

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Education  
of the  
Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana  
*Held on January 15, 2001***

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 2001. The meeting began at the hour of 5:30 p.m. The following Board members were present: Larry Lewis, Michael Baehl, and Stephen Bender. 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 6:42 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, December 11, 2000, were submitted to the Board and approved on a motion by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Baehl, 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. Bender, 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**

**Oath of Office**

Mr. Rapp asked School Board Attorney, William Bender to administer the official "Oath of Office" to the two Board members who were re-elected to a term of four years on Tuesday, November 7, 2000. Mr. Michael Baehl and Mr. Larry Lewis were sworn in as Board Members.

**Election of Board Officers for 2001**

Mr. Rapp requested that Mr. William Bender conduct the procedure for the election of Board officers for 2001. Mr. Baehl nominated Mr. Lewis for president. Mr. Bender seconded the nomination. Mr. Lewis was elected president by a unanimous vote. Mr. Bender nominated Mr. Baehl for vice-president. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. Mr. Baehl was unanimously elected to be vice-president. Mr. Bender nominated Mrs. Kathy Mauck for secretary. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. Mrs. Mauck was unanimously elected to serve as secretary. Mr. Bender nominated Mrs. Eudora Hopf to serve as treasurer. Mr. Baehl seconded the

motion. Mrs. Hopf was unanimously elected to serve as treasurer until her retirement on Friday, June 29, 2001. Mr. Baehl nominated Mr. William Bender for school attorney. Mr. Stephen Bender seconded the motion. Mr. William Bender was unanimously elected to serve as school attorney. The election of officers was concluded.

### **Board of Finance**

Mr. Rapp asked President Lewis to establish a Board of Finance. Mr. Rapp explained that this is a requirement of the State Board of Accounts and must be done between the dates of January 1-31, 2001. President Lewis appointed Mr. Mark Seibert to serve as president and Mr. Stephen Bender to serve as secretary of the Board of Finance for the MSD of North Posey County for the year 2001.

### **Conflict of Interest Statements**

Mr. Rapp requested Board members Michael Baehl and Stephen Bender sign a Conflict of Interest Statement since both Board members either work for or own a company that conducts business with the MSD of North Posey County. Also, Mr. Rapp and Mr. Wood will sign a Conflict of Interest Statement since their spouses are employed by the School District. Mr. Rapp explained that Indiana law requires this procedure. A copy of the Conflict of Interest Statements will be submitted to the State Board of Accounts and the Clerk of the Posey County Court. A copy will also be kept on file in the office of the MSD of North Posey County.

### **School Bus Bids**

Mr. Wood explained that on Wednesday, January 3, 2001, at 1:00 PM, he and Mr. William Bender, school attorney, opened and reviewed sealed bus bids received from Mitchell Motor Sales, Mitchell, IN; Nix Bus Sales, INC.; and Kerlin Bus Sales, Silver Lake, IN. Mr. Wood recommended the Board accept the bid of \$136,750.50 received from Nix Bus Sales, INC., Poseyville, Indiana, for three (3) 66-passenger conventional school buses. The bid received from Nix Bus Sales, INC. met the exact specifications requested for a year 2001/2002 66-passenger conventional school bus with a V-8 gasoline engine. On a motion by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the motion to accept the bid from Nix Bus Sales, INC. unanimously passed. A copy of the bids received as approved by the Board shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

### **Future Remodeling Discussion Tabled**

Mr. Rapp asked the Board to table the Board's discussion to prioritize the School District's future needs to remodel, renovate, and update the physical facilities of the school buildings in the School District. This item will be on the February meeting agenda.

### **2001 Summer School**

Mr. Rapp asked the Board for permission to begin planning for the 2001 Summer School Program. On a motion by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Baehl, permission was unanimously granted by the Board.

### **School Bus Driver Certification Class**

Mr. Wood announced that Mr. Pete Baxter, Director of the Division of School Traffic Safety and Emergency Planning for the Indiana Department of Education, will be at North Posey Jr. High School to conduct a three (3) day class for

beginning school bus drivers. The class will be offered beginning Wednesday, January 17, 2001 and conclude on Friday, January 19, 2001. The class time is from 8:00 am to 4:00 PM. A total of 22 individuals have pre-registered for the class.

### **Professional Leave Requests**

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board approve the requests for professional leave submitted by Mike Swartzentruber, Darryl Meyer, and Walter Gleim, and deny the request submitted by Lisa Koester. The professional leave requests were as follows:

Mike Swartzentruber – Attend the IHSBCA Clinic in Indianapolis on January 19 (Fri)

Darryl Meyer & Marilyn Rogers – Attend the 2001 Hoosier Association of Science Teachers Convention in Indianapolis on February 8 & 9 (Thurs/Fri)

Lisa Koester – Participate in People to People Ambassador Program in Cuba – March 9 through March 16

Walt Gleim – Attend the Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Conference in Indianapolis on March 18,19,20 (Sun/Tues)

The motion to approve Mr. Rapp's recommendation was made by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mr. Bender. Before the vote was taken, Mr. Rapp asked the Board to approve a late request received from Marilyn Rogers. Mr. Bender amended the motion to include Mrs. Rogers. Mr. Baehl seconded the amended motion. The amended motion passed unanimously.

### **Shortened Schedule Requests**

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board grant a shortened class schedule for the second semester at North Posey High School to Chastity Brandenstein and Mandy Wargel for personal health reasons. On a motion by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the motion unanimously passed.

### **2000 ISTEP+ Scores Report**

Mr. Wood gave a handout to the Board showing the results on the 2000 ISTEP+ for grades 3, 6, 8, and 10. A copy of the ISTEP+ Report as presented by Mr. Wood shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

### **Monetary Reward Request**

Mr. Rapp praised the efforts of the North Posey High School FFA and community volunteers on the landscaping project at North Posey High School. Mr. Rapp reported that unfortunately someone had driven a vehicle through the landscaping causing severe damage to the project. Mr. Rapp asked the Board to establish a \$300 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual(s) who were responsible for the act of vandalism. On a motion by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the motion unanimously carried.

### **Recommendation of Secretary for North Posey High School**

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board approve the recommendation of Mr. Jay Van Hoosier, principal of North Posey High School, to employee Mrs. Bobbie J. Rankin as the new secretary at North Posey High School. Mr. Van Hoosier and Mr. Rapp will determine the date for Mrs. Rankin to begin work. On a motion by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mr. Bender, the motion to employ Mrs. Bobbie J. Rankin unanimously passed.

### **Ivy Tech State College Evansville**

Mr. Rapp reviewed a request from Mr. James Naas, Dean of Academic Affairs, Ivy Tech State College of Evansville to offer classes to current high school students and adults. The classes would be taught at North Posey High School using current North Posey High School staff members, if available, or instructors from Ivy Tech State College. Senior citizens 60 years of age or older may enroll in classes free of charge. Regular students will be charged a regular tuition fee. A schedule of available classes to be offered and enrollment will be announced to the community by Ivy Tech State College upon notification of approval of the program. Mr. Rapp enthusiastically recommended the Board approve this program for our school/community. On a motion by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mr. Bender, the motion unanimously carried.

### **Reading and Writing Parent/Teacher Textbook Adoption**

Mr. Wood informed the Board that the 2001 Reading/Writing Textbook Adoption Committee for grades K-6 has been established. The following teachers and parents will serve on this important committee:

#### **NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Teachers: Mrs. Donnetta Morrow, Mrs. Dorcas Neidig, Mrs. Susie Crawford, Mrs. Leesa Kuhn, Mrs. Marijon Davis, Mr. John Siders, and Mr. Ron Baysinger.  
Parents: Mrs. Leanne Seibert and Mrs. Jennie Koester.

#### **SOUTH TERRACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Teachers: Mr. Jerry Miser, Mr. Tom Schapker, Mrs. Nancy Davis, and Mrs. Linda Andry.  
Parents: Mrs. Angie Beary and Mrs. Micki Bullington.

A copy of the Reading/Writing Textbook Adoption Committee as presented to the Board shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

### **Extracurricular Account Purchase Request**

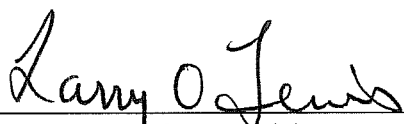
Mr. Rapp recommended the Board approve the request by Mr. Jay Van Hoosier, principal of North Posey High School, to purchase four (4) wireless body microphones and a receiver from Midwest Systems for \$2,245.00. Payment for the purchase would be from the High School chorus extracurricular fund. On a motion by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the motion was unanimously passed. A copy of the purchase request as submitted by Mr. Van Hoosier and approved by the Board shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

### **Next Board Meeting**

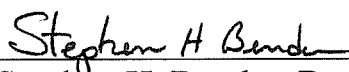
Mr. Rapp set the date for the next regular Board meeting for Monday, February 12, 2001 at 6:15 p.m. An executive session will be held at 5:30 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

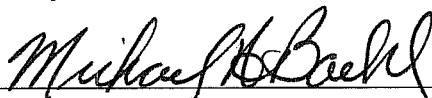
As there was no further school business to come before the Board at this time, President Lewis entertained a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mr. Bender and unanimously carried. The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Larry O. Lewis, President



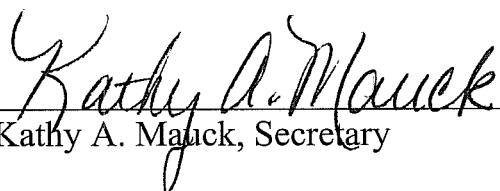
Stephen H. Bender, Board Member



Michael A. Baehl, Vice-President



Mark J. Seibert, Board Member



Kathy A. Mauck, Secretary

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