

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

January 11, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Education of the MSD of North Posey County, Poseyville, Indiana, was held in the Board office of MSD of North Posey County, on January 11, 2021. The following Board members were present:

- Michael Galvin, Interim Associate Superintendent
- Geoffrey A. Gentil, Acting President
- Gregory U. Schmitt, Acting Vice President
- Amy J. Will, Acting Secretary (Present Virtually)
- Vincent F. Oakley, Member
- Larry Kahle, Member
- Josh Orem, Acting School Board Attorney

Executive Session

The Board convened the Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of IC 5-14- 1.5-6.1 (11) to train school board members about the performance of the role of the members as public officials. The Board adjourned Executive Session at 6:05 p.m.

Regular Meeting

The Board of Education convened for the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. with acting President, Geoff Gentil, calling the meeting to order with the initiation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Patron Concerns

No patrons were present to address the Board.

Oath of Office and Reorganization

Marsha Evans led the newly elected Board members Larry Kahle, Vincent Oakley, and Amy Will in the Oath of Office. They recited the Oath together and signed the appropriate paper. Ms. Evans notarized each member's Oath of Office form. The completed forms shall be submitted to the Posey County Circuit Court Clerk.

Consideration of the hiring of Mr. Josh Orem as the School Board Attorney for 2021.

Mr. Oakley made a motion to approve the consideration of Mr. Josh Orem as School Board Attorney as presented and Mr. Kahle seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 to 0 with Mrs. Will abstaining.

Mr. Galvin turned the meeting over to school board attorney, Josh Orem, to reorganize the School Board and lead the elections.

Josh Orem opened the floor for nominations for the office of President of the School Board. Mr. Schmitt nominated Geoff Gentil for President. Josh Orem called for a vote. Geoff Gentil was elected with a 4 to 0 with vote Mrs. Will abstaining.

Josh Orem opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice President of the School Board. Mr. Gentil nominated Greg Schmitt for Vice President. Josh Orem called for a vote. Greg Schmitt was elected with a 4 to 0 vote with Mrs. Will abstaining.

Josh Orem opened the floor for nominations for the office of Secretary of the School Board. Mr. Gentil nominated Amy Will for Secretary. Josh Orem called for a vote. Amy Will was elected with a 4 to 0 vote with Mrs. Will abstaining.

Josh Orem asked the members to appoint a treasurer and deputy treasurer for the District. Mr. Schmitt made a motion to appoint Carol Lupfer as District Treasurer and Jayme Bender as District Deputy Treasurer, and Mr. Gentil seconded the appointment. The appointment carried 4 to 0 with Mrs. Will abstaining.

Josh Orem asked the Board to nominate members to the Board of Finance. Mr. Oakley made a motion to appoint Geoff Gentil as President of the Board of Finance and Larry Kahle as Treasurer of the Board of Finance, and Mr. Schmitt seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0 with Mrs. Will abstaining.

Josh Orem asked the Board to appoint a Policy Liaison and Legislative Liaison for the Board. Mr. Gentil made a motion to appoint Amy Will as Policy Liaison and Vince Oakley as Legislative Liaison, and Mr. Kahle seconded the motion. The appointment carried 4 to 0 with Mrs. Will abstaining.

Mr. Galvin informed the Board that they should examine compensation wages for the Board. Mr. Gentil made a motion that the Board retain their compensation package. Mr. Oakley seconded the motion, and the motion carried 4 to 0 with Mrs. Will abstaining. The Board will receive a \$2,000.00 annual stipend and \$100.00 per meeting for twelve (12) meetings for a maximum salary of \$3,200.00 per member for a calendar year of service.

Mr. Galvin passed out Conflict of Interest statements to Geoff Gentil, Larry Kahle, Vince Oakley, and Greg Schmitt to sign. No action from the Board was needed.

Minutes, Claim Docket and Consent Items

Mr. Gentil asked the Board for a motion to approve the consent items as listed:

- Minutes of the previous meeting on December 14, 2020.
- Claim Docket for the period of December 14, 2020 to January 11, 2021.
- The following FMLA and personal leave requests:
 - Mary Korf: FMLA from January 18, 2021 for approximately six weeks due to a serious health condition.

- Amber Oakley: Personal Leave Request from February 1, 2020 to February 5, 2021.
- Courtney Bittner: FMLA from approximately February 15, 2021 to May 3, 2021 for the birth of a child, or the placement of a child for adoption or foster care.
- The following resignations for the 2020-2021 school year:
 - Kimberly Cleek: North Posey Junior High Paraprofessional effective March 26, 2021
- The following hiring & transfer requests for the 2020-2021 school year:
 - Mallory Lowe: Long Term Substitute from February 15, 2021 to May 3, 2021 for Courtney Bittner's Maternity Leave at North Elementary School
 - Dianna Simkins: Long Term Substitute from March 15, 2021 to May 12, 2021 for Jenna Deer's Maternity Leave at North Elementary School
 - Marlee Graulich: Junior High Track Coach for Spring 2021
 - Danny Fallowfield: Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach
- The following overnight and/or out of state field trips:
- The following renewal contracts:
 - ESCRFT: Property and Casualty Insurance Package. The total for the package is \$124,339.56 for 2021. This is an increase of \$14,902.05 from 2020.
 - ENA Internet Access and WAN Renewal Agreement

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to approve the consent items as presented and Mr. Kahle seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 to 0 with Mrs. Will abstaining.

New Business

Mr. Galvin presented the State of Schools Address and Financial Review of the District. The presentation shall be made available to the public via Superintendent News on the districts web page.

Personnel

Professional Leave

Mr. Galvin presented the following professional leave requests:

Name	School	Date/Reason	Location	Approx Cost/Fund
Courtney Almon Ashley Grimes Donna McGinness	South Terrace	January 19, 2021/Social Studies Textbook Caravan	Virtual	Substitute Cost Only Education Fund
Lisa Brandenstein Traci Newcomer Stephanie Quiroz	North Elementary	January 19, 2021/Social Studies Textbook Caravan	Virtual	Substitute Cost Only Education Fund
Christopher Barker Brandon Barrett	North Posey Junior High	January 19, 2021/Social Studies Textbook Caravan	Virtual	Substitute Cost Only Education Fund
Ben Kahle Mark Kirkman Kelly Thompson	North Posey High School	January 19, 2021/Social Studies Textbook Caravan	Virtual	Substitute Cost Only Education Fund
Danny Ellis Bernie Goebel	Maintenance Department	February 4, 2021/CEU Training	Sellersburg, IN	\$530.00 Operation Fund

Upon a motion made by Mr. Schmitt and seconded by Mr. Oakley, to approve the professional leave requests with a 4 to 0 vote with Mrs. Will abstaining.

Reports and Information

- Good News Report
- COVID Update

Next Board Meeting

The next Regular Board meeting will be Monday, February 8, 2021 in the library at North Posey Junior High. Executive session will begin at 5:00 p.m. with the regular meeting to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Schmitt, seconded by Mr. Oakley. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Geoffrey A. Gentil, President

Gregory U. Schmitt, Vice President

Amy J. Will, Secretary

Vincent F. Oakley, Member

Larry A. Kahle, Member

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