

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

**Held on February 16, 2009**

A 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 February 16, 2009. The meeting was scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. The following Board members were present:

- John Wood, Superintendent
- Todd Camp, Assistant Superintendent
- Larry Lewis, President
- Mark Seibert, Vice-President
- Kathy Mauck, Secretary
- Steve Bender, Board Member
- Joe Neidig, Board Member

**Executive Session**

The Board convened the Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. The Board adjourned the Executive Session at 6:32 p.m.

**Regular Meeting**

The Board of Education convened for the regular meeting at 6:40 p.m. with Board President, Larry Lewis, calling the meeting to order with the initiation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the previous meetings, held on January 12, 2008 were submitted to the Board. Upon a motion made by Mr. Seibert, and seconded by Mr. Bender, the minutes were approved with a 5 to 0 vote.

**Claim Docket**

A copy of the claim docket for the period of January 13, 2009 to February 16, 2009 was presented to the Board for consideration. Upon a motion made by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the claim docket was approved with a 5 to 0 vote. A copy of the approved claim docket shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

**New Business**

Jodie Rankin, district software analyst, presented to the Board various features of the Harmony Student Software Package. She presented cafeteria, scheduling, ECA and student modules of the software and demonstrated various functions that allow parents to be more involved in their student's education.

Laura Tichenor and Jim Petrig, North Posey Youth Soccer League, presented a request to make improvements to the soccer fields at North Elementary and South Terrace. They would like to improve the North Elementary field surface, improve the concession stand and bleachers, and then move to improve the field at South Terrace. After much discussion, the Board requested the group to form a Board with by-laws and to provide a yearly financial statement to the School Board. These are requirements made of other youth organizations. Mrs. Mauck made a motion to approve the request for improvements as discussed once the North Posey Youth Soccer Board is formed and submitted to the School Board, Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood presented the proposed 2009-10 school calendar to the Board for approval. After some discussion, Mr. Neidig made a motion to approve the calendar. Mrs. Mauck seconded the motion and the motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood presented the request from Gary Gentil to take the annual overnight softball trip to Jasper for a two-day tournament. The corporation pays for the bus travel expenses only for this annual trip. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the trip and Mr. Seibert seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood presented the service agreements from Harshaw Trane that consisted of an option to select a one, two, or three-year agreement. After discussion, Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the three-year agreement. Mr. Neidig seconded the motion and the motion carried 5 to 0.

Danny Embrey submitted a written request to hold two baseball clinics at North Posey High School for younger athletes. He would like to use the facilities for these clinics. Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the clinics and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood presented a letter from Mike Wassmer, teacher North Posey High School, requesting to submit a grant to the Posey County Foundation on behalf of the agriculture department. The grant is primarily seeking funds to update equipment in the department. Mrs. Mauck made a motion to approve the request, and Mr. Neidig seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood presented Kelly Carlton's request to spend \$3,256.00 of Extracurricular Funds to purchase a Study Island Software Program to benefit grades 2 – 6. Mr. Bender approved the request to use the funds, and Mrs. Mauck seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood presented a request from Carol Lupfer, Corporation Treasurer, to cancel all checks outstanding and unpaid for a period of two years as of December 31, 2008 in pursuant to Indiana Code 5-11-10-5. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request, and Mr. Seibert seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0. A list of the outstanding checks shall be made a part of the minutes by incorporation.

Mr. Wood and Mr. Camp presented to the Board FMLA forms to track FMLA requests. Mr. Neidig made a motion to approve the forms and Mr. Seibert seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood presented the FMLA requests up to date and asked the Board to approve the list. Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the list as requested and Mr. Neidig seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0. The list will be made part of the minutes by incorporation.

### Personnel

Mr. Strieter presented a written request to approve Nick Austin as the substitute for Shannon Schickel during her FMLA maternity leave. Mrs. Mauck made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Seibert seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

### Resignation

Mr. Wood presented Jill Barrett's request to resign from the girls' track coaching position at North Posey Junior High School for the upcoming season. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Seibert seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

### Professional Leave

Mr. Wood asked the Board to approve the following requests:

Name	School	Location	Date/Reason
Matt Wadsworth	NPHS	Jasper	February 23, 2009 2A Boys' Basketball Sectional Meeting
Nancy Dougan Leacca Dillman Carolyn Scheller Janet Stewart	Cafeteria	Mt. Vernon	March 2 & 9, 2009 Food Safety Training
Mike Wassmer	NPHS	Trofalger	March 3, 2009 Vocational Agriculture Teacher In-Service
Erin Koester Jessica Ivy Leah Stormont	NPHS	Indianapolis	March 9, 2009 Coaches of Girls' Sports Conference
Jennifer Neidig	NPHS	Indianapolis	March 9 & 10, 2009 BPA State Leadership Conference – BPA Competition & Award Ceremony (17 Students will Compete from NPHS)
Joe Gengelbach Mike Kuhn Patrick Rose Paul Rynkiewich Kevin Gengelbach	NPHS    STES	Indianapolis	March 20, 2009 2009 Indiana Football Coaches' Association State Clinic

Mrs. Mauck made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Neidig seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Camp and Mr. Wood presented Katrina Neuman's, bus driver, current FMLA request. Due to the extreme circumstances with her FMLA, she requests to approve the use of her personal sick

days during her leave for a severe medical condition of her child. Mr. Neidig made a motion to approve the request and Mrs. Mauck seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood presented a letter prepared by him indicating his retirement at the end of his current contract. Mr. Wood read his letter to the Board. The Board thanked Mr. Wood for his dedicated service of 37 years at MSD of North Posey and wished him their sincerest congratulations for completing 40 ½ years of service in education. Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve Mr. Wood's request and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0. A copy of Mr. Wood's letter will be made part of the minutes by incorporation.

**Reports**

Current Legislative Updates

Transportation

Summary of the January 20, 2009 meeting of the Posey County Commissioners Attended by Mr. Wood and Mr. Camp

Consolidation Bills Currently in Legislation

**Next Board Meeting**

The date for the next regular scheduled Board is **Monday, March 9, 2009**. Executive session will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Bender made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. and Mr. Seibert seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

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Larry O. Lewis, President

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Stephen H. Bender, Board Member

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Mark J. Seibert, Vice-President

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Joseph D. Neidig, Board Member

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Kathy A. Mauck, Secretary

**Board of Education**  
**MSD of North Posey County**