

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Education  
of the  
Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana  
*Held on December 10, 2001***

A 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2001. The meeting began at the hour of 5:30 p.m. The following Board members were present: Larry Lewis, Michael Baehl, Kathy Mauck, Mark Seibert, and Stephen Bender. Also present were John D. Wood, Superintendent and Todd A. Armstrong, Administrative Assistant.

**Executive Session**

The Board convened the Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (2a and 2d) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and the purchase or lease of real property by the governing body; and (9) to discuss job performance evaluation of individual employees. The Board adjourned Executive Session at 6:45 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:53 p.m. President Larry Lewis called the meeting to order. Minutes of the previous meeting held on November 12, 2001 were submitted to the Board and approved on a motion by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Baehl, and unanimously carried. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Claim Docket**

A copy of the current claim docket was presented to the Board for consideration. Upon a motion made by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the claim docket was unanimously approved by the Board. A copy of the claim docket shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

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**Hearing # 2 on Year Round School**

Mr. Wood revisited the topic of year round school. Like the hearing on November 12, 2001, he asked for discussion or opinion from the public. As there was no discussion, Mr. Wood recommended that the Board adopt a resolution that year round school will not affect the building project. Mr. Bender motioned, followed by a second by Mrs. Mauck to approve this recommendation. The Board vote was unanimous. This resolution will be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

### **Request for Permission to Advertise for 66-Passenger School Bus Bids**

Mr. Armstrong requested permission to advertise for bids on two (2) 66-passenger school buses. The current bus replacement plan allows for the purchase of three (3) new school buses; instead however, we will be purchasing two (2) new 66-passenger buses and one (1) new Type A activity bus. The advertisement will be placed in both the Posey County News and the Mt. Vernon Democrat. In addition, the Corporation will mail four (4) bus specification packages to various bus vendors. Mr. Baehl seconded Mr. Bender's motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the request to advertise bus bids.

### **Acceptance of Quote on Type A Activity Bus**

Mr. Armstrong provided a breakdown of the quotes given for the Type A activity bus. Mr. Armstrong then requested that the Board accept the quote given by Nix Bus Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$34,658.40 for one (1) 2002 Type A activity bus. This vehicle will have a Blue Bird (MicroBird) bus body, a Chevrolet cut-away van chassis, and a Vortec 5700, V-8, 350 engine. Mr. Baehl motioned, seconded by Mr. Seibert, and the Board voted unanimously to accept the quote.

### **Request to Transfer Appropriations Among Funds**

Mr. Wood requested permission to transfer appropriated monies between/among funds in order to pay outstanding debts/bills for the 2001 calendar year. On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Bender, the Board unanimously supported the transfer of appropriations.

### **Recommendation of Volunteer Cheer Coaches**

Mr. Wood recommended that the Board approve Kim Brown and Linda Sattler as volunteer assistant cheerleader coaches for North Posey High School for the remainder of the 2002 cheer season. Granting the request to be volunteers will be contingent upon approval of all required employment paperwork. Mr. Baehl motioned, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, and the Board unanimously approved the volunteers.

### **Professional Leave Requests for the MSD of North Posey County**

Mr. Wood recommended approval of the following professional leave requests, as well as transportation for the trip.

Jennifer Schroeder	NPJHS	January 17-19, 2002	Indiana Music Educator Association Conference in Indianapolis
Terri Palmer	NPHS	January 17-19, 2002	Indiana Music Educator Association Conference in Indianapolis

Both teachers will accompany students selected to perform in the All-State middle school and high school choirs and the All-State high school band. Mike Baehl seconded Kathy Mauck's motion, and the Board approved the professional leave with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Wood recommended that the Board approve the following professional leave requests, including, transportation expenses (school vans and fuel) and costs of the chaperones.

Pat Hewig	NPHS	January 9-11, 2002	Chicago, Illinois Field Trip
Jim Anderson	NPHS	January 9-11, 2002	Chicago, Illinois Field Trip
David Rodenberg	NPHS	January 9-11, 2002	Chicago, Illinois Field Trip

The teachers (chaperones) will be escorting students from advanced English, physics, calculus, and art classes. Their itinerary includes the Adler Planetarium, Fermi Lab, Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium, Museum of Science and Industry, and the Art Institute of Chicago. The motion to approve the professional leave requests by Mr. Seibert was seconded by Mrs. Mauck and unanimously supported by the Board. However, as these leave requests were additions to the agenda, Mr. Baehl stated that he would no longer support professional leave requests that were not turned in to the superintendent's office in a timely fashion so they could be included in the Board agenda. Mr. Wood stated that he would send out a corporation-wide memorandum **restating** the deadlines for professional leave requests.

### **Recommendation of Volunteer Band Assistant**

Mr. Wood recommended that the Board approve Scott Schmitt as a voluntary assistant for the winter percussion group of the North Posey High School band for the 2001-2002 school year. On a motion by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

### **Adoption of Special Education Policy**

John Wood, superintendent, recommended that the Board adopt a policy statement approving the standards and procedures of the Evansville-Vanderburgh-Posey Special Education Cooperative. Mr. Baehl seconded Mr. Bender's motion, and the Board voted unanimously to adopt the policy. A copy of the policy shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

### **Update by Veazey, Parrot, Durkin & Shoulders**

Representatives from Veazey, Parrot, Durkin & Shoulders provided an update on the upcoming retrofit project. Larry Lewis and Tom Cullum toured roofs of the buildings to develop plans and specifications for the two (2) smaller projects. In addition, their efforts helped familiarize the needs of the HVAC project. The discussion included plans for possible alternative bids, an energy management system, location of chillers, an explanation of the 2-

pipe system that will be installed, and strategies for “pulling it all together.” Mr. Wood also expressed concern over the water source to be utilized.

## **Presentation of School District Technology Plan**

District computer coordinator, Eric Long, provided a PowerPoint presentation depicting the direction, goals, and technological plans for the MSD of North Posey County. He also provided a thorough, written report outlining a long-range plan for the district. His plan delineated our current status, the primary goals to take us in the direction we need to go, and hardware & software specifics that will be most beneficial to the students and staff of the MSD of North Posey County.

## **Indiana’s Best Buys Report for 2001**

Mr. Wood revealed some very complimentary information regarding North Posey High School. Cross-referencing ISTEP+ scores, graduation rates, attendance rates, and SAT scores and participation for 12<sup>th</sup> grade students with amount of tax dollars spent, Indiana Chamber—The Voice of Indiana Business compiled a Top 10 list for best buy schools in the state of Indiana. North Posey High School was honored with the #10 ranking among all of the schools chosen in the state. The purpose of this report is to recognize those public high schools that are providing exceptional educational value for the tax dollars they receive—North Posey is doing a great job!

## **2002 Budget Report**

The 2002 budget report has been returned to Mr. Wood, and he shared an overview of its contents. The General Fund was cut \$130,000, the Capital Projects Fund was cut \$31,000, and there was an exorbitant cut in the Pre-school Special Education Fund. Although the budget was slightly “cushioned”, the amounts of the cuts are cause for more “tightening of the belt” for the District. Mr. Wood has requested that the Pre-school Special Education Fund cut be re-evaluated. He also noted that the approximate assessed valuation for 2002 is \$246 million. In addition, Mr. Wood pointed out that the next principal’s meeting would include a discussion of areas in which each school could reduce expenditures.

## **Tax Board Meeting in Indianapolis**

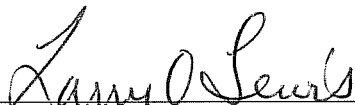
Mr. Wood disclosed that he would be traveling to Indianapolis on December 11, 2001 for a meeting with the School Property Tax Control Board. The purpose of this meeting is to seek final approval for the pending construction/renovation project. Lonnie Therber, Jane Newhauser, and Tom Durkin will attend with Mr. Wood to provide assistance and support when necessary. The approval will be contingent upon the school district’s pending lease hearing on December 20, 2001.


## Future School Board Meetings

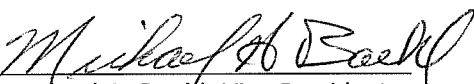
The Board was reminded of a special School Board meeting to be held on December 20, 2001 to hold a hearing on the lease between the North Posey Multi-School Building Corporation and the MSD of North Posey County. The next regular meeting will be held on January 14, 2002 with executive session scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

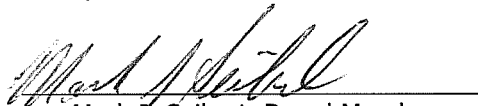
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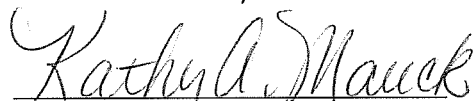
As there was no further business to come before the Board, president Larry Lewis entertained a motion to adjourn by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Baehl, and unanimously carried. The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

  
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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