

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

*Held on December 14, 1998*

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the MSD of North Posey County, Poseyville, Indiana, was held in the Board Room at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 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, and John D. Wood, Administrative Assistant.

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 adjourned from Executive Session at 6:10 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:15 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Baehl. Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday, November 9, 1998 were submitted to the Board and approved on a motion by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, 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. Seibert, 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**

**Soccer for 1999-2000 School Year**

Mr. Rapp presented a plan for starting soccer as a competitive sport for boys and girls at North Posey High School. Mr. Rapp reported that a committee of soccer parents met with Mrs. Harrington and Mr. Fisher on November 12, 1998, to develop a set of specific guidelines necessary for the establishment of the sport. Mr. Rapp recommended soccer be started in the fall of the 1999-2000 school year as a competitive sport at North Posey High School with competition at the JV level for a two-year trial basis. On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion passed by a 3 to 2 vote. Board members Lewis, Mauck, and Seibert voted YES. Board members Baehl and Buecher voted NO. A copy of the letter establishing the guidelines for the establishment of soccer at North Posey High School as approved by the Board shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

### **Transfer Appropriations and Pay Outstanding Bills**

Mr. Rapp asked the Board for permission to make various transfers within functional accounts of the 1998 Budget in order to eliminate any negative balances and for the approval to pay outstanding bills for the remainder of the 1998 calendar year. On a motion by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion unanimously carried.

### **Electronic Funds Transfer of State Distributions**

Mr. Rapp requested the Board sign a Resolution to Adopt a Plan for Electronic Funds Transfer of State Distributions. Mr. Rapp explained that Indiana law requires the Board adopt a resolution giving approval for the Electronic Funds Transfer to a school district's designated depository. The distributions to be transferred are: Beginning Teacher Internship, Drug Free Schools Grant, Early Intervention Grants, Indiana Principal Leadership Academy, Title I and Title VI. On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the motion unanimously carried. A copy of the resolution, as approved by the Board, shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

### **School Bus Bids**

Mr. Wood asked permission from the Board to advertise for school bus bids in December to be received on Tuesday, January 5, 1999. The bus replacement plan calls for the purchase of three new buses in 1999. On a motion by Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion unanimously passed.

### **Teacher/Parent Science and Health Textbook Adoption Committee**

Mr. Wood presented the Board with the official listing of the 1999 Teacher/Parent Health and Science Textbook Adoption Committee. The committee will review and select health and science textbooks for grades 1-12. Their final recommendations will be presented to the Board at the April 1999 meeting for approval. A copy of the committee members shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

### **Request to Extend Maternity Leave**

Mr. Rapp asked the Board to approve a request by Mrs. Lisa Brandenstein to extend her maternity leave through Monday, February 15, 1999. Mrs. Brandenstein plans to return to work at North Elementary School on Tuesday, February 16, 1999. On a motion by Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the motion unanimously carried.

### **Teacher Retirements**

Mr. Rapp read letters of retirement submitted by Barbara Layden, second grade teacher at South Terrace Elementary School, and Roger Hunt, German teacher at North Posey High School. With reservation, Mr. Rapp requested the Board accept the letters of retirement effective at the end of the 1998-99 school year. On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the motion unanimously passed.

### **Resignation of Choral Director and Recommendation of New Choral Director**

Mr. Rapp announced the resignation of Mr. Todd Lamkin as vocal music teacher at North Posey High School effective Friday, December 18, 1998. Mr. Rapp recommended the employment of Katherine Shay Barnett to assume the vacated position beginning Monday, January 4, 1999. On a joint motion to approve both

recommendations by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Buecher, the motion unanimously passed.

### **Recognition of Academic Excellence**

Mr. Rapp recognized the North Posey Junior High Spell Bowl Team for winning their 9<sup>th</sup> State Spell Bowl Championship at Warren Central High School in Indianapolis on Saturday, November 14, 1998. Mr. Rapp praised the accomplishment of this year's team by reporting that they were the only team in the State competition to have a perfect score in both the District and State contests. Mr. Rapp also noted the Spell Bowl Team from North Posey High School finished a very respectable third place in their competition at the State level. Congratulations were sincerely offered to both teams.

### **Johnson Controls Proposal**

Mr. Wood gave the Board a report from Johnson Controls on the status of our Year 2000 Compliance with the heating and cooling controls in all of our schools. The District will have to purchase a software subscription service to upgrade the computers in the building that controls the systems. The cost of this service will be \$2,520 per year and will be paid from the Capital Projects Fund. A second addition to the current agreement with Johnson Controls is the addition of a service contract to cover the system in the junior high new addition. The yearly cost for this service will be \$2,644 and will be included in the annual payment for the total service contract for all of the systems. This will be paid from the Capital Projects Fund. Mr. Wood recommended the Board approve these additions to the Johnson Control Service agreement. On a motion by Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion unanimously carried. A copy of the plan, as approved by the Board, shall be made a part of the official minutes.

### **Professional Leave Requests**

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board approve the following requests for professional leave:

Terri Palmer – Attend the Indiana Music Educators meeting in Indianapolis on January 15 (Fri) and accompany Tracy Kulenkamp to the All State Honor Band  
JoBerta Campbell, Mary Heldt, Charles Mair – Attend the “CARE: Communities Against Rape Initiative” In-Service Workshop in Evansville on January 26 (Tues)

### **Shortened Student Schedules for Second Semester**

Mr. Rapp recommended approval of a shortened class schedule for the following seniors at North Posey High School for the second semester: Amanda Jarvis, Kimberly Stratton, and Nathan Brown. The requests for the shortened schedules are based on financial hardships and maternal responsibilities. On a motion by Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion unanimously passed.

### **Next Regular Board Meeting**

Mr. Rapp established the next regular Board meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 13, 1999, at 6:15 p.m. with an Executive Session at 5:30 p.m.

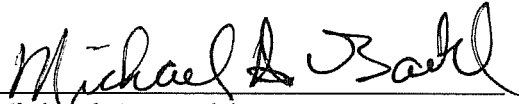
### **Retirement of Timothy Buecher from the Board of Education**

Mr. Rapp ended the meeting by reading a tribute to retiring Board member, Timothy Buecher. Mr. Buecher was recognized for giving 16 ½ years of loyal and dedicated service to the North Posey School community. Mr. Rapp presented Mr.


Buecher with a special recognition plaque for his tenure. A copy of the tribute shall be made a part of the minutes by incorporation.


**ADJOURNMENT**

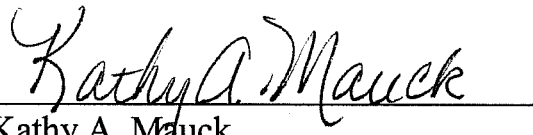
As there was no further school business to come before the Board at this time, President Baehl entertained a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Lewis, and unanimously carried. The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

  
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