

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION OF THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF NORTH POSEY COUNTY, INDIANA.
Held April 9, 1962.

The Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana, met in regular session on the 9th day of April in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, at the hour of 7:30 P.M., with Board members Lowe, Kemmerling, Williams, Heckerman and Meredith present. Also attending the meeting were Superintendent Hollen and Maintenance Supervisor Rogers.

The meeting was called to order by President Heckerman, who presided. The minutes of the previous meeting of March 26, 1962, were read to the Board, and approved by members as read.

Claims #636 through #678 were presented to the Board for their consideration. Following a discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the claims were approved by the Board, signed, and ordered paid.

Mr. Rogers, Maintenance Supervisor, reported to the Board concerning various problems in the district. First for discussion was the lawn mower problem. Mr. Rogers reported that the present mowers were in a bad state of repair and that it would be costly to attempt repairs. It was thought that this might be a good time to make the purchase of two new mowers, one for the Jr.-Sr. High School, and one for the Poseyville School. Upon motion by Lowe, seconded by Williams, and unanimously carried, Mr. Rogers and Mr. Hollen were given permission to purchase two new mowers. Mr. Rogers stated that new mower blade was needed for the tractor-mower and this could be purchased at Nix's Welding Shop, who handled this type of blade. Board gave Mr. Rogers approval to make this purchase. The sump pump at the South Terrace building has been giving trouble, and parts from the Ideal Pump Company will need be secured to correct the situation. Permission was given by the Board to secure the necessary parts and repair the pump. Superintendent Hollen has been notified that the pressure valves ordered through the Plumbers Supply at Evansville are in. These valves are to be picked up in the ~~next few days~~ and installed by Mr. Rogers. This will then meet the specifications of the Insurance Inspector, Utley. Mr. Rogers presented the Board with the monthly expenditures of the buses and explained several of the larger expenditures.

The next new business was the consideration of the Teachers Salary Schedule as proposed in previous meetings. Mr. Loveless and Mr. Willis, local instructors who serve on the salary committee, were present for this discussion. After a very lengthy discussion by the Board concerning the merits of the proposed schedule, the motion was made by Lowe, seconded by Williams, that Salary Schedule "A" be adopted for the 1962-63 school year: this being a one year acceptance of this salary schedule. (Copy of Salary Schedule to appear in Minute Book.) On voting it was ascertained that there were two votes "for" and two votes "against" the adoption of the proposed schedule, Mr. Meredith and Mr. Kemmerling voting against, with Mr. Lowe and Mr. Williams voting for the schedule. After more discussion, Mr. Heckerman voted "for" the proposed schedule and the motion carried by the vote of 3-2.

The summer educational program "brief" was presented to the Board for their approval. After discussion of the matter, the Board approved a six weeks program in recreation beginning on June 4 and continuing until July 13. It was pointed out that many factors were involved as to the success of the program. In the past it had been on an eight weeks schedule with a two week break in between the sessions. Better vacation planning, less interference with the annual 4-H Fair, the hot weather factor, and poor attendance during the last four weeks were arguments advanced in favor of cutting the program to six weeks.

The summer music program was approved as has been carried on in the past -- consisting of eight weeks. Mr. Wilson, Director, is to work out the program with Mr. Knapp and Mrs. Deig.

The Vocational Agriculture reimbursement claim was presented to Treasurer Meredith for his signature. Also Mr. Meredith endorsed the April distribution check from the State Department in the amount of \$30,326.95, to be deposited in the Tuition Fund.

Superintendent Hollen read to the Board a letter from Mr. Robert Owen, a local teacher on military leave. The letter stated that Mr. Owen would not be returning to the teaching profession until July 1964; that he had decided to re-enlist for another tour of duty for two years.

Specifications for the paving of the driveway and parking areas at the Jr.-Sr. High School were read to the Board by Secretary Williams. After discussion of the work to be done, approval was given by the Board for the first publication to the contractors on April 19. Second publication was to be made on April 26. Opening of bids is scheduled for May 14, 1962, at the regular meeting of the Board. Competitive bids from contractors are to be received up to 4:00 P.M. on May 14, 1962.

Two personal requests from Mrs. Sara Mae Loveless and Mr. Charles Martin were read to the Board by Superintendent Hollen. On motion by Kemmerling and seconded by Williams and unanimously carried, the requests were approved.

The Board tabled any action concerning the many jobs held by Delbert Titzer, bus driver. After discussion, it was thought best to not interfere at this time and let Mr. Titzer continue as usual.

Mr. Hollen reported to the Board that two boiler company representatives had called and made a survey of the Jr.-Sr. High School and South Terrace buildings as to our needs on additives to our boilers. Proposals were to be mailed to Superintendent Hollen in the near future by these representatives concerning the care of the boilers.

Several applications for the part-time position of secretarial help in the Superintendent's office were presented to the Board for comments. Superintendent Hollen has not completed interviews with the applicants at this time. Recommendation of employment by Mr. Hollen will be made to the Board at a later meeting.

Superintendent Hollen proposed to the Board that the Claim Docket be placed at the end of the agenda in future meetings. It was thought that this would give the Board members a better picture of various claims to be paid after discussing them. Board approved the change on a trial basis.

The Board was presented the F.F.A. request to lease the back area of the school ground at the Jr.-Sr. High School for farming activities. After discussion and a reading of the lease, the Board approved lease.

As no further business was to be brought before the Board, and it being late, a motion was made by Kemmerling and seconded by Williams to adjourn. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 12:15 A.M.

George H. Heckerman
George H. Heckerman, President

Virgil B. Williams
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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTY.

Held ----- April 23, 1962

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana, was held at the hour of 7:30 P. M., in offices of the Superintendent, on April 23, 1962, with members Kemmerling, Meredith, Williams, Lowe and Heckerman present, as well as Superintendent Hollen, Maintenance Supervisor Rogers, and Attorney Ralph L. Schuler.

The meeting was called to order by President Heckerman, and the minutes of the meeting of April 9, 1962, were read and approved.

Mr. Lloyd Hutchinson reported on affairs in the Junior Senior High School, and opened his remarks by stating that he felt there was a definite improvement in the staff, subject matter and discipline. He indicated that some additional problems would arise if consolidation came about with New Harmony; classroom space could be handled but cafeteria and lunch room problems would become acute. A survey had been made to determine the feasibility of summer school, but there was not sufficient interest to warrant this. He reported that of the present graduating class, 41% had been accepted for admission to colleges, and that only 13% of the members of the class had dropped out during the four years, which is a relatively small drop out. Mr. Hutchinson further spoke of problems which he faced during the coming year, and gave some report as to his plans for handling them.

Mr. William Wilson reported on the problems which have been faced in the elementary schools, and indicated, among other things, that the enrollment problem for the year 1962-63 would be handled as at present, but that a problem would arise at South Terrace during 63-64, which would necessitate the use of all ten class rooms. However, he reported that the survey showed that this would be a peak year for several years coming, and that thereafter the class room potential would drop down to nine class rooms each year. He reported that great strides had been made in establishing a curriculum for the elementary schools, and that continued studies were being made in various subjects, and that there would be established a basic curriculum for all courses taught.

Both Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Wilson answered such questions as the Board directed to them, and took part in a short discussion of various problems involved in the school system.

The question was raised as to the addition of a course in remedial reading during the summer educational program this year. Mr. Wilson reported that there were 50 students in grades 4 through 8 who were in need of help in reading, and that 27 parents had indicated that they would have their children attend such a course if offered.

Mr. Hollen reported that this could be done under the summer educational program, but that no state support would be received for the program. After a discussion, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the conducting of classes in remedial reading during the summer educational program.

A request was received from Herbert O. Lewis that he be permitted to appoint Neval Willis, an instructor at the Jr.-Sr. High School, to serve as Judge on his election Board in the coming primary election. Following a discussion, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board directed that Mr. Willis be permitted to serve in that capacity provided his duties at the school could be handled by the staff without any additional expense for substitute teachers, and that the School District should pay the difference between the amount he received as Judge and his regular

pay for a day of teaching.

A contract was presented from Orkin Exterminating Company for treatment of the Jr. Sr. High School and the South Terrace School. For the sum of \$84.00 per year at the High School and \$60.00 per year at South Terrace, this Company would guarantee the freeing of these buildings from all bugs and rodents. The Board authorized the execution of this contract for the term of one year, effective May 1st.

The Superintendent reported that he had received the resignation of Mrs. Reba Harris, and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, this resignation was accepted by the Board.

The Superintendent further reported that he had hired Mrs. Janet Wiggins as Secretary in his office on a part time probationary basis, at the rate of \$7.00 per day, with the understanding that she would work 3 days per week. Upon approval of the Board a temporary contract was signed for Mrs. Wiggins.

Mr. Hollen reported that he had received information that "knock-down" bleachers capable of seating 700 persons would be available at Washington, Indiana, and could be purchased for the sum of \$600.00, with the purchaser furnishing transportation from the school. Following a discussion, the Superintendent was authorized and directed to investigate into this matter, and to affect a purchase if he found the bleachers to be of good quality and advantageous to our system.

A discussion was held concerning the re-employment of personnel for the year 62-63. The Principals and Superintendent recommended the re-employment of all personnel, both instructional and non-instructional. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried by a vote of 4 to 1, the Board re-employed all instructional and non-instructional personnel, with the exception of Mr. John Lenn. Member Meredith voted in the negative because he felt that other teaching personnel should also be dismissed.

It was decided by the Board that consideration should be given to fixing of the salaries for the principals during the coming year. Following an extensive discussion, a motion was made to raise the salary of Elementary Supervisor Wilson to \$7,700.00 per year plus travel expense in the amount of \$700.00, and the salary of Principal Hutchinson to \$7,900.00 per year plus travel expense in the amount of \$700.00. This motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Claims #681 through #698 were presented to the Board for consideration, and on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, were approved, signed and ordered paid.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Virgil B. Williams, Secretary

George H. Heckerman, President