

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Board of Education
of the
Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana
*Held on October 18, 1999***

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 18th day of October 1999. The meeting began at the hour of 5:30 p.m. The following Board members were present: Michael Baehl, Stephen Bender, 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 adjourned from Executive Session at 6:28 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Lewis. Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday, September 20, 1999 were submitted to the Board and approved on a motion by Mr. Seibert, 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. Baehl, 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

No TV Week

Mr. Rapp asked Board member, Kathy Mauck, to give a report on "No TV Week". Mrs. Mauck reported a total of 514 individuals participated in the activity. Mrs. Mauck explained the greatest increase this year was in the number of school families that turned their televisions off for the week. She felt this statistic was very encouraging. Mrs. Mauck gave a breakdown of families participating by schools: North Elementary School 105, South Terrace Elementary 93, North Posey Junior High 11, North Posey High School 11. Mrs. Mauck offered that the overall success of the "No TV Week" project has been fairly good but suggested consideration should be given as to whether to continue the program. Mr. Rapp informed the Board he would discuss this consideration with the building principals and report back to the Board.

Parent/Teacher Conference Day

Mr. Rapp announced that Parent/Teacher Conference Day is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 1999. Elementary students will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m.

and junior high/high school students at 11:30 a.m. Parent/Teacher conferences will begin at 12:30 p.m. and conclude at 8:00 p.m. On Friday, October 22, 1999, school will again be dismissed early to begin Fall Break. There will be no school on Monday, October 25, 1999, Fall Break Day.

Official ADM Count

Mr. Rapp reported to the Board on the 1999-2000 ADM count. The official ADM is 1660 students. Mr. Rapp indicated this is an increase of 23.5 students over last year. Mr. Rapp was very pleased by this increase in student enrollment. A copy of the ADM report, as presented to the Board, shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

Budget Hearing

Mr. Rapp informed the Board that on Thursday, October 7, 1999, he traveled to the Hovey House in Mt. Vernon for the budget hearing. This year, Mr. Rapp presented all of the prepared budget forms to the hearing officer. He was required to wait for one hour in the event a citizen appeared to remonstrate against the published budget and Capital Projects Plan. The actual reading of the budget will take place at a later date and Mr. Rapp will not be present. Once the budget is approved, it will be mailed to Mr. Rapp. He will have seven days to review the budget before the final acceptance. Mr. Rapp expects to have this information sometime in late November.

Elementary Girls' Basketball Coaches

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board approve the hiring of Loy Dutton as the 6th grade girls' basketball coach and Nicole Lemieux as the 5th grade girls' basketball coach at North Elementary School for the 1999-2000 season. On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the motion unanimously passed.

Red Ribbon Rally

Mr. Rapp announced that the annual Posey County "Red Ribbon Rally" will be held at Mt. Vernon Junior High School on Thursday, October 28, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. All 5th and 6th grade students from Posey County Schools will be in attendance. The rally is sponsored by the Posey County Drug Free Coalition. The Mt. Vernon Police Department will present the program. Mr. Rapp encouraged the Board members to attend this unique activity.

Teacher In-Service Day

Mr. Rapp reported on the Teacher In-Service Day scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, 1999. Elementary students will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. and junior high/high school students at 1:00 p.m. Building principals have scheduled the following activities for their staff:

- ◆ North Posey High School – Creating and Maintaining a Positive School Climate
- ◆ North Posey Junior High – Computer Technology Workshop with Terri Frantz
- ◆ North Elementary – Testing and Placement of Students in Special Education
- ◆ South Terrace – Computer Workshop with Lance Woods

Outstanding School Board Award

Mr. Rapp publicly recognized the Board for achieving the "Outstanding School Board" award from the Indiana School Board Association. Mike Baehl received the award at the ISBA District meeting held at the Jasper Country Club on

Tuesday, October 12, 1999. This is the fourth year in a row for the Board to be recognized with this prestigious award. Mr. Rapp praised the Board for their dedication and commitment in achieving this outstanding recognition.

Additional Appropriation – Pre-School Fund

Mr. Rapp requested the Board's permission to advertise for an additional appropriation of \$20,000 in the Pre-School Fund. He explained that this additional appropriation is needed at this time to cover the year end expenses. On a motion by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion to approve unanimously carried.

ISTEP+ Update

Mr. Wood reported on the ISTEP+ program. Testing concluded on Friday, October 1, 1999. Tests were returned to CTB/McGraw-Hill offices on Thursday, October 7, 1999. Mr. Wood explained that the test results are to be reported during the week of January 3, 2000.

Veterans Day Programs

Mr. Rapp reported on the plans for Veteran's Day programs at each of the schools on Thursday, November 11, 1999. Each building will host a special program planned by the principal and staff. Programs scheduled are as follows:

- ◆ North Posey High School – Evansville Army Reserve Unit
- ◆ North Posey Junior High – Congressman John Hostetler
- ◆ North Elementary – Grandparent's Day will honor veterans
- ◆ South Terrace – Posey County VFW and Auxiliary

North Posey Marching Viking Band

Mr. Rapp reported to the Board on the recent successes of the North Posey High School Marching Viking Band at competitions at Jasper and Bedford. At the District competition at Jasper on Saturday, October 2, 1999, the band earned a first division rating and the right to advance to the Regional. The Regional was held at Bedford/North Lawrence High School on Saturday, October 16, 1999. The band earned a first division rating, but did not finish in the top five bands. They actually finished seventh out of a total of 18 bands. Mr. Rapp congratulated the Marching Viking Band on an outstanding marching season.

Professional Leave Requests

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

JoBerta Campbell – Attend National Peer Education State Training Program in Bedford, Indiana, and take two student members of the North Posey High School FCCLA Chapter on October 20-21 (Wed/Thurs)

Debra Whitfield & Kathleen Holifield – Attend the Indiana Foreign Language Teachers Association Fall Conference in Indianapolis on November 5 (Fri)

Gayle Blunier & Judy Phipps – Attend the Business and Marketing Education Conference in Indianapolis on November 12-13 (Fri/Sat)

On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the motion unanimously carried.

North Posey High School Cross Country Teams

Mr. Rapp reported on the recent successes of the North Posey High School boys' and girls' cross country teams. The girls' team finished a strong first place at the

Pike Central Invitational on Saturday, October 2, 1999. On Saturday, October 9, 1999, both teams participated in the PAC meet. The girls' varsity and junior varsity teams and the boys' junior varsity team won the conference championship. The varsity boys' finished in 3rd place. On Saturday, October 16, 1999, the varsity teams participated in the IHSAA cross country sectional at USI. The girls' team won the championship for the second year in a row. The boys' team finished in 7th place. The girls' team will compete at the regional on Saturday, October 23, 1999. Mr. Rapp congratulated Coach Bill Centifanto and the boys' and girls' team for their tremendous efforts this season. He wished the girls continued success in the IHSAA competition.

Shortened Schedules

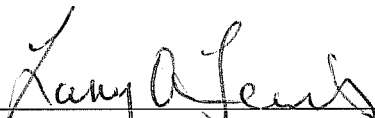
Mr. Rapp requested the following senior students be granted permission to attend North Posey High School on a shortened schedule during the second semester: Nina Rhoades, Tarah Willis and Kim Hadley. Principal Jay Van Hoosier and Counselor Kelly Stone recommended this request be approved. On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the motion unanimously passed.

Next Board Meeting

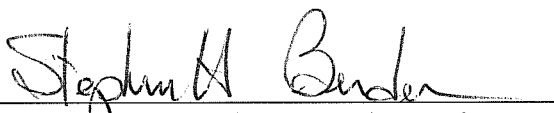
Mr. Rapp set the next regular Board meeting for Monday, November 15, 1999, at 6:30 p.m. An Executive Session will be held at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

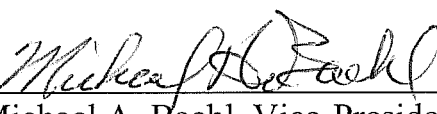
As there was no further school business to come before the Board at this time, President Lewis entertained a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mr. Seibert, and unanimously carried. The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Larry O. Lewis, President



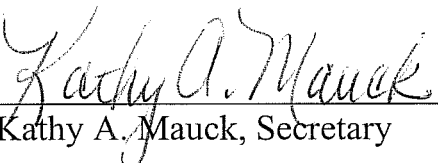
Stephen H. Bender, Board Member



Michael A. Baehl, Vice-President



Mark J. Seibert, Board Member



Kathy A. Mauck, Secretary

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