

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the
Board of Education of the
Metropolitan School District of North Posey County**

Held on Tuesday, September 2, 2008

A special 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 Tuesday, September 2, 2008. The following Board members were present:

- John Wood, Superintendent
- Larry Lewis, President
- Mike Baehl, Vice President
- Mark Seibert, Board Member
- Steve Bender, Board Member

Public Hearing

The Board of Education convened for the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. with Board President, Larry Lewis, calling the meeting to order with the initiation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Lewis opened the meeting to conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2009 school budget, the capital projects plan, and the bus replacement plan. A single patron attended and declined the opportunity to ask any questions. Mr. Lewis recommended the official Public Hearing be left open in the event any other patrons might enter the meeting to ask questions regarding the 2009 budget, but to proceed in the general meeting.

New Business

Mr. Wood requested permission from the Board to file a Transportation Levy Appeal for the 2009 Budget to the DLGF for approval. The levy appeal is for \$72,800. The additional levy funds will be used to offset the 30% increase in fuel for school buses. Following a thorough discussion, Mr. Seibert made a motion to grant Mr. Wood permission to file the appeal. Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Mr. Wood presented a letter from Mrs. Debra Schorr, North Posey Youth Volleyball League Coordinator, requesting permission to use the two gyms at NPHS on Saturday's through September and October 2008 for the 5th and 6th grade volleyball league. The volleyball league has been in place for 11 years and benefits North Posey students. A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Bender and seconded by Mr. Baehl. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Mr. Wood requested the Board officially approve the Emergency Bank Loan with First Bank of Carmi-Poseyville Branch for \$2,500,000 at an interest rate of 3.21%. The loan is to be repaid by December 31, 2008. The loan is necessary due to the extreme delay in

receiving taxes from Posey County. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the loan, and Mr. Seibert seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Mr. Wood requested the Board approve the use of a form by school nurses to request the release of student health information from a parent to share with members of the appropriate staff on a need to know basis. Information will be shared only with those staff members who need to know to perform their job and to keep the environment safe for the student. Following a discussion by the Board, Mr. Baehl made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Seibert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. The form will be made available in the Board office.

Mr. Wood requested the Board amend the minutes of the June 9, 2008 meeting referencing salaries for instructional assistants at the elementary schools. There was an error in the hourly rate on the fifth tier. The rate should be \$10.18/hour. This correction will make instructional assistant hourly rates the same in all schools on each tier of the salary schedule. Mr. Bender made a motion to amend the minutes accordingly and Mr. Baehl seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Personnel

Mr. Wood presented Scott Strieter's letter of recommendation for Gary Gentil to be employed as the freshmen volleyball coach for 2008 and be paid according to the master contract. In past years, we have not had enough girls to have a freshmen team, but this year there is a large number of girls interested in volleyball. Mr. Wood concurred with the recommendation submitted by Mr. Strieter. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Baehl seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0

The following requests for professional leave were submitted:

Name	School	Location	Reason/Date
Sean Nance Patrick Rose Leah Stormont Jami Vaughan	NPHS	Huntingburg, IN	Beginning Teacher/Mentor Internship September 9, 2008
Maria Gantner	NPJHS	Huntingburg, IN	Grant Writing for Media Specialists September 11, 2008
Patricia Hewig	NPHS	Indianapolis, IN	Regional Spell Bowl Meeting for Site Hosts September 12, 2008

The Board approved all of the requests for professional leave with a motion by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mr. Seibert, and a unanimous vote of 4-0.

At 6:40 p.m., Mr. Baehl made the motion to officially close the public hearing. Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. Board President, Larry Lewis, officially closed the 2009 Budget Hearing.

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Reports

Mr. Wood gave short reports on the following topics:

1. 2007 Final Tax settlement as shown on the Posey County Auditor Certificate of Tax Distribution as of August 27, 2008
2. Schedules of Each Schools' In-Service Day Activities for the 2008-2009 School Year
3. Welborn Health Plans 2008-2009 New Premium Rates

Adjournment

As there was no further business brought before the board at this time, Mr. Lewis asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mr. Seibert. The motion unanimously passed 4-0. Mr. Lewis adjourned the meeting at 6:55 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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