

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Board of Education
of the
Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana
*Held on August 14, 2000***

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 14th day of August 2000. The meeting began at the hour of 5:30 p.m. The following Board members were present: Larry Lewis, Kathy Mauck, Michael Baehl, Mark Seibert, and Stephen Bender. Also present was 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 6:30 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:35 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Lewis. Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday, July 10, 2000, were submitted to the Board and approved on a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Bender, 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. Bender, seconded by Mr. Baehl, 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 Band Trip Proposal

Mr. Rapp introduced Terri Palmer, North Posey High School Band Director, and Bill Farmer, President of the North Posey Band Boosters, to present the final plans for the North Posey High School Band to travel to Hawaii in June, 2001. First, Mrs. Palmer opened by thanking Mr. Rapp and the Board for the recent improvements to the high school band room. Mr. Farmer reported that the Band Boosters have received an offer from Ron Mullis, father of band alumnus, to furnish new carpeting for the band room at no charge. Mr. Farmer asked the Board for permission to proceed with this project. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the Board voted unanimously to accept the offer.

Mrs. Palmer reported to the Board that the cost of the trip to Hawaii would be \$1300 per person. The price includes airfare, hotel for five nights, and sightseeing activities. Mrs. Palmer stated that to date 68 band students and 64 adults have paid the required \$50 deposit to go on the trip. The main activity for the band will

be their appearance in the King Kamehameha Parade. Mr. Rapp asked if a band student could not personally afford to take the trip and cannot raise the money through the fundraising activities, would there be a way they could go. Mr. Farmer and Mrs. Palmer both stated that any band student who puts forth a sincere effort to raise the money, but does not raise enough, the Band Boosters will finance the trip for that student. Mr. Rapp cautioned Mrs. Palmer and Mr. Farmer that the school/community has complained about all of the fundraising activities conducted on behalf of the high school band. Mr. Rapp recommended that the Board approve the trip with two stipulations: (1) that there will only be one major trip taken by the band during a four year period; and (2) that all band students who make a sincere effort to raise the funds to take the trip be allowed to go. On a motion by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion as recommended by Mr. Rapp unanimously passed.

Permission to Advertise the 2001 Budget

Mr. Rapp presented the proposed 2001 budget to the Board and requested permission to advertise the budget in the Posey County News on Tuesday, August 22 and Tuesday, August 29. Mr. Rapp explained to the Board that the budget is based on an assessed valuation of \$81,000,000. The projected tax rates will be:

General Fund	2.61
Debt Service	0.66
Transportation Operating	0.65
Transportation Bus Replacement	0.15
Capital Projects	0.49
Special Education/Pre-School	0.01

Mr. Rapp set Tuesday, September 5, 2000, at 5:30 p.m., as the date for the Public Hearing on the Budget. The Board will be asked to adopt the 2001 Budget on Monday, September 18, 2000, at 6:15 p.m. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Bender, permission to advertise the 2001 budget as presented by Mr. Rapp was unanimously granted by the Board.

Teacher Orientation Day

Mr. Rapp reviewed the “Teacher Orientation Day” activities that took place on Monday, August 14, 2000, in the Mass Learning Center at North Posey Junior High School. Mr. Rapp reported that the entire program went very well. The keynote address, given by Mr. Bob Parks, retired Dean of Student Affairs at Henderson Community College, was especially appreciated by the teachers.

Annual State Police Bus Inspection

Mr. Wood reported on the success of the Annual School Bus Safety Inspection conducted on Thursday, July 27, 2000. The Indiana State Police Motor Carrier Division found all of the school buses in great condition and they passed with a 100%. Mr. Wood stated that this is three out of the last four years that a 100% passing rate has been received. Mr. Wood praised the efforts of Jerry Straw and Billy Hopf for preparing the buses for approval. He also praised the hard work by Kyle Tooley and Kristopher Mauck, who washed and waxed every school bus before inspection.

Annual Performance Report

Mr. Rapp explained the 2000 Annual Performance Report for the MSD of North Posey County was compiled by the Indiana Department of Education. This report must be published in a local newspaper between September 1-15, 2000.

Publication will be on Tuesday, August 5, 2000 in the Posey County News. Mr. Rapp stated that the report has been refined and is easier to understand the data presented. Each Board member was presented with a copy of the Performance Report.

Resignation of Yvonne Lottes

Mr. Rapp asked the Board to accept the resignation of Mrs. Yvonne Lottes as an instructional assistant at North Elementary School. On a motion by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the motion unanimously carried.

Open House Dates

Mr. Rapp announced the dates for “Open House” set by the principals at each school. The dates are as follows:

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| Wednesday, August 23, 2000 – 6:00 p.m. | North Posey High School |
| | North Posey Jr. High School |
| Monday, August 28, 2000 – 7:00 p.m. | North Elementary School |
| Monday, September 11, 2000 – 7:00 p.m. | South Terrace Elementary |

Safe Schools Policy

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board adopt the Safe School Policy developed by Mr. Wood through his participation in the Indiana School Safety Specialist Academy. The new policy will go into effect the date of adoption by the Board. On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Bender, the motion unanimously carried. A copy of the Safe School Policy as approved by the Board, shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

Professional Leave Request

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board approve the request submitted by Mrs. Roberta Adamson asking for professional leave to attend the Academic Competition Coaching Clinic on Tuesday, September 6, 2000 in Indianapolis. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the motion unanimously passed.

ISTEP+ Testing Update

Mr. Wood gave a brief update on the ISTEP+ testing for the 2000-2001 school year. The test dates for grades 3, 6, and 8 will be Monday, September 18, 2000 through Friday, October 6, 2000. The GQE for grade 10 will be given on September 19, 20, and 21. The grade 10 testing will not include the Norm-Referenced Test (NRT/CTBS/5) and the Cognitive Skills (TCS) tests this year. The high school exercised the option not to administer these tests this school year.

Student Agenda Books

Mr. Rapp issued a copy of the 2000-2001 Student Agenda Books from each of the schools to each Board member. Every student receives a copy of his or her school’s agenda book for their own personal use during the school year.

Resignation of Eda Jung

Mr. Rapp requested the Board accept the resignation of Eda Jung as an instructional assistant at South Terrace Elementary School and North Posey High School. On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the motion unanimously carried.

Recommendation of Instructional Assistants

Mr. Rapp recommended the employment of the following individuals as instructional assistants at North Elementary School: Connie Williams, Tonna Seibert, and Barb Heldt (halftime preschool). Mr. Rapp also recommended the employment of Susan Nielsen as a halftime special education instructional assistant at North Posey High School. These positions are for the 2000-2001 school year. On a motion by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion unanimously passed.

Future Board Meeting Dates

Mr. Rapp set the following dates for future Board meetings:

Tuesday, September 5, 2000 – 5:30 p.m.

Public meeting on the 2001 Budget

Monday, September 18, 2000 – 6:15 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting – Executive Session – 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. Bender, seconded by Mr. Baehl, and unanimously carried. The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Larry O. Lewis, President

Stephen H Bender

Stephen H. Bender, Board Member

Michael A Baehl

Michael A. Baehl, Vice-President

Mark J Seibert

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Kathy A Mauck

Kathy A. Mauck, Secretary

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