

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Education  
of the  
Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana  
*Held on December 11, 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2000. The meeting began at the hour of 5:00 p.m. The following Board members were present: Larry Lewis, Kathy Mauck, Michael Baehl, Mark Seibert, and Stephen Bender. Also present were Ernest W. Rapp, Superintendent, and John D. Wood, Administrative Assistant.

At 5:00 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 6:35 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:44 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Larry Lewis. Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday, November 13, 2000, were submitted to the Board and approved on a motion by Mr. Baehl, 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. 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**

**Soccer Discussion**

Mr. Rapp introduced Mr. Terry Schroeder to address the Board as per his request to be on the agenda. Terry presented a request to the Board to take over the maintenance of the soccer field full time. He explained that Mr. Keith Batteiger is retiring as the coordinator of the youth soccer program and will no longer be able to maintain the playing field. Mowing the grass on a regular schedule was requested. Terry proposed the construction of bleachers on the west side of the soccer field. He volunteered that the youth soccer league would furnish the materials and install the bleachers for the school district free of charge. Mr. Baehl made the motion to approve this project pending the receipt and approval of the exact plans for the construction. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mauck, and unanimously carried by the Board.

**Discussion of Future Needs**

Mr. Rapp introduced Mr. Lonnie Therber of Therber, Brock & Kramer, Inc. to give a presentation to the Board. Mr. Therber gave a presentation explaining the financial services provided by his company to afford advice on the financing of a building improvement project for the School Corporation. He also gave a brief description of his company and a listing of numerous references of school districts in the State of Indiana that they have served. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Bender, the motion unanimously passed to employ Therber, Brock, & Cramer, Inc. as financial consultants for the District.

Mr. Rapp asked each Board member to prepare a list of the building projects they would like to see completed and present them at the January meeting. The Board will then try to reach a consensus on the projects to be undertaken.

**Transfer Appropriations**

Mr. Rapp asked the Board for permission to transfer appropriations in order to pay outstanding bills. On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Bender, the motion was unanimously carried.

**Report on 2001 Budget**

Mr. Rapp reported to the Board on the on the breakdown of the tax rates for the 2001 budget. The rates will be:

PRE-SCHOOL	0.0100
GENERAL	2.6124
DEBT SERVICE	0.6780
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.4996
TRANSP.OPERATION	0.6644
BUS REPLACEMENT	0.1528
TOTAL	4.6172

Mr. Rapp informed the Board that this tax rate reflects an increase of 0.1257 over the 2000 budget rate.

**Permission to Advertise for School Bus Bids**

Mr. Wood requested permission from the Board to advertise for bids on three (3) 2001 66-passenger school buses. On a motion by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mr. Bender, the motion passed.

**Bond for Deputy Treasurer**

Mr. Rapp requested the Board give permission to have Chris Kellams be bonded in the amount of \$12,500 for the faithful performance of duty as the school district's deputy treasurer according to IC 20-5-3-1. On a motion by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Seibert, permission was unanimously granted by the Board.

**Shortened Day Schedule for Second Semester**

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board approve a request by Dana Lemieux for a shortened class schedule at North Posey High School for the second semester of the 2000-2001 school year. On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Bender, the motion unanimously carried.

### **Professional Leave Requests**

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board grant professional leave to the following staff members:

Jennifer Schroeder – Chaperone North Posey Junior High Students participating in the Indiana Music Educators All-State Choir in Indianapolis January 10-12 (Wed-Fri)

Terri Palmer – Chaperone North Posey High School Students participating in the Indiana Music Educators All-State Choir in Indianapolis on January 12 (Fri)

On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the motion unanimously passed.

### **Resignation of Kelly Stone**

Mr. Rapp asked the Board to accept the resignation of Mrs. Kelly Stone as guidance counselor at North Posey High School effective at the end of the first semester of the 2000-2001 school year. On a motion by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the motion unanimously carried.

### **Surplus Equipment**

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board declare old computer equipment as surplus equipment. The equipment will be taken to the action to be sold. On a motion by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion unanimously passed. A copy of the listing of the surplus equipment as approved by the Board, shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

### **Landscaping Project at North Posey High School**

Mr. Rapp asked Mrs. Mauck to report on the landscape project at North Posey High School. Mrs. Mauck explained that the landscape project involved the enhancement of the landscape at the front entrance to the high school. Mrs. Mauck personally lead many volunteers in a workday on Saturday, December 2, 2000. Although the project was not totally completed, the industrious group completed a major portion of the landscaping. Mr. Baehl wished to thank the North Posey High School FFA members that worked very hard to help complete the project. Mrs. Mauck wished to thank the Poseyville Fire Department for their help with the clean up. Mrs. Mauck praised the efforts of everyone involved with the workday. Their donation of time and energy vastly improved the appearance of the main entrance to the high school.

### **Recommendation of Bart Wenderoth as Volunteer Asst. Wrestling Coach**

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board approve the assignment of Mr. Bart Wenderoth as a volunteer assistant wrestling coach at North Posey Jr. High School for the 2000-2001 season. On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the motion unanimously passed.

### **Recommendation of Carol Lupfer as Extracurricular Treasurer NPHS**

Mr. Rapp concurred with the recommendation of Principal Jay Van Hoosier to approve the assignment of Mrs. Carol Lupfer as the extracurricular treasurer at North Posey High School beginning Monday, April 2, 2001. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion unanimously carried.

**Recommendation of John Wood as Superintendent**

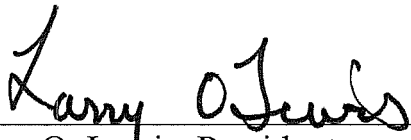
Mr. Baehl asked to add an item to the agenda. Mr. Baehl made a motion to employ Mr. John Wood as Superintendent of Schools for the MSD of North Posey County effective July 1, 2001. He further moved that Mr. Wood be given a three (3) year contract with the salary to be determined. Mrs. Mauck seconded the motion. The Board unanimously passed the motion.

**Next Board Meeting**

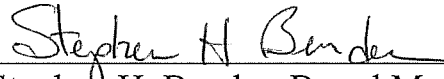
Mr. Rapp set the next regular Board meeting for the MSD of North Posey County to be held on Monday, January 15, 2001 at 6:15 p.m. The Board will conduct an executive session at 5:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**

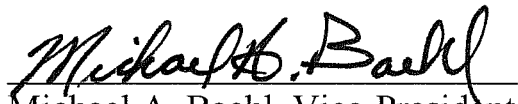
As there was no further school business to come before the Board at this time, President Lewis entertained a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Baehl and unanimously carried. The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



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Larry O. Lewis, President



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Stephen H. Bender, Board Member



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Michael A. Baehl, Vice-President

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Mark J. Seibert, Board Member

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Kathy A. Mauck, Secretary

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