

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

**June 12, 2023**

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 June 12, 2023. The following Board members were present:

- Dr. Michael Galvin, Superintendent
- Michelle Walden, Assistant Superintendent
- Gregory U. Schmitt, President
- Vincent F. Oakley, Vice President
- Larry Kahle, Member
- Lindsey Bowers, Member
- Joshua Orem, 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 (9) to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. The Board adjourned Executive Session at 6:20 p.m.

**Regular Meeting**

The Board of Education convened for the regular meeting at 6:33 p.m. with President, Greg Schmitt, calling the meeting to order with the initiation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Patron Concerns**

Emily Hampton, Kate Brown, Brittney Fisher, and Megan Helfert addressed the Board requesting a third section be considered for first grade at North Elementary for 2023-2024. The patrons discussed the unique situation with unprecedented student behavior problems in kindergarten, and they felt students were adversely affected by the shutdown during the pandemic. Brittney Fisher also expressed concern for increased negative behaviors occurring in the special education room.

**Minutes, Claim Docket and Consent Items**

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

- Minutes of the previous meeting on May 8, 2023.
- Claim Docket for the period May 8, 2023 to June 12, 2023.
- The following resignations, retirements, and leave requests:
  - Jordan Dietz: FMLA from approximately August 21 through October 2, 2023
  - Megan Voelker: FMLA from approximately August 29 through November 24, 2023

- Cheryl Benedict: Retirement as a Food Service Employee at South Terrace Elementary School effective May 19, 2023
- Haley Elpers: Resignation as the Special Education Teacher at North Elementary School
- Elise Murray: Resignation as the Director of Special Education effective June 30, 2023
- Jessica Adler: Resignation as Administrative Assistant to the Special Education Director and the Social Media & School Web Manager effective June 30, 2023
- The following hiring, transfer, and volunteer requests for the 2023-2024 School Year:
  - Clayton Ragan: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher at North Posey Junior High
  - Kali Raymond: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at North Elementary School
  - Abigail Richardt: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at South Terrace Elementary School
  - Allison Wade: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at South Terrace Elementary School
  - Colleen Sellers: Special Education Teacher at North Elementary School
  - Jeannette Sturgell: School Bus Driver
  - Lindsey Orem: Instructional Assistant at South Terrace Elementary School
  - Jennifer Jones: Instructional Assistant at South Terrace Elementary School
  - Mallorie Bergman: Instructional Assistant at South Terrace Elementary School
  - Faith Droege: Temporary move from her Instructional Assistant position to long-term substitute covering Megan Voelker's maternity leave at South Terrace Elementary School
  - Raelyn Seibert: Long Term Sub for Jordan Dietz's paternity leave from approximately August 21 – October 2, 2023
- The following overnight and/or out of state field trip and athletic camp requests:
  - North Posey Football to attend a leadership retreat June 22-25, 2023, in Benton, TN. Costs shall be paid by the Viking Football Club.
- Dr. Galvin presented for consideration the request from Mrs. Newman-Smith, Director of Food Service, to surplus inventory items as listed.
- Dr. Galvin presented for consideration the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding for Indiana College Core Pathway 2023-2025 with Ivy Tech.
- Dr. Galvin presented for consideration the 12-month renewal of the SchoolMessenger software for the District at a cost of \$3,341.25 to be paid from the Operations' Fund.
- Dr. Galvin presented for consideration the renewal of Canvas software for the District at a cost of \$8,040.00 to be paid from the Operations' Fund.
- Dr. Galvin presented for consideration the five-year license renewal as part of our ERATE funding for network, firewall, switching, and access points (AP) for \$64,973.46 of which we will receive a rebate for \$38,984.08.

Mr. Oakley made a motion to approve the consent items as presented and Mr. Kahle seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 to 0.

## **New Business**

Dr. Galvin presented PSG Solar to provide a presentation on solar feasibility for the District. No action required of the Board at this time.

Dr. Galvin presented Aramark to provide an update on the Food Service contract and the upcoming bidding process. No action required of the Board at this time.

Dr. Galvin, Josh Orem, and Jacob McClellan presented for consideration the resolutions for the reorganization of the MSD of North Posey Multi-School Building Corporation. Resolutions include the following:

- Resolution of the Board of Education of Metropolitan School District of North Posey County to appoint Geoff Gentil, Jim Alsop, and Justin Schmitt to the Multi-School Building Corporation Board.
- Refunding Resolution

Mr. Kahle made a motion to approve the resolutions and Mr. Oakley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 4 to 0 vote.

Dr. Galvin presented for consideration the schools' handbooks for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Oakley made a motion to approve the request and Mrs. Bowers seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 4 to 0 vote.

Dr. Galvin presented for consideration the creation of the Elementary Behavior Interventionist job position funded from Title I funds. Mr. Kahle made a motion to approve the request and Mrs. Bowers seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 4 to 0 vote.

Dr. Galvin presented for consideration the creation of the Independent Study Course Instructor job position. Mr. Oakley made a motion to approve the request and Mrs. Bowers seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 4 to 0 vote.

### **Personnel**

Dr. Galvin presented for consideration a one-year renewal of the Assistant Superintendent with the incentive of the doctoral stipend to extend. Mr. Oakley made a motion to approve the contract and Mrs. Bowers seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 4 to 0 vote.

### **Professional Leave**

Dr. Galvin presented the following professional leave requests:

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Date/Reason</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Approx Cost/Fund</b>
Carol Lupfer Amanda Lynn Bobbie Rankin	CO	June 13, 2023 Region Treasurers' Roundtable	Montgomery	\$120.00 Operation Fund
Amy Duvall Erin Koester Shannon MacMunn Michelle Walden	HS STES NES CO	June 14, 2023 Youth Emerging Summit	Noblesville	\$757.80 Scholarship Fund

Upon a motion made by Mr. Kahle and seconded by Mrs. Bowers, to approve the professional leave requests with a 4 to 0 vote.

## Reports and Information

- Good News Report

## Next Board Meeting

The next Regular Board meeting will be Monday, July 10, 2023, in the Board office. Executive session, if needed, 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 Mr. Oakley, seconded by Mr. Kahle. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

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Gregory U. Schmitt, President

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Vincent F. Oakley, Vice President

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Lindsey Bowers, Member

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Larry A. Kahle, Member

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