

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

**Held on December 10, 2007**

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 December 10, 2007. The meeting was scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. The following Board members were present:

- John Wood, Superintendent
- Todd Camp, Assistant Superintendent
- Mike Baehl, Vice-President
- Kathy Mauck, Secretary
- Steve 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 (9) to discuss job performance and evaluation of individual employees. The Board adjourned Executive Session at 6:35 p.m.

**Regular Meeting**

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:40 p.m. with Board Vice President, Mike Baehl, calling the meeting to order with the initiation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the previous meeting, held on November 12, 2007, were submitted to the Board. Upon a motion made by Mrs. Mauck, and seconded by Mr. Seibert, the minutes were approved with a 4 to 0 vote.

**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 approved on a 4 to 0 vote. A copy of the claim docket shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

## **New Business**

Mr. Wood asked the Board to enter into a 3-year contract with TDS for our Centrex phone lines. The savings over our current yearly agreement would be \$3,636 over the course of the 3-year period. Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve, Mr. Bender seconded the motion, and the motion carried 4 to 0.

Mr. Wood and Mr. Camp asked the Board's permission to refinance the 2002 Construction Bonds. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request if the amount of tax free money to the school corporation is equal to or more than \$120,000. Mr. Bender also requested before the transaction takes place to provide the Board with a courtesy phone call. Mr. Seibert seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4 to 0 vote.

Mr. Wood asked the Board to approve the contract with Challenge Day to supply services, people, and materials to North Posey Junior High and High School. Challenge Day is a program that will work with the students to create a positive change in the school climate by giving the students a passion for service, leadership, and the acceptance of others. Challenge Day will also show the students methods to eliminate bullying and school violence. A donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has generously offered to pay all expenses of this program. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request, and Mr. Seibert seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Mr. Wood asked the Board for permission to transfer appropriations within each fund to allow payment of all outstanding debts for 2007. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request, and Mrs. Mauck seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Mr. Camp asked the Board for permission to purchase two (2) or possibly three (3) 2009 - 72 passenger school buses. The bidding process must begin now to allow the buses to be delivered in September of 2008. Mrs. Mauck made a motion to approve the request, and Mr. Seibert seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Mr. Wood asked the Board to pass a resolution declaring a fund emergency exists and to extend the 2007 temporary bank loan by 90 days at a 4.81% interest rate. This extension is due to the possibility of the 2007 local property tax not being collected on by December 31, 2007. Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the request, and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Mr. Wood asked the Board for permission for the high school Advanced English, Calculus, and Physics classes to take its annual field trip to Chicago in February. Mrs. Hewig and Mrs. Rogers will chaperone. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request, and Mrs. Mauck seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

## **Personnel**

Mr. Wood asked the Board to accept Brock Wenderoth's resignation as wrestling coach at North Posey Junior High. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve, and Mrs. Mauck seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Mr. Camp asked the Board to approve Cassie Schaefer's resignation as a bus driver due to medical reasons. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request, and Mrs. Mauck seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Mr. Wood asked the Board to approve Adam Nix as the replacement wrestling coach at North Posey Junior High School. Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the request, and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Mr. Wood asked the Board to approve Mike Swartzentruber's request to have the following individuals as unpaid volunteers for the 2008 baseball season: Marvin Redman, Derek Wiggins, Greg Schmitt, Justin Simmons, J.C. Poe, and Ryan Schmitt. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request, and Mrs. Mauck seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

## **Professional Leave**

Mr. Wood asked the Board to approve Scott Schmitt and Mike Swartzentruber's requests for professional leave days. Mr. Schmitt has requested 2 days of professional leave to attend the Indiana Music Educators Association State Convention on January 17 & 18, 2008 in Indianapolis. Mr. Swartzentruber has requested a professional day on January 18, 2008 to attend the 2008 IHSBCA State Baseball Clinic in Indianapolis. Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the requests. Mr. Bender seconded the motion, and the motion carried 4 to 0.

Mr. Camp presented a FMLA request from Norvella Merkis needed for personal medical reasons. The request is for 12 weeks of leave, unless the doctor releases her to return to work before then. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request, and Mrs. Mauck seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

## **Reports**

Mr. Camp presented the transportation report.

Mr. Camp presented information on school bus route changes.

Mr. Camp presented a short ISTEP report.

Mr. Wood and Mr. Camp presented the Governor's House Bill 1001, which is the Budget Bill.

Mr. Wood presented an update on the Babe Ruth organization request.

Mr. Wood presented a tentative calendar for the 2008-2009 school year.

### **Next Board Meeting**

The next regular scheduled Board meeting is Monday, January 14, 2008, with an Executive session to begin at 5:30 p.m. and the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

Mrs. Mauck made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 and Mr. Bender seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

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Larry O. Lewis, President

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Stephen H. Bender, Board Member

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Michael A. Baehl, Vice-President

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