

APRIL 8, 1957.

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTY:

The School Board of the Metropolitan School District of North Posey County met Monday night, April 8th, at 7:30, in the Administration Office at Poseyville. All members were present; also Mr. Eldon Crawford, Superintendent, and Mr. Ralph Schuler, the School Attorney.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Price.

BUSINESS WAS AS FOLLOWS:

A. MINUTES:

A copy of the minutes of the March 25th meeting having been sent to the Board members prior to this meeting, Mr. Kohlmeyer made a motion to accept the minutes, omitting the oral reading. Seconded by Mr. Hicks. Motion carried.

B. BILLS AND CLAIMS:

Regular Claims Nos. 268-314 and Payroll Claims Nos. 29-34 were presented for approval. Mr. Morlock made a motion to allow these claims. Seconded by Mr. Rogers. Carried.

C. OLD BUSINESS:

1. CUSTODIAN CONTRACTS:

A copy of the Custodian Contract -- drawn up by Mr. Schuler -- was presented and read by Mr. Crawford. Mr. Morlock made a motion to adopt this contract for use. Seconded by Mr. Rogers. Motion carried.

2. BOILER INSURANCE:

The necessity of boiler insurance was discussed, and it was decided that Mr. Crawford was to investigate this matter -- to see if boiler explosion is covered in our general liability insurance; also check to see if we can get free state inspection on our boilers, etc.

3. GRIFFIN SCHOOL EXPANSION:

No report on this matter, as Mr. Goerges did not attend the meeting.

4. STEWARTSVILLE SCHOOL:

Mr. Schuler suggested that we petition the court to appoint appraisers, and have the Stewartsville school land appraised, advertise a public auction, and have the auction -- thus disposing of land, bricks, etc. It was recommended that the trustees get an abstractor to determine the actual ownership.

Mr. Morlock reported that he had been contacted concerning an oil lease on the Conrad School grounds. It was agreed that this lease could be negotiated, for an approximate amount of \$10 per acre -- this plot of ground containing about 6 acres.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. FINAL APPROVAL OF BUDGET:

Mr. Rogers made a motion for final adoption of the Budget. Seconded by Mr. Kohlmeyer. Motion carried. (A copy is in the Minute Book).

2. CONSIDERATION FOR RE-EMPLOYMENT OF TEACHERS:

Recommendations for re-employment of teachers were submitted by the Principal of each school and signed by the Principal and Superintendent.

Mr. Roberts recommended the re-employment of the following Center-Robinson teachers:

Charles Christmas, Sara Harper, Louise Oberhausen, Billy Loveless, Van Motz, Wilburn Motz, Martha McClary, Helen McCormick, Genevieve Overton, Joseph Rankin, Velsa Saalwachter, Erwin Seifert, Frank Weatherholt and William Wilson.

Mr. Hendrickson recommended the re-employment of the following Poseyville teachers:

John Franke, Justus Foster, Madeline Harmon, Miriam Heiser, Evelyn Jenkins, Donald Miller, Mary L. Price, Glen Redman, Dorothy Rumble, Jack Seargeant, Esther Seibert, Aline Tenison, Garland Wilhite, Jr., and Neval Willis.

Mr. Hendrickson reported that Miss Myrtle Fletchall is resigning her position at the close of this school term.

Mr. Hutchinson recommended re-employment of the following Cynthiana teachers:

Teddy Anson, Mary Braxton, Otis Cousert, Ruby Hutchinson, Sara Loveless, Mary A. Massey, Elsie McClellan, Verlie Newman, and Henry Sharp.

Mr. Goerges recommended re-employment of the following Griffin teachers:

Gerald Beloit, Fern Brooks, Marion Brooks, Martha Calvert, Mildred Gilmore, Charles Price, Dulcie Rachels and Virgil Taylor.

Mr. Kohlmeyer made a motion to re-employ all teachers listed above.

Mr. Morlock seconded the motion. Carried.

3. RE-EMPLOYMENT OF PRINCIPALS:

Mr. Crawford recommended the re-employment of all Principals as follows:

Mr. Charles Roberts -- Center-Robinson Schools; Mr. Lloyd Hutchinson -- Cynthiana School; Mr. William Hendrickson -- Poseyville School; Mr. Roy Goerges -- Griffin School.

Mr. Hicks made a motion to accept Mr. Crawford's recommendation to re-employ the four principals. Seconded by Mr. Wade. Motion carried.

Mr. Crawford suggested that the Principals be put on a uniform pay schedule. After a discussion, it was decided to study over this matter until next meeting.

4. TEACHERS' SALARY SCHEDULE:

Mr. Crawford reported that teachers are asking \$120 increase for the coming year; \$200 additional increase for the following year. A copy of the proposed salary schedule will be sent to each Board member for further study. A representative from the teachers is planning to attend the April 22nd meeting to discuss this salary schedule with the Board.

5. SCHOOL SITES:

It was suggested by Mr. Morlock that we build only the high school at the present time, and house the first six grades in the Center-Robinson area in the Wadesville High School building until such time that we could safely finance an elementary building.

- (1) It was pointed out that commitments to build both an elementary school in the Center-Robinson area and a high school as soon as possible, were written into the Consolidation Proposal. Also that the Citizens Committee had recommended that procedure.
- (2) It was pointed out that the Board was at least morally obligated to follow through on the conditions of the Consolidation Proposal and recommendation of the Citizens Committee.
- (3) It was pointed out that suitable facilities in the Wadesville building for all grades from K to 6 would require extensive remodelling and additional improvements to house an estimated enrollment of 250 by 1961. Before any remodelling could be done, additional acreage would have to be obtained to meet state standards. Costs involved in a program of this kind would go a long way toward erecting a new building.

After an extended discussion, Mr. Hicks made the motion -- seconded by Mr. Kohlmeyer -- that Mr. Schuler negotiate an option on the Doll Site for the high school building; also an option on the Ehrhardt ground -- for an elementary building. The motion carried with 5 Ayes, 2 Nays. Mr. Schuler is to report to the Board -- at their next meeting -- concerning the terms of these options.

It was agreed by the Board that the specific sites are not to be publicized at this time.

6. ARCHITECTS:

Mr. Sutton has suggested the following things to consider when planning our building program:

- (a) Will the Administration Office be in the School building, or elsewhere?
- (b) Will it be Jr. High - High School combined?
- (c) Seating capacity of gym and auditorium.
- (d) Kind of heating system to be used.

Corrections requested in April 22nd meeting =
 2 Nays votes cast by Mr. Morlock & Mr. Wade.

7. LAWN MOWER -- GRIFFIN:

Mr. Crawford presented a requisition from Mr. Goerges for a power mower priced at \$210 -- to be bought from Stinson & Gimmeson. Mr. Kohlmeier made a motion -- seconded by Mr. Morlock -- to purchase the mower. Motion carried.

8. VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE PROGRAM:

The Board authorized Mr. Foster to make a survey in all high schools in this district -- to determine the interest in a Vocational Agriculture Program -- and to report his findings to the Board at a later date.

9. TRIP TO SPRING MILL PARK:

Arrangements were made to leave Poseyville at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 10th, to attend the Indiana School Boards Association Workshop. All Board members were urged to attend this meeting.

10. WARDRIP CASE:

Mr. Price asked that, in order to settle the transportation difficulty with Wardrips, the Board might agree upon an amount of money to pay Mr. Wardrip to bring his children out to meet the school bus. The amount of \$2.50 per week -- or \$10 per month -- was suggested as a reasonable sum. Mr. Price made a motion that this amount be paid to Mr. Wardrip -- seconded by Mr. Wade. Motion carried.

A SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 15th, at 7:30 P.M., AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE IN POSEYVILLE.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:30.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 22nd, at 7:30 P.M., AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE IN POSEYVILLE.

Signed:

Mason Price
Chairman

Carl Kohlmeier
Secretary

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of the METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTY, Indiana, that the proper legal officers of said school corporation at their regular meeting place at 7:30 o'clock P.M., on the 8th day of April, 1957, will consider the following additional appropriations which said officers consider necessary to meet the extraordinary emergency existing at this time due to the merging of the Metropolitan School District of North Posey County and Bethel School Township.

SPECIAL SCHOOL FUND

A. General Administration	
1. Board of School Trustees & Secretaries Office	\$ 2,050
2. Office of Supt. of Schools	<u>17,100</u>
3. School Attendance & Census	<u>2,650</u>
Total General Administration -----	<u>\$ 21,800</u>
 B. Instruction	 \$ 11,050
C. Coordinate Activities	<u>36,960</u>
D. Operation	<u>21,000</u>
E. Maintenance	<u>25,000</u>
F. Fixed Charges	<u>4,400</u>
G. Auxiliary Activities	<u>8,520</u>
Total Special School Fund -----	<u>\$128,730</u>

TUITION FUND

B. Instruction	<u>\$165,000</u>
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CUMULATIVE BUILDING FUND

E. Capital Outlay	<u>\$124,000</u>
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Taxpayers appearing at such meeting shall have a right to be heard thereon. The emergency appropriations as finally made will be automatically referred to the State Board of Tax Commissioners, which Board will hold a further hearing within fifteen days at the County Auditor's Office of Posey County, Indiana, or at such other place as may be designated. At such hearing, taxpayers objecting to any of such additional appropriations may be heard and interested taxpayers may inquire of the County Auditor when and where such hearing will be held.

Robert C. Redman
Gordon Rogers
Carl Kahlmeyer
Dorman Wade
Ernest Morlock
Allen Smith
Mason Price
Board of School Trustees.

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTY:

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD -- April 15, 1957.

A special meeting of the School Board of the Metropolitan School District of North Posey County was held in the School Administration Office at Poseyville on Monday evening, April 15th. Board members Mason Price, Eugene Morlock, Carl Kohlmeyer, Gordon Rogers, Norman Wade, and Allen Hicks were present; also Ralph Schuler, School Attorney, and Eldon R. Crawford, School Superintendent.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Price, and the following matters of business were considered:

A. VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE:

Mr. Foster, The Vocational Agriculture teacher, and Mr. Hendrickson, Poseyville School Principal, reported to the Board concerning their investigation of interest in Vocational Agriculture on the part of boys attending the Cynthiana, Wadesville, and Griffin High Schools. It was reported that an estimated fifteen to twenty boys in the Wadesville School were interested, about five or six at Cynthiana, and seven to ten at Griffin. It was suggested that a class be started at Wadesville next fall for boys in grades 9 and 10, and that the class at Poseyville be opened to students from Cynthiana and Griffin, with the provision that they keep their enrollment status in their respective schools and attend only the Agriculture Class at Poseyville. In regard to transportation, it was suggested that parents be requested to assume that responsibility.

Motion was made by Mr. Morlock and seconded by Mr. Kohlmeyer "That (a) Beginning next fall, the Vocational Agriculture program be made available to all students in the district who were interested and who met the requirements, (b) that beginning students be limited to grades 9 and 10, and (c) Principals and the Vocational Agriculture teacher be charged with working out the details of scheduling, etc. The motion carried.

B. SCHOOL SITE OPTIONS:

Mr. Schuler reported on his activity in regard to acquiring options on the recommended site for the new high and elementary schools. Each of the owners had agreed to sign an option. Terms and conditions of the options were explained in detail to the Board.

Important considerations of the options are:

1. Owners agree to accept \$25 down and a balance of \$125 within 60 days.
2. Owners agree to permit exploration for water on the sites.
3. School Board agrees to pay \$400 per acre.
4. School Board to be released from option in case the sites are not approved by the State Department of Education and/or the State Department of Health.
5. School Board agrees to pay tenants for any crop damage occurring as a result of exploration for water or other preliminary activity.

The question was raised as to whether a more suitable spot could be found on the Ehrhardt land than the Southeast corner which has been under consideration. It was understood that selection was not limited to this particular area. Also it was suggested that inquiry be made regarding the possibility of getting 50 acres of the Doll land if possible.

Motion was made by Mr. Morlock and seconded by Mr. Price that:

1. The Board authorize Mr. Schuler to get an option to purchase 50 acres on the Doll site if possible, but if not possible, to close the option for 40.
2. Option be secured for fifteen acres in either the Southeast or Southwest corner of the 40 acre Ehrhardt tract, the choice to be determined by advice of the architect and State Board of Health inspector.
3. The President and Secretary of the Board be authorized to sign the option for the Board.

The motion carried.

C. FUNDS

The question of available funds for use in exercising the options was raised. It was pointed out that the School Corporation has no appropriations of any kind until the new budget and reappropriations made necessary from the Bethel Township merger are approved; also that when such appropriations are approved, a special request will be made to the Tax Board to release sufficient funds. Because of the immediate need of funds to make the down payment on the options, it was decided to follow the suggestion offered by the State Board of Accounts, that is, use of funds from one of the School Extra-Curricular Activity accounts. A motion was made by Mr. Kohlmeyer and seconded by Mr. Rogers "to authorize the Attorney or Superintendent to request two checks of \$25 each and two checks of \$1.00 each from School Extra-Curricular Activity funds as initial payment on the option, such money to be reimbursed as soon as the School Building Fund appropriation can be cleared. The motion carried.

D. FINANCE -- HIGH SCHOOL:

A general discussion on finance and the Holding Company plan was followed by a motion by Mr. Rogers and seconded by Mr. Hicks, "that the High School be financed and constructed by a Holding Company." The motion carried.

Mr. Schuler was authorized to begin initial paper work toward organization of a Holding Company.

It was suggested that each member prepare a list of names of individuals, to submit to the Board as a whole, who would be qualified to assume leadership in organization of a Holding Company. Some of the important qualifications listed were (a) high interest in the program for development of better schools, (b) respected in his community, (c) willingness to work with school administrative officers cooperatively in development of the educational facilities in the building.

E. FINANCE -- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Two possibilities for financing the Elementary School were suggested as follows:

1. Establishment of a Cumulative Building Fund of \$1.00 or more for ten years, which, when added to the Cumulative Building Fund already on hand, would be sufficient to build the school.
2. Float a 2% bond issue on the School Corporation which, when added to the Cumulative Building Fund already on hand, would be sufficient to build the school.

It was pointed out that a general recommendation to keep the total levies for buildings at about \$1.00 or less had been made; also that consideration should be given to need for funds to modernize or replace present old buildings; also that factors determining such levies were original costs, rates of interest, and terms of completing payment.

Motion was made by Mr. Kohlmeyer and seconded by Mr. Rogers "That the Elementary School be financed with a 2% Bond issue together with Accumulated Funds on hand." The motion carried.

- F. Questions concerning the size of the gymnasium and auditorium, the Shop and Vocational Agriculture Programs, Administration Offices, Type of heating, etc. were discussed. Estimates for seating capacity of the gym ranged from 1500 to 5000 and for the auditorium from 500 to 1200. No definite decisions were made in regard to these matters.

G. INSURANCE:

The need for a thorough study of the school insurance program for the purpose of simplifying and consolidating policies, and possibly improving the coverage was stated. It was reported that Mr. Ulrich has offered to make such a study without any obligation on the part of the Board. Members of the Board indicated that they would approve this project provided it was understood no obligation would be incurred.

Signed:

Mason Price
Chairman

Carl Kohlmeyer
Secretary

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A. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Price.

B. MINUTES:

A copy of the minutes of the meeting of April 8th was distributed prior to tonight's meeting, thus eliminating the oral reading. One correction was pointed out: Mr. Morlock and Mr. Wade asked that their names be written beside the 2 Naves -- on the vote concerning the obtaining of options on the Doll Site and the Ehrhardt site -- for high school and elementary buildings respectively. There being no further corrections, Mr. Rogers moved that the minutes be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Hicks. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Special Meeting on April 15th were also handled in like manner, and there being no corrections, Mr. Hicks made the motion that these minutes be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Rogers. Motion carried.

C. CLAIMS:

Claims Nos. 315-326 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Kohlmeyer -- seconded by Mr. Morlock -- that the claims be approved and allowed. Motion carried.

D. SUMMER EDUCATION PROGRAM:

Mr. William Hendrickson, Director of the Summer Education Program, presented a proposed schedule as follows: Music training and physical education are the two activities to be presented this summer. The schedule calls for two four-week sessions, the first to be June 3 through June 28; the second, July 15 through August 9th -- both activities to be presented at all schools in the district. The following instructors, their duties, and compensations were recommended by Mr. Hendrickson:

Mr. William Hendrickson -- Supervisor -- Compensation \$15 for mileage only.
 Mr. Don Miller -- Supervision of district physical education program --
 Compensation \$500 for salary, \$40 for travel.
 Mrs. Louise Oberhausen -- Director of Music program at Wadesville & Griffin --
 Compensation \$500 for salary, \$40 for travel.
 Mr. Jack Seargeant -- Director of Music program at Cynthiana & Poseyville --
 Compensation \$500 for salary, \$15 for travel.
 Mr. Ted Anson -- Director of physical education at Cynthiana -- Compensation \$250.
 Mr. William Wilson -- Director of Physical Education at Wadesville --
 Compensation \$250.
 Mr. Marion Brooks -- Director of Physical Education at Griffin --
 Compensation \$250.
 Unknown -- Assistant Physical Education Director at Poseyville --
 Compensation \$200.

Mr. Crawford suggested, and it was agreed upon by the Board, that the contracts signed by the Summer Education Instructors include the stipulation that "if there is not enough interest, the program can be eliminated, and the compensation will cease."

Mr. Morlock made a motion -- seconded by Mr. Price -- to approve the Summer Education Program submitted by Mr. Hendrickson -- with the understanding that parts of it might be discontinued, if the interest is lacking. Motion carried.

E. TEACHERS' SALARIES:

Mr. Marion Brooks & Mr. William Wilson submitted a proposed salary schedule -- drawn up by a committee of teachers of the Classroom Teachers' Association. The schedule asked for \$120 increase for 1957-58; \$200 increase for 1958-59. A list of Salary Policies was also submitted to the Board. After a discussion of the one policy concerning the Coach's Salary -- the extra pay for duties over and above the regular duties -- Mr. Wade made the motion -- seconded by Mr. Rogers -- that if no grade coach is available, the regular coach will assume the duties and receive extra pay accordingly. The motion carried.

Mr. Morlock made the motion that the Board adopt -- for only one year -- the

In May 20th meeting, Mr. Morlock asked that his name be withdrawn from this motion.

1957-58 year -- the proposed salary schedule and Salary Policies with the following changes: \$100 raise across the board, instead of \$120 as proposed; that is, Take the old schedule and give \$100 raise across the Board, retaining the proposal to cut the number of increments to 15 for 4 year teachers and to 20 for 5 year teachers, as submitted by the Teachers' Association. Mr. Rogers seconded the motion. Carried.

F. INSURANCE:

Mr. Crawford reported that Mr. Ulrich is making a study concerning the consolidation of policies, etc., and he will be invited to attend the next Board meeting and discuss it with the Board.

G. SCHOOL SITES:

(a) OPTIONS:

Mr. Schuler reported that the owners of both the Doll ground and the Ehrhardt ground have signed the options -- but that he hadn't been able to contact the tenants for their signatures.

Mr. Ferd Menikheim asked that he be compensated for any damage done to his wheat crop -- according to the expected returns. He also asked to be advised which of the two sites -- the southeast or southwest corner of the Ehrhardt property -- was wanted for the school site, so that he could plan his crops accordingly. Since the State Board of Health was highly pleased with the southwest section, Mr. Kohlmeyer moved that we select this section as our site; seconded by Mr. Hicks. Motion carried. The School Board agreed to pay a reasonable amount for damages on Menikheim's wheat crop.

Mr. Schuler also reported that he could get an option on 40 acres only on the Doll Site.

(b) SURVEY:

It was suggested that John H. Leffel, Posey County Surveyor, and also two or three other surveyors be contacted, to get their estimates on a topographical survey, which is needed for the architects' plans.

(c) WATER TESTING:

Mr. Schuler reported that the State Board of Health informed him that a 30 gallon a minute water supply would be ample, and a 15 gallon a minute supply would be sufficient. The State Board of Health also suggested having two wells, in case of a breakdown in the system; also that the architects first plan where they will set the building -- then have the wells drilled accordingly.

Mr. Schuler suggested submitting specifications to several drillers and get estimates on the job.

(d) APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL to purchase sites at present time, and application for approval to build later on:

Mr. Crawford asked to be authorized to make a trip to Indianapolis -- if necessary -- to clear up such matters as these. It was taken by consent that Mr. Crawford and Mr. Schuler make the trip. If this trip is necessary, the Board members will be invited to go along.

(e) ABSTRACT & DEEDS:

Mr. Schuler will check into the Abstract & Deeds on the Ehrhardt & Doll Sites.

H. BUILDING PLANNING:

(a) PRELIMINARY PLANS:

Mr. Crawford reported that Mr. Sutton, the architect, had been in and he suggested he would work out preliminary plans, then call in the principals and possibly have a series of conferences with various committees of teachers, citizens committees, etc. to discuss particular phases of the building (arrangements of facilities within particular areas of the buildings, etc.) After these meetings, the plans will be presented to the Board for final action.

(b) ESTIMATE ON COST:

We are informed that the building program will probably cost around \$800,000 for the High & Jr. High building; \$300,000 for the Elementary building.

(c) CONTRACTS:

The contracts with the architect on the High School building will be signed when the Holding Company is formed. The contract for the elementary building will be signed by the School Board.

I. FINANCE:

(a) The Tax Board meeting for Hearing for New Appropriations is scheduled for Monday, April 29th. Mr. Schuler suggested that -- at this Tax Board meeting -- Mr. Crawford ask for \$5000 to pay options, water testing, surveying costs, etc.

(b) HOLDING COMPANY:

No names suggested tonight.

(c) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS:

1. Carrying of Petitions:

Mr. Schuler reported that the Petitions are prepared. It was suggested that the Citizens Committee might be contacted by their Chairman and asked if they'd be willing to work on this.

J. CUMULATIVE BUILDING FUND:

Mr. Schuler suggested that the Board establish a Cumulative Building Fund of \$1.00 this year. After a lengthy discussion -- pro and con -- it was tabled until next meeting.

K. OFFICE:

Since the Administrative Office is need of a screen door and screens for the windows, Mr. Morlock made the motion -- seconded by Mr. Wade -- that Mr. Crawford, contact Herb Lewis and see if he has screens for the building; if not, Mr. Crawford is authorized to buy them. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT:

Mr. Crawford pointed out the need of additional office furniture -- chairs, desks, filing cabinets, etc. -- to be used in the Administrative Office. Mr. Kohlmeyer made the motion -- seconded by Mr. Price -- that Mr. Crawford be authorized to get furniture as needed for the office. Motion carried.

SPECIAL MEETING MONDAY, MAY 6th, at 7:30. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:30.

Signed:

Mason Price
Chairman

Carl Kohlmeyer
Secretary