

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE METROPOLITAN  
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTY,  
INDIANA,

Held March 14, 1966

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The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana, was held in the office of the Superintendent of Schools on the 14th day of March, 1966, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock, p.m., with Board Members Meredith, Heckerman, Williams, Tenison and Fletchall present. Also attending were Superintendent Hollen and Attorney Schuler.

The meeting was called to order by President Williams, who presided. Minutes of the previous meeting of February 28, 1966, were read to the board and approved as read.

Regular claims No. 506 through No. 540 and Title I claims No. 27 through No. 33 were presented to the board for consideration and upon motion duly made by Tenison, seconded by Fletchall and unanimously carried, the bills were approved, signed and ordered paid.

A discussion was had by the board relative to the possibility of holding kindergarten in the district during the coming year and a delegation of parents were heard requesting that kindergarten be a part of the public school curriculum for the year 1966-67. Following discussion, the delegation was assured that a careful study would be made of the question and the determination as to whether or not kindergarten should be a part of the curriculum would depend upon the response of the parents in the district, taken in conjunction with the economic feasibility of the program.

The Superintendent reported that Mrs. Newman, teacher at Cynthiana, had announced her retirement at the end of the current year. He indicated that because of the increased activity under the Federal Educational Program that it would become increasingly difficult to hire teachers, and proposed that Mr. Jerry Miser and Miss Diana Southwood be hired at this time as teachers at Cynthiana and South Terrace. Following a discussion, permission to hire these individuals was granted by the board.

Attorney Schuler reported to the board that on the 5th day of March, 1966, the surplus school property at Griffin was offered for sale, but for various reasons personal to the bidders no bid was received. He further indicated that since the date of the sale, four individuals had indicated a desire to purchase the property and would bid at least the full-appraised price and recommended the property be re-offered for sale on April 2, 1966. Permission to do this was granted by the board.

A letter from the North Posey Classroom Teachers Association was read to the board in which the question was asked whether or not the board would reopen negotiations on the question of salary for the school year 1966-67. The Superintendent was instructed to reply that in accordance with the resolution establishing the salaries schedule in 1965, which was to cover the years 1965-66 and 1966-67, no negotiation would be held prior to the spring of 1967.

The Superintendent reported to the board that Principal Hutchinson had recommended the expulsion of student Byron McFadden Simpson, III, for the remainder of the school term due to misconduct, particularly smoking upon the school premises in violation of board rules and despite warnings against this conduct. In discussing the problem, the Superintendent presented to the board a study of the student and his behavior and recommended that the board order expulsion. Thereafter, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the board moved to adopt the recommendation of the Principal and ordered the expulsion of Byron McFadden Simpson, III, for the remainder of the school term.

The Superintendent requested permission to attend a meeting at Jasper on March 16, 1966, and at Indianapolis on March 18, 1966. Permission was granted.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 10:00 o'clock, p.m.

Virgil B. Williams  
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Jesse Tenison, Jr.  
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Paul C. Fletchall  
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Keith Meredith

George Heckerman  
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The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana, was held in the office of the Superintendent of Schools on the 28th day of March, 1966, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock, p.m., with Board Members Williams, Tenison, Fletchall and Heckerman present. Also attending were Superintendent Hollen, Maintenance Supervisor Rogers and Attorney Schuler.

The meeting was called to order by President Williams, who presided. Minutes of the previous meeting of March 14, 1966, were read to the board and approved as read.

Claims No. 541 through No. 556 and Title I claims No. 34 through No. 40 were presented to the Board for consideration, and upon discussion and on motion duly made by Heckerman, seconded by Tenison and unanimously carried, the bills were approved by the Board, signed and ordered paid.

The Superintendent reported to the Board concerning an accident which occurred on bus No. 3 on the 19th day of March, when one of the pupils, June Stallings, age 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stallings, fell from the emergency door at the rear of the bus. He indicated that the student suffered head lacerations and bruises, and that she was treated by Dr. Ropp, examined and x-rayed at the hospital, where it was apparently found that no serious injury occurred. The Superintendent further reported to the Board that the child and other students reported that the door came open unexpectedly and that the girl was sucked from the bus as the bus was going down an incline in a low gear. Investigation seemed to indicate that the door could not come open by itself without a considerable force from the inside, and that a suction such as was described was not likely to occur. He further reported to the Board that the door met all state requirements for safety and that in approximately one million miles of bus travel in the district, this was the first time such an accident had occurred. He further reported to the Board that the child would continue to receive observation and that the cost of her medical treatment was apparently covered by insurance, which he added to the blanket policy just a few days prior to the accident.

Bids were received on two (2) 60-passenger busses as follows:

BREINER & UHDE

One International Harvester Chassis with  
Wayne Body ----- \$6,148.84,  
and with an allowance of \$300.00 for a trade-in.

Also bid was the cost of the Chassis separately,  
delivered at the following Bus Body plants:

Wayne Body -----	\$3,156.84
Bluebird Body -----	\$3,224.78
Carpenter Body -----	\$3,179.39
Superior Body -----	\$3,158.03.

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NIX MOTOR SALES

Chevrolet Chassis, two (2) at a cost of -- \$5,987.16,  
and with a trade-in allowance of \$400.00.

NIX BUS SALES

Two (2) Bluebird bodies for ----- \$5,836.00, ✓  
and with a trade-in allowance of \$600.00.

It was announced by the representative from Nix Motor Sales and Nix Bus Sales that in the event both of these bids would be accepted, only one trade-in allowance would be given. (1-trade in) \$5536 8/22/66

DAVIS-DOWNEN MOTOR COMPANY

Two (2) Ford Chassis ----- \$5,777.00  
Two (2) Ford Chassis with Wayne bodies -- \$17,738.00  
with a \$200.00 trade-in.

After consideration, it was assumed that the bid for complete busses was in error but that the bid would have to stand as submitted.

SUPERIOR BODY COMPANY

Two (2) Superior bodies ----- \$7,000.00,  
with a trade-in allowance of \$620.00.

KERLIN BUS SALES AND SERVICE

Thomas Safety Cruiser bodies ----- \$3,499.00 each.

After consideration of all bids submitted, it was decided by the Board that the combination bid of Davis-Downen for Two (2) Ford Chassis at \$5,777.00, and of Nix Bus Sales for Two (2) Bluebird bodies with trade-in at \$5,236.00 was the lowest bid and upon motion by Fletchall, seconded by Tenison, and unanimously carried, contract for these two bus chassis were awarded to Davis-Downen Motor Company, and for the two bus bodies to Nix Bus Sales.

The Superintendent reported to the Board on apparent teacher's vacancies in the staff, indicating that there would be need for a new physical education teacher, english teacher, guidance teacher, and one additional teacher at the high school and that there would be five (5) vacancies in the elementary system with one of them filled, leaving a total of eight (8) apparent new teachers to be secured.

The Superintendent reported on the population survey in regard to kindergarten students, and indicated that it appeared that at Poseyville there would be thirty-three (33) public school pupils and twenty-one (21) parochial school pupils, or a total of fifty-four (54) eligible for kindergarten; at Cynthiana there would be twenty (20) public school students, (21) parochial school students, for a total of forty-one (41) eligible for kindergarten; at South Terrace there would be thirty-five (35) public school students, thirty-two (32) parochial school students, for a total of sixty-seven (67) eligible for kindergarten, or a grand total of 162. He further submitted to the Board a proposed letter to be


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sent to all parents of children of kindergarten age to ascertain their opinions regarding the establishment of a kindergarten. Further action concerning kindergarten was deferred until the receipt of replies from the letters.

The Superintendent further reported to the Board that the District had been asked to purchase a quantity of protective lubricant for use in the school busses to improve gasoline mileage and extend engine life. Upon a discussion, it was determined to purchase a minimum quantity of the lubricant for test at the Poseyville gas depot prior to a decision to use the lubricant throughout the district.

Thereupon, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 10:15 o'clock, p.m.

  
VIRGIL B. WILLIAMS

  
JESSE TENISON, JR.

  
PAUL C. FLETCHALL

  
GEORGE HECKERMAN

Board of Education