

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Board of Education
Of the
Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana
Held on March 10, 2003**

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 10th day of March 2003. The meeting began at the hour of 6:30 p.m. The following were present:

Larry Lewis—President	Stephen Bender—Board Member	Mark Seibert—Board Member
John Wood—Superintendent	Mike Baehl—Vice-President	Kathy Mauck—Secretary
	Todd 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) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining; (2b) to discuss initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically; and (9) to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. The Board adjourned Executive Session at 6:28 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:33 p.m. with Board President Larry Lewis calling the meeting to order with the initiation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the previous meeting held on February 10, 2003 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 made by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Seibert, 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.

A G E N D A

Unfinished Business

Construction Project Update

Mr. Todd Camp, Principal of North Posey High School was present at the meeting and stated that basically everything to do with the project was complete except some minor details and the new electronic locking system. Mr. Lewis informed the Board that Veazey, Parrott, Durkin & Shoulders would be doing a final “walk-through” during spring break to be sure that the project has been completed in its entirety.

New Business

Indiana School Boards Association

For the third consecutive year, the MSD of North Posey County Board of Education has earned the distinction of "Master Board." This status is earned each year through the accumulation of points for ISBA training programs by each of the individual Board members.

Retraction of Appropriation Reduction Resolution

Mr. Wood recommended that the Board retract the resolution adopted to reduce appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund following the transfer of funds last month. This reduction would produce an adverse affect on spending capabilities from the CPF. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the Board unanimously approved the retraction.

Social Studies Textbook Adoption 2003

Mr. Armstrong recommended that the Board approve each of the four lists of textbooks submitted for adoption for social studies in 2003. The lists were compiled by the building principals after textbook adoption committees consisting of both parents and teachers reviewed and evaluated a variety of textbooks in each grade level and in each course. Mr. Seibert's motion was contingent upon each of the building principal's ability to ensure that all measures were taken to assure that the textbook companies would rectify or compensate for any/all variances from the textbooks ordered. Mrs. Mauck seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to adopt the submitted textbook lists.

Request to Spend Additional Bus Replacement Funds

Mr. Armstrong requested permission to expend additional bus replacement funds for the purchase of a spare tire/rim for each bus being purchased in 2003. By modifying the specifications outlined in the bid sheet to include a spare tire/rim, the additional tires are included in the Bus Replacement Plan. Mr. Bender and Mr. Seibert proposed the purchase of more than one spare tire with each bus since the price quoted was substantially less than buying the tire and rim from a tire distributor later. Additional discussion over including air brakes in the specifications was done, but it was determined to purchase buses as previously proposed. Consideration for air brakes will be made next year. Mr. Baehl motioned, seconded by Mr. Bender, and the Board approved the request unanimously.

Request to Expend Extracurricular Funds at South Terrace Elementary

Mr. Wood recommended approval of Ms. Carlton's request to spend extracurricular funds accumulated at South Terrace Elementary School for computer software programs that are compatible with the new computers purchased through the GE Fund grant. She would like to expend \$15,000 of which the South Terrace PTO donated \$12,000, and fund raising ventures produced the remaining \$3,000.

Surplus Band Instruments

Mr. Wood recommended Terri Palmer's request to "surplus" old band instruments that are no longer being used by the North Posey Band. In addition, she asked permission to sell those instruments to Bob Loomis. Mr. Bender made a motion to declare the instruments surplus, but asked that the price submitted by Bob Loomis be made under advisement, as additional quotes should be gathered to assure the best price for the instruments. Mr. Seibert seconded the motion, and the Board approved the modified recommendation unanimously.

Use of Facility Request

Mr. Mike Swartzentruber requested permission to use the North Posey baseball field for the 7th & 8th grade feeder program on three Sundays, April 13, May 11, and May 18, 2003. As the games will be played during the daylight, no lights will be necessary; thus, resulting in no expense to the Corporation. Mr. Seibert motioned, seconded by Mr. Baehl, and the Board unanimously approved the request.

Emergency Instructional Time Policy

Mr. Wood described the Emergency Instructional Time Policy released by Dr. Suellen Reed in response to the adverse winter weather conditions during this past winter. After submitting a waiver request, the Corporation will be required to make up five days for the six missed. This will result in attending school after graduating ceremonies have been completed. The days will be made up according to the adopted school calendar.

Posey County Community Foundation Applications

Mr. Wood asked the Board to approve the submission of three grant applications from the MSD of North Posey County to the Posey County Community Foundation (PCCF). Shirley Wood, Roberta Adamson, and Tara Gehlhausen asking for funding for reading materials, classroom library books, and physical education equipment respectively completed the applications. On a motion by Mike Baehl, seconded by Mark Seibert, the Board approved the submission of the grant applications.

Personnel

Resignations

Mr. Wood recommended the following resignations for approval at the end of the 2002-2003 school year:

Jennifer Schroeder	Music Teacher	North Posey Junior High
Mary Pitt	Cheer Coach	North Posey Junior High
Patrick Rose	National Honor Society Advisor	North Posey High

Mr. Seibert seconded Mr. Baehl's motion, and the Board voted unanimously to accept each resignation.

Request for Volunteer Assistant Coaches

Mr. Wood recommended approval of the following volunteer assistant coaches for the 2002-2003 school year:

Employee	Activity	School
Brian Schmidt	Boys' Golf	North Posey High
Kevin Wassmer	Boys' Golf	North Posey High
Larry Schmidt	Softball	North Posey High
Chris Lipking	Band/Winter Guard	North Posey High
Tracy Johnson	Band/Winter Guard	North Posey High
Kelly Schmitt	Baseball	High School/Junior High

Once again, prior to his motion, Mr. Baehl clarified that no volunteer is to begin working with the students of North Posey until after they have been approved by the Board and their criminal history check has been completed. Mr. Seibert seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve all volunteers.

Professional Leave Requests

Mr. Wood recommended approval of the following professional leave requests:

Name	School	Location	Description
Patricia Hewig	North Posey High School	Indianapolis, Indiana	"What's New in Young Adult Literature" conference on April 10, 2003
Roberta Adamson	North Posey High School	Indianapolis, Indiana	"What's New in Young Adult Literature" conference on April 10, 2003
Jenifer Neidig	North Posey High School	Dallas, Texas	BPA National Leadership Conference on April 30-May 2, 2003
Kevin Gengelbach	South Terrace Elementary	Indianapolis, Indiana	Indiana Football Coach's Association Clinic on March 21, 2003

Mr. Mark Seibert motioned, seconded by Mrs. Kathy Mauck, and the Board approved all professional leave requests unanimously.

Extended Sick/Medical Leave

Mr. Wood recommended that the Board approve Mary Ann White's request to use twenty-four (24) sick days for recovery after her surgery beginning March 4 through April 18, 2003. Mr. Bender motioned, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, and the Board approved the recommendation unanimously.

Reports

ISTEP+ for Grades 3, 6, and 8

Mr. Armstrong provided an overview of the ISTEP+ results recorded by grades 3, 6, and 8 of the North Posey schools. To begin, new content standards were established and new cut

scores were designated for utilization in the scoring of the Fall 2002 ISTEP+. The summary of his discussion indicated that 84% of 8th graders, 85% of 6th graders, and 82% of 3rd graders were above the Indiana academic standard in mathematics; 84% of 8th graders, 82% of 6th graders, and 85% of 3rd graders were above the Indiana academic standard in English; 100 out of 128 8th graders were above the standard in both portions, while 98 out of 130 6th graders were above standard in both portions and 72 out of 97 3rd graders were above standard in both portions. This year's scores were among the highest recorded for North Posey schools since the onset of ISTEP+.

For Your Information

Mr. Wood provided a description of the following items:

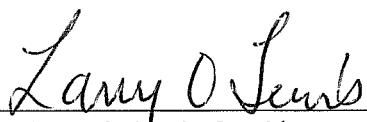
- 1) Realignment of baseball, basketball, softball, volleyball, and football for 2003-2004 school year—North Posey sectionals have changed.
- 2) The Indiana State Board of Education announced the determination of accreditation for the MSD of North Posey County Schools through 2006.
- 3) Mr. Wood announced that the Winter Guard finished 1st in their semi-state qualifying them for the state finals on March 15, 2003. A public send-off will be on Friday, March 14, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. from North Posey High School.
- 4) North Posey High School submitted a rough draft of their 2003-2004 handbook for review by the members of the Board of Education.

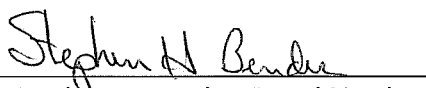
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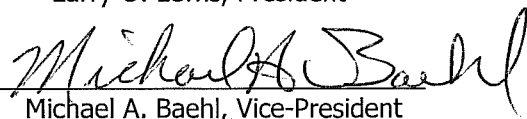
The next regular School Board meeting will be on Monday, April 21, 2003 starting at 6:30 p.m. with Executive Session scheduled for 5:30 p.m. A special executive session will be held on April 7, 2003 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

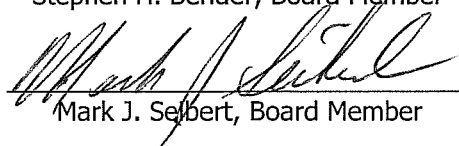
Adjournment

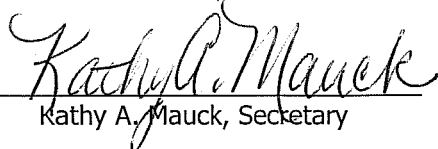
As there was no further business to come before the Board, president Larry Lewis entertained a motion to adjourn by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Bender, and unanimously carried. The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:38 p.m.


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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