

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

**Held on June 17, 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 June 17, 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
- Mark Seibert, Board Member
- Steve Bender, 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; and (9) to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. The Board adjourned Executive Session at 6:50 p.m.

**Regular Meeting**

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:53 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 May 10, 2004 were submitted to the Board and approved on a motion by Mr. Seibert, 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 Mrs. Seibert, the claim docket was approved by the Board with a 5 to 0 vote. A copy of the claim docket shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Patrons Concerns

Beth Bender, citizen, addressed the Board in the matter of transportation cuts. She asked the Board to look at any option that may help the public school buses to continue to transport students to St. Wendel.

Father Mann, from St. Wendel parish, addressed the Board in the matter of transportation cuts. He asked the Board to look at any options that may help the public school buses to continue to transport students to St. Wendel. Father Mann asked to come in and look at the routing to see how St. Wendel will be affected and to look for options.

Leanne Schmitt, bus driver, addressed the Board in the matter of the transportation cuts. She asked to keep her route because she has seniority and she should not have to change routes.

Mark McDonald, principal at St. Philip School, was not on the agenda and asked to address the Board on St. Philip's behalf. Mr. Lewis allowed him to address the Board. Mr. McDonald asked the Board to continue to look at options and transport St. Philip students.

### Transportation Recommendations

Mr. Camp made these recommendations in regards to transportation to the Board in order to offset the \$177,000 cuts to the Transportation Fund. These cuts are due to the loss of state support and the frozen levy.

1. Cut route #13
2. Consolidate MSD of North Posey students to three buses in the same area (#3, #23, #7)
3. Reduce by one bus driver -Marcia Farrar, route #8
4. Move Leanne Schmitt to route #8
5. Look at cutting another route after the 2004-2005 school year
6. Move salaries of four employees from the Transportation Fund to the General Fund to create an immediate savings and return the salaries as soon it is safe in the Transportation Fund.

Mr. Camp stated the cuts must be made or in 2005-06 the Transportation Department will not be able to operate within the budget. Mr. Camp recommended tabling the recommendations and honoring the requests of Mrs. Bender, Father Mann, and Mr.

McDonald to continue to study the maps to look at other options for the July Board meeting.

Mr. Wood recommended expending 2004 bond refinance money for district wide technology improvements. The total to be spent will be \$124,061. These improvements will be as follows: Replace North Elementary computer lab, replace mini labs at North Posey Jr. High, and install a new server at the high school. Mr. Baehl made a motion to accept Mr. Wood's request and Mrs. Mauck seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Wood recommended repairing and refinishing the track at North Posey High School and Jr. High complex. The work will be completed in three phases. **Phase I** will be to repair and to repave the paved surfaces costing \$18,750. **Phase II** will be to refinish the track surfaces with a rubber material and reline the track costing \$37,918. **Phase III** will be to extend pavement to the concession stand, to extend pavement to the gate, and a new sidewalk from the athletic field house to the track costing \$8,500. Two companies will be given the work; David Enterprises for paving and Tennis Court and Track to resurface the track. Mrs. Mauck made a motion to follow the recommendation and Mr. Seibert seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Wood requested to the Board to do repairs at the entryway of the North Posey High School and North Posey Jr. High library and the entryway to North Elementary. Mr. Wood recommended accepting ARC's quote to do both jobs, as they were the lower quotes. This money would come from the 2002 construction money bond sale. Mr. Bender made a motion to accept the proposal and quotes and Mr. Baehl seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Brent Winstead requested to use North Posey Jr. High to give lessons to North Posey students. Mr. Seibert made a motion to allow the request and Mr. Baehl seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Wood recommended the Board allow Mrs. Crick to receive the \$30,000 grant she was awarded by The Indiana Work Force Development. Mrs. Mauck made a motion to approve the request to accept the grant and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Wood recommended accepting the Title I Grant for the 2004-05 school year in the amount of \$91,987.21. Mr. Seibert made a motion to accept the grant and Mr. Baehl seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

## **PERSONNEL**

Kathy Camp submitted a letter of resignation as industrial technology teacher. Mr. Wood recommended we accept this resignation. Mr. Baehl made a motion to accept the resignation, Mr. Seibert seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Susan Roberts submitted a letter of resignation as North Posey Jr. High Student Council sponsor. Mr. Wood recommended we accept the resignation. Mrs. Mauck made a motion to accept the resignation and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Lana Elpers submitted a letter of resignation as teacher assistant at North Elementary. Mr. Wood recommended we accept the resignation. Mr. Bender made a motion to accept the resignation and Mr. Seibert seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

### **Mr. Wood recommended these personnel request in mass:**

- Mark Danser to permanently to replace Julie Gries
- Abby Lawrence to replace Sherry Harvey
- Ashley Sandefur to replace Pat Nalin in a temporary position
- Mark Danser as boys' tennis coach and co-sponsor of Student Council
- Abby Lawrence as assistant softball coach
- Ron Cates for Angie Craft's maternity leave for first semester
- Tracy Stroud to replace Kathy Camp in Industrial Technology
- Michael Hagen for girls' soccer

Mr. Baehl made a motion to accept all request presented and Mr. Seibert seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Wood asked the Board to approve Isaac Eisterhold as North Posey Jr. High cross country volunteer coach. Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Baehl seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

### **Professional Leave Requests**

- JoBerta Campbell asked to use school transportation to attend a FCCLA summer conference, August 1 and 2, in Columbus, Indiana.
- Janice Williams asked to attend a SINE conference August 30 and 31, 2004 in Jasper, Indiana.
- Mr. Wood asked the Board approve these professional leave requests. Mrs. Mauck made a motion to approve all professional leave requests and it was seconded by Mr. Baehl. The motion carried 5 to 0.

**Discussions**

Mr. Seibert wanted to discuss the 9<sup>th</sup> grade careers class at the high school. He does not feel it should be mandatory. After investigation he stated the state has not made it mandatory as of yet. The discussion was left for Mr. Wood to look at some possible solutions to the class not being mandatory at the high school and report back to the Board.

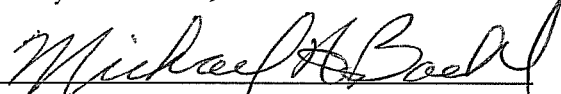
**Next Board Meeting**

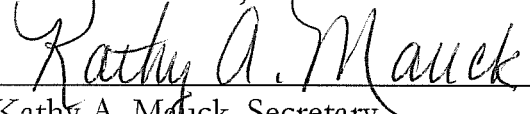
The next Board meeting will be held on June 28, 2004. There will be an Executive Session only to discuss a contract settlement. Executive Session will begin at 6:00 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on July 12, 2004. Executive Session will begin at 5:30 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations. The regular meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Board office.

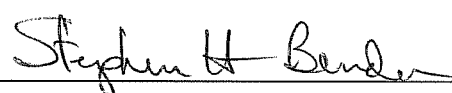
**Adjournment**

Mr. Baehl made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Seibert. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Adjournment took place at 8:27 p.m.

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