

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

**May 14, 2012**

A meeting of the Board of Education of the MSD of North Posey County, Poseyville, Indiana, was held in the School Board office on May 14, 2012. The following Board members were present:

- Todd Camp, Superintendent
- Joseph D. Neidig, President
- Stephen H. Bender, Vice President
- Larry O. Lewis, Secretary
- Geoff A. Gentil, Member
- Linda K. O’Risky, Member

**Executive Session**

The Board convened the Executive Session at 5:00 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 6:40 p.m.

**Regular Meeting**

The Board of Education convened for the regular meeting at 6:48 p.m. with Board President, Joe Neidig, calling the meeting to order with the initiation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the previous meeting were presented to the Board for April 10 and April 27, 2012. Upon a motion made by Mr. Bender and seconded by Mrs. O’Risky, the minutes were approved with a 5 to 0 vote.

**Claim Docket**

A copy of the claim docket for the period of April 10, 2012 to May 14, 2012 was presented to the Board for consideration. Upon a motion made by Mr. Gentil, seconded by Mr. Bender, 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**

The Wellness Committee members were present to share with the Board the progress made from the activities scheduled by the committee and a proposal for the upcoming school year; wellness screenings, contests, pedometers, and a local wellness clinic. They stressed these actions are needed to promote health and wellness across the district. This is critical as we move toward high deductible plans and the possible movement to partial self-funding insurance. No action needed at this time.

Dr. Camp asked the Board to create a Curriculum, Testing, and Secondary Evaluator position to assist the principals with the new requirements passed by legislation. This position will make sure

they are following all of the state requirements with curriculum which are constantly being adjusted, also review the data from the state mandated testing and assist principals and teachers in data driven instruction, oversee all testing; ISTEP, ECA, IREAD3, IMAST, ISTAR, LAS LINKS and ACUITY and assist the principals with the new evaluation system requirement in the newly adopted state model evaluation procedures called RISE. Mrs. O'Risky made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Gentil seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Camp asked the Board to create a project manager position to assist the corporation with the summer projects that are scheduled for this summer. These projects include but are not limited to working to resolve the water problems at the high school complex, the high school science wing renovations, the North Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade wing renovation, the HVAC computer renovation at North Elementary, the tennis, track and parking lot improvements, and the New Harmony project. Mrs. O'Risky made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Camp asked the Board to approve all textbook rentals and fees requested and submitted by each building principal. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the requests and Mr. Gentil seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Camp presented to the Board a approve the purchase of two additional textbooks for the North Posey High School math department due to a recent change by the state in the required curriculum. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request and Mrs. O'Risky seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Camp asked the Board to approve Dr. Strieter's request to hold summer school classes at the high school during the summer of 2012. We would like to offer Government, SAE and Band as the demand is great enough from student requests to justify offering these classes. In addition, Dr. Strieter is allowing the students until May 22 to sign up for Math or English. We would require a minimum of 15 students to offer the class. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the requests and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Camp asked the Board to approve a three year contract with Trane to cover the chillers in all four locations. After much negotiation with Trane, the proposal includes a small increase in the first year and a hold in price the remaining two years. Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Camp presented Eric Long's request to purchase the materials necessary to complete the wireless network project at North Elementary School and South Terrace Elementary. Mr. Long also submitted a request to purchase the licensing agreement to enable all district computers to be on the latest version of Microsoft Office. Mr. Gentil made a motion to approve the requests and Mrs. O'Risky seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Camp requested the Board approve the purchase of the Harmony Staff Assessment Tool. This tool will allow the principals to conduct their observations more efficiently. The initial cost of the

assessment tool is \$2,800.00. After the initial setup the annual maintenance fee will be \$1,000.00. Mr. Gentil made a motion to approve the request and Mrs. O'Risky seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Camp presented Erin Koester's request to apply for the Welborn Baptist Foundation's HEROES Grant for the 2012-2013 school year. The funding from the grant would provide students, teachers, and families of North Posey High School with an outstanding launch of a wellness plan. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Camp requested the Board approve Brandon Barrett's request to use the tennis courts for a summer tennis camp for boys and girls grades 4-9 on June 11-13, 2012 with a rain make-up date set for June 15<sup>th</sup>. The girls grades 4-6 will be from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. and girls grades 7-9 will be at 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. All boys grades 4-9 will be from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Mr. Gentil made a motion to approve the request and Mrs. O'Risky seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Camp presented a request from Natalie Barnard to host a volleyball camp for interested girls in grades kindergarten through seventh. The camp will be July 16-19 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:45 for grades K-4 and 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for grades 5-7. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Camp presented a request from Mike Wassmer to attend the State and National FFA conventions. The State Convention will be held at Purdue University, June 18-20 and the National Convention will be held October 24-27 in Indianapolis. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the requests and Mrs. O'Risky seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Camp presented a request from Marilyn Rogers to take eight Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) that qualified to compete at the National Leadership Conference in Orlando, FL June 19-23. Transportation will be provided by the Southwest Indiana Area Health Education Center. The students plan to have fundraisers to cover the additional expenses; registration fees and hotel expenses. It is an honor to have eight students advance to the national level especially in the first year of competition for the group. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request and Mrs. O'Risky seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Camp presented a request from Jenifer Neidig to take qualified and interested student athletes to the IHSAA Leadership Conference in Plainfield, IN, June 18-19. Mr. Gentil made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Camp presented a request from Kevin Smith to take the varsity baseball team on an overnight trip to Martinsville, IN leaving May 18 and returning May 19. The team will be playing a double header with Martinsville on May 19. Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Camp presented a request from Tracy Stroud to take the girls' basketball team to the Vincennes Lady Trailblazers basketball camp June 24-27, 2012. The team will stay in dorms on campus throughout the camp. Mrs. O'Risky made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Gentil seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Camp presented a request from Scott Strieter to allow Kevin Wassmer to take the girls' golf team on an overnight trip to compete in the 2012 Fuzzy Zoeller Girls' Golf Invitational in Sellersburg, IN on Tuesday, July 31, 2012. All expenses will be covered by the athletic department. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Camp presented a request from Kelly Carlton to spend \$2,400.00 of ECA funds to purchase two (2) ACTIV Boards for classroom use. Mrs. Carlton also requested to spend \$1,200.00 of ECA funds to purchase pre-school playground equipment. Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the requests and Mrs. O'Risky seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Camp presented a request from Steve Kavanaugh to spend \$6,068.50 of ECA funds to purchase LCD projectors and promethean boards for several classrooms. Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Camp requested the Board allow the New Harmony School Corporation the right to sell the New Harmony School Corporation real estate under the terms and conditions agreeable to the MSD of North Posey County. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request and Mrs. O'Risky seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

## **Personnel**

### **Employment**

Dr. Camp presented a request from Scott Strieter and Matt Wadsworth to hire Kevin Smith as the boys' basketball varsity assistant coach, Michael Travers as the junior varsity boys' basketball coach, and Jeremy Schipp as the boys' basketball freshmen coach splitting the stipends three ways. Mr. Gentil made a motion to approve the requests and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Camp presented a request from Scott Strieter to hire Lauren Akin and Amy Root for the science openings at North Posey High School beginning the 2012-2013 school year. Mrs. O'Risky made a motion to approve the requests and Mr. Gentil seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Camp presented a request from Steven Kavanaugh to transfer Kathy Petrig from South Terrace Elementary School to the Special Education opening at North Posey Junior High School beginning the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Camp presented a request from Jerry Straw to hire up to three bus drivers effective the 2012-2013 school year due to the annexation with New Harmony. At this time, Mr. Straw recommends hiring Shirley Koonce and Debra Lyke. Ms. Lyke is currently driving the New Harmony route and would be a transfer from that district. Mrs. Koonce has been substituting for New Harmony as well as MSD of North Posey. Mr. Gentil made a motion to approve the requests and Mrs. O’Risky seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Camp presented two hiring requests from Steve Kavanaugh. Mr. Kavanaugh is recommending the Board approve Chris Barker as the 7<sup>th</sup> grade football coach and Nick Berry as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys’ basketball coach for the 2012-2013 school year. Mrs. O’Risky made a motion to approve the requests and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

**Transfer**

Dr. Camp requested the Board approve the transfer of Stacy Conyers from New Harmony as a special education aid and transportation driver. Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

**Resignations**

Dr. Camp presented a resignation letter from Matt Gantner. Mr. Gantner wishes to set down from his North Posey Junior High School Activities Coordinator position effective the 2012-2013 school year. Mrs. O’Risky made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Gentil seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Larry Lewis addressed the Board to voluntarily step down from the Board after 24 years of service to the district as a Board member effective June 30, 2012. This last act on his part is a testament to the dedication he has shown to the district throughout his tenure. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request and Mrs. O’Risky seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

**Retirement**

Dr. Camp presented the retirement request submitted by Jerry Wassmer. Mr. Wassmer has decided to retire after 17 years as a custodian for MSD of North Posey. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Gentil seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0. The Board wishes Mr. Wassmer all the best in his future endeavors.

**Professional Leave**

Dr. Camp presented the following professional leave requests:

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Date/Reason</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Approx Cost/Fund</b>
Nancy Dougan	NPHS	May 16, 2012 School Nutritional Seminar	Evansville	No Costs

Mrs. O’Risky made a motion to approve the requests as presented and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

## Reports and Information

2010-11 testing Results/ 2012 IREAD results  
Memo to IN State of Board of Education Requesting Board Transition  
February and March Fuel Report  
Yearly Fuel Report  
Superintendent Report/Evaluation  
Retirement Party Invitation – Nancy Davis  
Speaker for Graduation, Dr. Barbara Williams  
May Calendar NPJHS  
May Calendar NPHS  
Athletic Field Light Fixture Update  
Recognition of NPHS Economics Classes Stock Market Game  
Thank You from Posey Circuit Court – Mock Trial  
Thank You from Leanna Wassmer

## Next Board Meeting

The next Regular Board meeting will be June 11, 2012. Executive session will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the regular meeting to begin at 6:30 p.m.

## Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. O’Risky, seconded by Mr. Gentil, and carried with a 5 to 0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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