

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTY
 (Board of Education Meeting -- November 10, 1958.)

MINUTES

The Board of Education met in regular session on Monday night, November 10th, at 7:00 P.M., with the following members in attendance: George Heckerman, Vertis Matz, Harold Kemmerling, Virgil Williams and W. W. Lowe.

Also attending were: Eldon R. Crawford, Supt., Charles Roberts, Ass't. Supt., Ralph Schuler, Attorney, Lloyd Hutchinson, Principal, and Mr. Schmitt, of Peyronnin Construction Co.

BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MR. HECKERMAN.

2. MINUTES:

Copies of minutes of October 27th meeting were previously mailed to Board members.

The motion was made by Mr. Matz -- seconded by Mr. Kemmerling -- to dispense with the oral reading and accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

3. FINAL PAYMENTS -- SOUTH TERRACE SCHOOL:

Mr. Crawford presented to Board members a written statement concerning "Payment for general construction and kitchen equipment for South Terrace School", and asked permission to have this statement inserted into the minutes.

After studying this statement, the motion was made by Mr. Kemmerling -- seconded by Dr. Lowe -- to enter it into the minutes. Motion carried.

Mr. Crawford presented Mr. Schmitt, who attended the meeting to outline a proposal to handle our account with Peyronnin Construction Co.

Mr. Schmitt outlined the proposal as follows:

1. That we pay before January 1, 1959, as much as possible of the balance owed at this time -- \$24,947.34.
2. That Peyronnin would probably be forced to borrow money until the balance due on our account can be paid. In that case, Peyronnin would charge the Board of Education 4% interest on only that portion of the money which Peyronnin would have to borrow, and for the period of time that the money is borrowed.

In the discussion, it was pointed out that "since there was no written agreement, the only thing to do is to make an agreement with Peyronnin, and take care of this matter."

Ralph Schuler presented an agreement which he had prepared, and stated that if the terms were agreeable, the date could be inserted when the architect certifies that the building is acceptable. (Copy of agreement is in Minute Book.)

Dr. Lowe made the following motion: "To accept the proposition offered by Peyronnin Construction Co., to make payment of balance owed them by execution of warrants up to the sum of \$20,000 as this amount comes due, with the balance to be carried by Peyronnin Construction Co. in an open account, both to carry interest at 4%, should Peyronnin be obligated to borrow against the security of these. When a suitable agreement is drawn up covering these terms, same to be executed by the President and Secretary". This motion was seconded by Mr. Matz. Motion carried.

It was mentioned that the space above the freezer in the South Terrace kitchen has not as yet been filled in, and it is very unsightly. Mr. Schmitt stated that he is sure the architect will take care of this when it is brought to his attention, at the time of the preliminary inspection, which is November 11th.

Question asked: "Are the moldings around the ceilings of the rooms finished?"
 Schmitt: "Yes, the angle-trim was omitted at the time the contract was let -- in order to cut down on expenses."

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Question asked: "Why have the blocks cracked?" Schmitt: "They are expansion cracks. The blocks that were used were porous, accoustical, and less expensive than regular concrete blocks. Also, the Dur-O-Wall reinforcements were deducted from the contract. With these reinforcements, walls can't expand."

4. REPORT ON PLANNING COMMITTEE -- LLOYD HUTCHINSON:

Mr. Hutchinson presented material and a report of the Athletic Planning Committee and explained same. (Copy of "Report and Recommendations" is in the Minute Book.)

There followed a lengthy discussion on possible arrangement of athletic areas.

Mr. Hutchinson showed a scale drawing of the school site, and scale drawings of football field and baseball field, showing different ways the fields could be set up. The most favorable arrangement -- Plan No. 1 -- was to have the football field adjacent to the west property line, and the baseball field adjacent to the football field.

It was stated that these fields will need to be prepared ahead of time -- fields should be tilled and seeded as soon as possible, in order that they will be ready for use when needed.

The motion was made by Mr. Matz -- seconded by Dr. Lowe -- to approve the No. 1 Plan of general arrangement of football and baseball fields recommended by the committee. Motion carried.

Mr. Hutchinson stated that the Committee is also working on a plan for setting up the parking areas. He showed several layouts suggested for parking, stating that the committee thought it would be necessary to plan for parking 700 cars at certain times.

It was stated that, as soon as we find out where the cavitator will be installed, we will be able to develop the athletic program further.

It was suggested that we develop activity areas gradually -- start with the baseball and football fields, then other activities can be added.

5. BILLS & CLAIMS:

Regular Claims Nos. 582 to 642, and Payroll Claims Nos. 47A, 47B, 47C, 47D, 48, 49, 50 and 51 were presented for approval of payment. The motion was made by Mr. Williams -- seconded by Mr. Kemmerling -- to pay the bills. Motion carried.

6. SALE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY:

(a) ONE-ROOM SCHOOL BUILDINGS & FURNACES:

Ralph Schuler stated that the one-room schools -- with furnaces -- were sold as follows:

Parker School ----	to William T. Miller -----	\$1,525.00
Huber -----	" Eli Huber -----	1,150.00
Blairsville -----	" Curtis Davenport -----	1,100.00
Waterman -----	" Jake Saalwachter -----	725.00

(b) SPACE HEATER -- IN CCC BUILDING AT WADESVILLE:

The space heater was overlooked at the time of the auction sale, as it was originally intended to be sold at that time. Now, Mrs. Lloyd DeFur has offered \$15 for it. The question was asked: "Shall we sell it for \$15, or keep it, with the idea of using it somewhere in the School District?"

This matter was discussed, and it was agreed that this stove is worth considerably more -- probably \$35 to \$50. It was suggested that Mr. Crawford tell Mrs. DeFur that the Board is asking between \$35 and \$50 for the stove.

7. REPORT ON PURCHASE OF LAND AT GRIFFIN:

Ralph Schuler stated that he will have Mrs. Malone sign the deed for half of the land purchased at Griffin and he will pay for same; he will have her sign the deed for the other half, payment of which will be held until the first of the year.

8. H. S. SITE -- USE OF LAND:

Mr. Crawford asked the Board if they wished to re-rent the farm ground on the

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high school site, or keep it? J. D. Foster has inquired about getting it for F. F. A. boys to work with. In this case, probably no rent money would be received from its use, but the F.F.A. boys could earn a little money for their organization, and it would be a good educational project.

A decision will be made, after J. D. Foster is consulted again.

9. REPORT ON STATE TAX BOARD BUDGET HEARING:

Mr. Crawford reported that the State Tax Board cut our 1959 tuition tax rate in the amount of 12¢. We're \$9,000 shorter than we expected for next year.

If the state doesn't give more money for teachers, December 1959 will be short in operating balance, and we'll need to get an advance draw on June taxes.

10. GRIFFIN SCHOOL -- OPEN HOUSE:

Mr. Crawford announced that Griffin School will hold Open House on Tuesday, November 11th -- with school exhibits -- in observation of American Education Week. Board members are invited to attend this Open House.

11. HENDRICKSON -- REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Mr. Crawford presented a letter from Mr. William Hendrickson, requesting leave of absence without loss of pay -- to attend the Freshmen-Principals' Conference to be held at Indiana State Teachers' College on November 20th.

The motion was made by Mr. Matz -- seconded by Mr. Williams -- to allow Mr. Hendrickson leave of absence without loss of pay, November 20th, to attend the Freshmen-Principals' Conference, at Indiana State Teachers' College. Motion carried.

12. INDIANA SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION CONVENTION:

The Indiana School Boards' Association Convention -- to be held in Indianapolis on November 22nd & 23rd -- was again discussed. The following members will probably attend at least a part of the time: Mr. Matz, Mr. Heckerman, Mr. Crawford and Mr. Roberts.

13. RECKLESS DRIVING -- AFTER BALL GAMES:

It was brought to the attention of the Board that Mr. Hempel, Town Marshal, had complained about students' behavior after ball games at Poseyville School. Cars are being driven recklessly, and this could be dangerous. Since Mr. Foster is in charge of dances after the ball games, Mr. Crawford will consult with Mr. Foster concerning this problem.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:20 P.M.

Signed:

George H. Heckerman
(Chairman)

Virgil B. Williams
(Secretary)

TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Re: Payment for general construction and
kitchen equipment -- South Terrace School.

We wish to make the following statement in regard to the above matter and request that such statement be made a portion of the minutes of the meeting of November 10th.

"At the time bids were received for construction of the South Terrace School it was recognized that the total of the low bids plus other estimated costs would considerably exceed the architect's estimate, and funds available.

Following the acceptance of bids a series of meetings was held with Peyronnin Construction Company officials and representatives of the architectural firm to make modifications in the plans and to negotiate contracts.

Decision was reached by the former Board to

- (a) Accept proposals to construct the school under a modified plan.
- (b) To use revenue from the 50¢ cumulative building fund levy for 1958 and 1959, to supplement funds on hand.
- (c) To schedule payment for contractual services through June and December of 1959.

The financial problem was pointed out to contractors and the schedule for receiving funds explained. We feel that the matter was made clear to Peyronnin Company officials and to Weber Equipment Company officials.

We also feel sure that members of the former Board were convinced and reassured by representatives of these firms that the proposed payment schedule would be satisfactory. If this had not been the case, we believe the former Board would have insisted on negotiating specific agreements setting out a payment plan in detail.

Since this was not done and these two firms now insist on payment, it might appear that insufficient attention was given to the matter at that time. In behalf of the former Board and myself I wish to say that, in my opinion, the matter was clearly understood by all parties involved and that the school officials acted in good faith and understanding that the final obligations could be deferred until June and December 1959.

Signed:

Eldon R. Crawford, Superintendent

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTY
 (Board of Education Meeting -- November 24, 1958.)

MINUTES

The Board of Education met in regular session on Monday night, November 24th, at 7:00 P.M., in the Administrative Office, with the following members present: George Heckerman, Vertis Matz, Harold Kemmerling, Virgil Williams and W. W. Lowe.

Also attending the meeting were: Eldon R. Crawford, Supt., Charles Roberts, Ass't. Supt., Roy Goerges, Principal, William Wilson, Principal, and Ralph Schuler, School Attorney.

BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MR. HECKERMAN.

2. MINUTES:

Copies of minutes of November 10th meeting were previously mailed to Board members.

The motion was made by Dr. Lowe -- seconded by Mr. Williams -- to approve and accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

3. CLAIMS:

Regular Claims Nos. 644 to 668 were presented for approval of payment.

Peyronnin Construction Co.'s claim was explained as follows:

In accordance with the proposed agreement with Peyronnin Construction Co., we are to pay \$7330.18 of \$24,947.34 at once. The remainder \$17,617.16 will be carried on open account until January 1st, 1959, when a note for that amount will be issued, payable by December 1, 1959.

It was stated that the agreement had been signed by Peyronnin Construction Company. A copy of the agreement was signed by the President and Secretary of the Board. This copy will be returned to Peyronnin Construction Company.

Mr. Crawford stated that we got an advance draw of \$10,000 on our December taxes -- which was necessary in order to make payments due Weber Equipment Co. and Peyronnin Construction Co.

The motion was made by Dr. Lowe -- seconded by Mr. Kemmerling -- to approve payment of bills. Motion carried.

4. GRIFFIN SCHOOL SITE:

Mr. Goerges presented a proposed diagram of layout of baseball field on the additional ground purchased at Griffin.

A plan for installation of lights and other equipment on this site was presented, this installation to be done without cost to the School District.

In the discussion, it was pointed out that a fence is needed by the ditch on the Griffin School site, as the children are playing by the ditch, and in rainy weather, it can be dangerous.

It was suggested that a 39" woven wire with barb on top -- be used for this fence.

The motion was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Dr. Lowe to:

1. Authorize construction of a fence across the west end of the school site and along the north side to a distance deemed sufficient to protect children from the ditch;
2. To approve the plans for lay-out of a baseball field as submitted by Mr. Goerges.

The motion carried.

5. INSURANCE PROGRAM:

Mr. Will Ulrich reported to the Board concerning a plan for consolidating fire insurance policies and purchase of insurance protection through one agent, who represents all agencies in the district.

Mr. Ulrich stated that the following agents have agreed upon this plan of consolidating policies: Wadesville Insurance Co., Smith, Boren, Stevens, Garrison, Ewing, of Cynthiana; Powers and Wilson & Ulrich, of Poseyville.

Mr. Ulrich also stated that the evaluation of all school buildings and contents in the district at the present time is approximately \$800,000. This will be increased to nearly \$2,000,000 when the new high school is occupied.

In the discussion, it was pointed out that the Board would like a written statement, signed by the above named agents, to the effect that they are in agreement with the proposed plan of consolidating insurance policies and that they are willing for Wilson & Ulrich to act as their agent.

Mr. Crawford suggested that we work out with Mr. Ulrich a simplified version of the proposed insurance program, send it out to Board members for study, and then a decision can probably be reached at the next meeting.

The motion was made by Dr. Lowe -- seconded by Mr. Williams -- that Mr. Ulrich furnish us with an agreement signed by insurance agents of this district, so that a decision can be reached on this insurance problem. Motion carried.

6. STATE FINANCE:

Copies of "Financial Program for State Support of Public Schools as Proposed by the Governor's Study Committee" were distributed and discussed. It was pointed out that, if these recommendations were enacted into law without modification, the amount of state funds for this district would increase approximately \$50,000. It was emphasized, however, that the legislature is not likely to adopt the program without some modification. (Copy is in Minute Book.)

7. PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SOUTH TERRACE:

Copies of "Payment Schedule, in Accordance with Agreements and Access to Funds, for Construction of South Terrace Elementary School" were distributed and explained. (Copy is in Minute Book.)

8. INSPECTION -- SOUTH TERRACE -- FOR ACCEPTANCE OF GENERAL CONSTRUCTION:

Mr. Crawford stated that Mr. Schmitt has informed him that Peyronnin Construction Co. is about ready to ask for final inspection of general construction of the building, as they think it is ready for acceptance.

The architect will contact us, and a date will be set for this inspection. Board members were invited to participate in the inspection tour. Board members will be notified in advance.

9. GYM FLOOR PROPOSED CHANGE -- HIGH SCHOOL:

Mr. Crawford reported that the contractor and architect had made a major change in the construction of the high school gym, by lowering the floor 13 inches, thus putting it on the same level as the rest of the building. This change was necessary, in their opinion, in order to offset an error supposedly made by the surveyor. With this change in floor level, it was thought that the vision of the playing floor from the bleachers would be affected.

The Holding Corporation Directors met with Mr. Schmitt, of Peyronnin Construction Co., and Mr. Sutton, architect, and discussed the matter with them. The contractor was asked to re-figure to see how much it would cost to raise the gym floor, or to lower the floors in the dressing rooms.

Since that meeting, Mr. Schmitt submitted to the Holding Corporation Directors the figure of \$1066 -- to put the gym floor back where it was originally planned. The Board of Directors has agreed to pay the \$1066, in order to avoid impaired vision on the bleachers, and in order to prevent delay in the construction program.

10. HIGH SCHOOL SITE -- GRADING & TILING OF ATHLETIC FIELD:

There was discussion of the need for installing drainage tile in that area of the high school site which will be used for athletic facilities and parking space. It was suggested that this should be done as soon as possible and should be followed by grading and seeding the area to be used for athletics and outdoor physical educational activities.

It was suggested that Mr. Donn Simpson, of Cynthiana, be contacted -- and that he be asked to survey the ground and give an estimate on cost of the work to be done.

After a lengthy discussion, the motion was made by Mr. Williams -- seconded by Mr. Kemmerling -- to authorize Mr. Roberts to ask Donn Simpson to survey the ground, prepare an estimate on cost of tiling, and present the estimate to the Board at its next meeting, recommending that Brooklyn tile be used if it can be obtained. Motion carried.

11. WIRING NEEDED AT GRIFFIN SCHOOL:

Mr. Roberts stated that Mr. Ralph Rowe, fire marshal, had recommended some wiring to be done in the basement of the Griffin School.

As there was some question as to what actually needs to be done, it was suggested that Mr. Roberts check with Mr. Rowe before going ahead with the electrical work at Griffin School.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. WILLIAMS -- SECONDED BY DR. LOWE -- TO ADJOURN.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING -- DECEMBER 8th, at 7:00 P.M., in the Administrative Office.

Signed:

George H. Heckerman
Chairman.

Virgil B. Williams
Secretary.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENTS
AND ACCESS TO FUNDS, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF
SOUTH TERRACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

1. AT ONCE:

Peyronnin -----	\$ 7,330.00		
Weber -----	9,334.00		
Furniture, equip., rock ---	1,700.00		
Total -----	<u>\$18,364.00</u>	----- 18,364.00 -----	xxxxxxxx

2. Upon Presentation of Certified Statement of Completion - Bal. of 90%

Gottman -----	320.00		
Althoff-Howard -----	324.02		
Total -----	<u>\$ 644.02</u>	----- 644.02 -----	19,008.02

3. Upon Acceptance + 60 days, approx. Feb. 1st or later

Gottman -----	6,827.00		
Althoff-Howard -----	3,276.22		
Routt -----	446.34		
Total -----	<u>\$10,549.56</u>	----- 10,549.56 -----	29,557.58

4. June - 1959:

Peyronnin -----	25,000.00		
Plus interest. est. not to exceed -----	700.00		
Total -----	<u>\$25,700.00</u>	----- 25,700.00 -----	55,257.00

5. December - 1959:

Peyronnin -----	17,617.00		
Int. not to exceed (est.) -----	350.00		
Total -----	<u>\$17,967.00</u>		
Weber - Bal. -----	1,647.00		
Total -----	<u>\$19,614.00</u>	----- 19,614.00 -----	74,967.00

SCHEDULE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR COMPLETING PAYMENT OF
CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF SOUTH TERRACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Balance -----	\$ 8,687.44		
Dec. '58 Tax -----	22,830.00	----- \$31,517.44	
June '59 Tax -----	25,000.00	----- 56,517.44	
Dec. '59 Tax -----	21,496.00	----- 78,013.44	

Financial Program for State Support of Public Schools
As Proposed by the Governor's Study Committee.

A state committee set up by Governor Handley for the purpose of studying the state distribution plan for public schools has completed its report and recommendations.

A brief outline of the program for operation expenses and how it would affect our own school district is as follows:

<u>Nature of Program</u>	<u>Est. Local Rec.</u>	<u>Local Rec. Present Plans '58-'59</u>	<u>Difference</u>
1. Instructional Salaries -----	96,000	100,000	(-4,000)
2. Other Current Expense -----	32,000	none	(+32,000)
3. Transportation Operation -----	31,000	21,000	(+10,000)
4. Total -----	159,000	121,000	38,000

Other aspects of the proposed plan are as follows:

1. Transportation - Capital Outlay:

This would provide \$10 per pupil for all pupils transported in school-owned busses. Such funds would be used to purchase school busses and tires. At the present time we are hauling about 100 children in the two school-owned busses. Ten dollars per child would amount to \$1,000 per year.

2. School Buildings - Capital Outlay:

This would provide our district with about \$6,000 per year if the proposed formula were enacted into law. This money could be used to apply on lease rental payments or interest and principal on outstanding bonds.

3. Kindergarten Support:

This would provide state funds under the formula for instructional salaries at the rate of one half unit for each 32 kindergarten children. We could estimate $1\frac{1}{2}$ units of reimbursement which would amount to about \$5,100.

Estimated additional funds necessary to finance this program at the state level are \$42,000,000. This would mean increases in state taxes or new state taxes of some kind. Each local school system would be required to levy at least \$1.00 for school purposes in order to qualify for state support under this proposal.

It is predicted that attempts to pass legislation to set up the program will be opposed by the State Chamber of Commerce. This group has a proposal generally known as the Kohlmeyer Proposal which would distribute funds on the basis of number of pupils, eliminate many of the good features which we have in the present plan and which have been retained in the Governor's Committee Proposal. The Kohlmeyer Plan would also place additional property tax burden on local counties. It will be opposed by school administrators.

It is reported that the State School Boards' Association will probably not support the Governor's Committee Plan as a group. The reason given is that some of the Association's leaders are members of the State Chamber of Commerce and influenced by the State Chamber's policies.

Enactment into law of the Governor's Committee Proposal, providing state funds for school buildings, will be opposed by educators unless some provision is included to require school districts to meet certain standards of efficiency.