

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the
Board of Education of the
Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana**

Held on January 12, 2004

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the MSD of North Posey County, Poseyville, Indiana, was held in the boardroom at the office of the Superintendent of schools on January 12, 2004. The meeting began at 5:30 p.m. The following Board members were present:

- John Wood, Superintendent
- Todd Camp, Assistant Superintendent
- Larry Lewis, President
- Mike Baehl, Vice-President
- Kathy Mauck, Secretary
- Stephen Bender, Board Member
- Mark Seibert, Board Member

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 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 6:33 p.m.

Regular Meeting

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:36 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 December 8, 2003, were submitted to the Board and approved on a motion by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mrs. Mauck 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.

New Business

Election of Officers for 2004: Mr. Bender nominated Larry Lewis for President, seconded by Mr. Baehl. Mr. Bender recommended we close nominations, seconded by Mr. Baehl. Larry Lewis was elected 2004 President by a 5-0 vote.

Mrs. Mauck nominated Mr. Baehl for Vice President and, seconded by Mr. Seibert. Mr. Seibert recommended we close the nomination, and seconded by Mr. Bender. Mr. Baehl was elected 2004 Vice President by a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Seibert recommended Mrs. Mauck be elected for Secretary, seconded by Mr. Baehl. Mr. Bender recommended we close nominations, and seconded by Mr. Baehl. Mrs. Mauck was elected 2004 Secretary by a 5-0 vote.

Mrs. Mauck made the recommendation to keep the Board of Finance for 2004 the same as the previous year, seconded by Mr. Seibert. With a 3-0 vote, the President of the Board of Finance is Mr. Bender and the Secretary is Mr. Seibert. Mrs. Mauck made a recommendation, seconded by Mr. Seibert to keep Mr. Lewis as the Legislative Liaison and Mr. Baehl as the Policy Liaison. With a 3-0 vote, the Legislative Liaison and Policy Liaison were approved.

Conflict of Interest Statements

As per I.C. 35-44-1-3, Mr. Bender, Mr. Wood, and Mr. Camp, Mr. Baehl signed the conflict of interest statements.

Temporary Loan Bid

Only one bid was returned by the required deadline for bid on a temporary emergency loan. Mr. Lewis, School Board President, opened Fifth Third Bank's bid. Fifth Third's bid was 2.44% fixed rate to allow MSD of North Posey to borrow up to \$2.5 million during the course of 2004.

Mr. Wood recommended to the Board to accept Fifth Third's bid as proposed. Mr. Baehl made a motion to accept Mr. Wood's recommendation, Mr. Seibert seconded. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Test Book Adoption

Mr. Camp made a recommendation to the Board to accept these parents and teachers as the Textbook Committee for 2003-2004 school year for mathematics:

Doris Buecher, Teacher
Patricia Compton, Parent
Lisa Kuhn, Teacher
Leann Seibert, Parent
Ron Baysinger, Teacher
Debbie Breton, Parent
Pamela Titzer, Teacher
Staci Voegel, Teacher
Jan Root, Teacher
Jan Gleim, Teacher
Barbara Hoover, Parent
Debra Schorr, Parent
Jeff May, Teacher
Sydney Russler, Teacher

Lisa Koester, Teacher
Maurice Schapker, Parent
Gayla Schapker, Parent
Greg Tooley, Parent
Susie Tooley, Parent
Tina Paris, Parent
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis
Herrenbruck, Parents
Clay Kraemer, Parent
Jim Anderson, Teacher
Rob Deters, Teacher
Pat Singleton, Parent
Debbie Johnson, Teacher
Patrick Rose, Teacher

A motion was made by Mrs. Mauck to accept Mr. Camp's recommendation of the committee members and seconded by Mr. Bender. Mr. Seibert made a request for the committee to not approve any touch point math textbooks. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Wood discussed with the Board the refunding of bonds at no cost to the taxpayers. This would raise approximately \$150,000. The total available funds to be spent would be approximately \$362,000 for capital projects for 2004. The Board discussed possible options for the spending of the monies. No action was taken.

Mr. Wood recommended that Mr. Swartzentruber be allowed use of the school facilities for the 7th and 8th grade baseball feeder program. Mr. Baehl made a motion to accept Mr. Wood's recommendation, seconded by Mr. Seibert. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Wood discussed with the School Board the condition of the 1994 Dodge van. Mr. Wood asked permission to trade the Dodge van to obtain a new van for the Corporation. After much discussion, the school board favored purchasing a van versus leasing. Mrs. Mauck made a motion to allow Mr. Wood to proceed in obtaining a new van for the Corporation, seconded by Mr. Baehl. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Personnel

Mr. Wood made a recommendation to accept Sherry Harvey and Jan Root's letters requesting retirement at the end of the 2003-2004 school year. Mr. Baehl made a motion to approve Mr. Wood's recommendation seconded by Mr. Seibert. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Professional Leave Requests

Mr. Wood asked the School Board to approve the professional leave requests by the North Posey teachers. Mr. Seibert made a motion to accept the following professional leave requests, seconded by Mr. Bender: The Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

1. JoBerta Campbell requests two (2) days of professional leave on March 2-3, 2004 to supervise the Family and Consumer Sciences members from North Posey High School attending the 2004 Indiana Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Leadership Conference in Indianapolis.
2. Linda Crick requests two (2) days of professional leave to attend an Indiana NEXT workshop on February 3, 2004 and March 10, 2004 at Vincennes University, Jasper Campus. All expenses will be paid from PL221 Grant money. .
3. Joe Gengelbach requests professional leave to attend the Indiana Football Coaches Association State Football Clinic on Friday, March 19, 2004.
4. Tyra Harnishfeger, special education teacher at North Posey Junior High School, requests professional leave to attend a S.I.N.E. workshop entitled, "Writing Excellence-Writing Across the Curriculum". The conference will be held at the Executive Inn in Vincennes on Friday, January 23, 2004.
5. Jenifer Neidig requests professional leave on four (4) days: February 19-20, April 16 and June 10 to attend an SIEC workshop entitled, "Writing Across the Curriculum". Jenifer is taking Pat Hewig's place in this assignment. Kathy Camp will also attend the February 19-20 sessions. Mark Danser will attend the April 16 and June 10 sessions.
6. Hollye Schillinger requests two (2) days of professional leave on February 19-20, 2004 to attend the Hoosier Association of Science Teachers, Inc. State Conference in Indianapolis.
7. Scott Schmitt is requesting to attend the All State Music Convention in Indianapolis on January 15, 16, and 17 with four students. He is asking for transportation and lodging. The Band Boosters will pay for the registration.

Volunteer Coaches

Mr. Wood recommended accepting Seth Morris as a volunteer track coach for the 2004 track season. Mr. Bender made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Mauck. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Wood recommended accepting three volunteer coaches for the 2004 softball season. The proposed coaches are Abby Schmitt, Larry Schmitt, and Winifred Brown. Mr. Bender made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Mauck. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

New Hire

Mr. Wood recommended to the Board to hire Jill Anderson as the p.m. preschool teacher at North Elementary for the remainder of the school year. This will allow us to meet Federal guidelines. A motion was made by Mrs. Mauck to approve Mr. Wood's recommendation, seconded by Mr. Baehl. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Informational Items

Mr. Wood informed the Board that the 2003 emergency loan was paid off. Mr. Wood informed the Board that all tax dollars for the year 2003 had been collected and the end of year cash balance looked favorable.

Mr. Wood informed the Board that House Bill 1014, if passed, would shut down vending machines in schools.

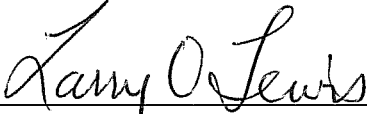
Mr. Camp reviewed the December transportation costs.

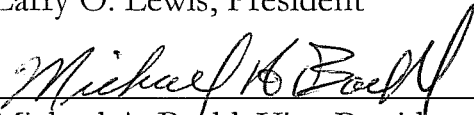
Next Board Meeting


The next regular Board Meeting will be held on February 9, 2004.

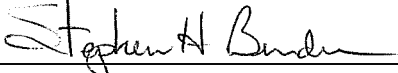
Adjournment

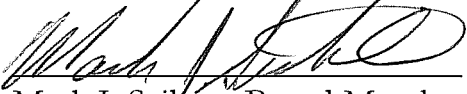
Mr. Bender made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Baehl. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Adjournment took place at 8:18.


Larry O. Lewis, President


Michael A. Baehl, Vice-President


Kathy A. Mauck, Secretary


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Mark J. Seibert, Board Member

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