The total number of 8th grade students tested was 124 during 9 hours and 20 minutes. The Graduation Qualifying Exam (GQE) was given to a total of 129 10th grade students during a total of 12 hours and 15 minutes. Mr. Wood informed the Board that the 10th grade students must score above the standard set by the Indiana Department of Education in order to be graduated from high school. Each student was given five opportunities to successfully complete the mathematics and the language arts exam. Mr. Wood stated all the finished test booklets were returned to CTB/McGraw-Hill for scoring on Tuesday, October 8, 1998. The results are to be received January 5, 1999.

Veterans Day

Mr. Rapp informed the Board that each school in the District will be having a special Veteran's Day program on Wednesday, November 11, 1998. The purpose of the programs will be to properly educate our students about Veteran's Day and the importance of this day to our country. It is hoped the students will develop a true appreciation of our veterans. Mr. Rapp invited the Board members to attend any one of the programs, if possible.

Professional Leave Requests

Gayle Blunier – Attend conference entitled, “Focus’98: Improving Instruction in Business” at USI on October 2, 1998

Patricia Nalin – Attend Brain Research & Leadership Workshop, sponsored by the Indiana Association of School Principals at USI on October 9

JoBerta Campbell – Attend Family & Consumer Science Conference in Indianapolis on October 23 and attend FHA Career Connection ’98 meeting at USI on November 6, 1998

Judy Phipps, Gayle Blunier & Mike Swartzentruber – Attend the 29th annual Business and Marketing Education Conference in Indianapolis on November 13

North Posey Marching Vikings Band and Cross Country Teams

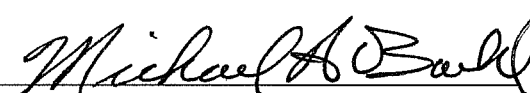
Mr. Rapp praised the performance by the North Posey High School Marching Vikings Band at the District contest held at Jasper High School on Saturday, October 3, 1998. The band received a first division rating, and thus qualified for the Regional competition at Jeffersonville High School on Saturday, October 17, 1998. The band is scheduled to march at 12:44 p.m. at the Regional. The top five bands in Class D will qualify to advance to the State competition at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis on Saturday, October 24, 1998. Mr. Rapp also congratulated the North Posey High School girls’ cross country team for their victory at the Pocket Athletic Conference meet held on Saturday, October 3, 1998, at Pride’s Creek Golf Course in Petersburg. The boys’ cross country team finished a strong second in their competition that same day. Mr. Rapp wished both teams good luck at the sectional on Saturday, October 17, 1998, at USI.


Next Board Meeting

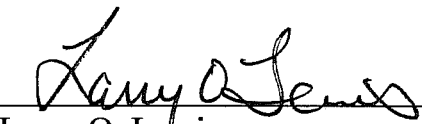
Mr. Rapp set the next regular school board meeting for Monday, November 9, 1998. An executive session will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 6:15 or 6:30 p.m.

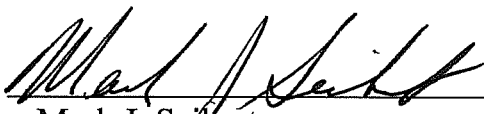
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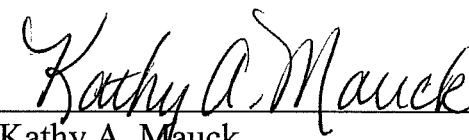
As there was no further school business to come before the Board at this time, President Baehl entertained a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mr. Lewis, and unanimously carried. The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


Michael A. Baehl


Timothy K. Buecher


Larry O. Lewis


Mark J. Seibert


Kathy A. Mauck

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MSD of North Posey County**