

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

Held September 8, 1975

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of North Posye County, Indiana, was held in the office of the Superintendent of Schools on the 8th day of September, 1975 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. with Board Members Hall, Eisterhold, Tenison, Staples and Fletchall present. Also attending were Superintendent Hollen, Administrative Assistant Wilson, and Attorney Schuler.

The meeting was called to order by the President who presided. Minutes of the previous Special Meeting of August 28 were read to the Board and approved as read.

Claims No. 141 through 188 in the total amount of \$10,195.12 were presented to the Board for consideration and upon motion duly made by Eisterhold, seconded by Hall and unanimously carried were approved by the Board and ordered paid.

Update on Enrollment

Mr. Hollen reported to the Board on the current enrollment in the school system showing the number of students in each school to be as follows:

Senior High School	697
Junior High School	281
North Elementary School	499
South Terrace Elementary School	<u>412</u>
Total	1889

He reported that this was a decrease of ten (10) from the last reported attendance and a total decrease of thirty-one (31) from the attendance of last year. In his opinion this decreased attendance would not hurt financially until the year 1977 when there was a possibility that a continued loss would result in a considerable reduction in the amount of State aid.

Tax Adjustment Board Action

Mr. Hollen reported that the County Tax Adjustment Board had met and had established the tax rate for the district as follows:

General Fund	\$3.86 (minus 19¢)
Debt Service	\$.84 (minus 04¢)
Accumulative Building Fund	<u>\$.25</u>
Total	\$4.95

Mr. Hollen reported that this was a decrease of 23¢ from the tax rate as published in the Budget and that the decrease was brought about due to an increase in assessed valuation of \$886,000.00.

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Negotiation Update

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Schuler discussed with the Board the current progress of negotiation with N.E.A. North Posey concerning a contract with the teaching staff. Mr. Wilson reported that the nine (9) per cent, two (2) year proposal apparently had been one of several submitted to the teachers by the teachers negotiating committee and that no contract proposal had been accepted, but the committee had been directed to continue negotiations. He reported that a negotiation session was scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, at 4 o'clock. Following a discussion, the Board directed the negotiators that if a contract with the teachers was not signed prior to September 19, all previous salary offers, including an agreement on retroactive pay would be withdrawn.

Emergency Appropriation

The Superintendent reported to the Board that an extraordinary emergency existed and that it would be necessary for an emergency appropriation to be secured in the amount of \$30,000.00. Following the discussion, on motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board determined that such an emergency did exist and directed the Superintendent to prepare and publish the necessary legal advertisement.

Forensic Association Workshop

A request was received from Miss Smith to attend the Forensic Association Workshop of September 18 and 19, taking one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) day of professional leave on the 18th and one (1) day of professional leave on the 19th. Following a discussion, this request was approved.

Cumulative Building Fund

Superintendent reported to the Board that cumulative building fund money invested in certificates of deposit had earned \$2,406.00 over a seven month period.

Construction Update

Superintendent reported that the progress was continuing on the roofing and that the work was said to be ~~two-thirds~~ ^{one-half} complete with all metal fascia installed and ~~beginning~~ ^{in process} of installation. He reported that the fencing was largely completed around the tennis courts and that the sealing and striping would follow.

I. S. B. A. Convention

Attention was called to the fact that the I. S. B. A. Convention would be held at French Lick on October 8 through 10. Following a discussion, member Jack D. Hall was elected as the district's delegate to the convention.

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Following a discussion of various other matters, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 8:45 p.m.

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Held September 22, 1975

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 22d day of September, 1975 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. with Board Members Hall, Eisterhold, Tenison, Staples and Fletchall present. Also attending were Superintendent Hollen, Administrative Assistant Wilson, and Attorney Schuler, and representatives of the Indiana State Teachers Association and of N.E.A. North Posey County.

The meeting was called to order by the President who presided. Minutes of the previous Meeting of September 8, 1975, were read to the Board and approved as read.

Claims No. 190-220 in the total amount of \$5,603.63 and Title II Claims No. 11-15 in the total amount of \$389.32 were presented to the Board for consideration and upon motion duly made by Hall, seconded by Eisterhold, and unanimously carried, were approved by the Board and ordered paid.

Construction Update

Superintendent Hollen reported that work on the roof was nearing completion and indicated that there was some flashing to be installed and 8 roof vents and that there was also a final coat of roofing tar to be applied over a portion of the roof.

Superintendent indicated that the tennis court fences had been completed, the courts sealed, and that striping would be completed on Tuesday, September 23, after which the courts would be completed.

It was reported that the fencing around the bus parking lot had been installed and that with the installation of gates the project would be completed.

North Elementary Fencing

The Superintendent reported that he had received a number of requests from concerned parents for the installation of fencing along the north boundary of the playground area west of the North Elementary School and along the right of way of Fletchall Avenue. He indicated that children playing in this area would occasionally dash into the street in pursuit of a ball or for other purposes. Following the discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, permission was given to install 6 foot chain linked fencing at an estimated cost of \$900.00.

Xerox Equipment

Mr. Wilson reported on a proposal submitted by the Xerox Corporation to install a Xerox #700 machine in the Jr.-Sr. High-school for all duplicating or reproduction purposes. The cost of this would be a minimum of \$330.00 per month with the school district furnishing paper and supplies. Following a discussion, the proposal was rejected.

Vocational Equipment Application

Mr. Wilson reported that the vocational equipment purchase application previously submitted had been approved in the amount of \$3,248.00 and would be funded to the extent of 60 per cent by federal funds. He also reported that cash available was sufficient to fund only 30 per cent and accordingly there would be the sum of \$975.00 available for the purchase of this equipment. He recommended the purchase of five (5) electric typewriters at the lowest quote for use in the business lab. Approval of this purchase was given.

Civil Defense Parking Attendants

Mr. Hollen reported to the Board that the Posey County Civil Defense organization had undertaken to control and direct traffic at the high school football games and that they had been doing an excellent job and he recommended that a letter of thanks be directed to the organization. Permission was given by the Board to send this letter.

School Board Convention

The Superintendent reported that there were no rooms available at the French Lick Sheridan Hotel and that it would be necessary to attempt to secure reservations at nearby motels.

Chief Negotiators Claim

The Superintendent reported that a claim had been received from Ralph Schuler as chief negotiator in the efforts to achieve a contract with N.E.A. North Posey County covering the period of February 4, 1975 through September 22, 1975 in the total amount of \$3,393.75. Following a discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded this claim was approved and ordered paid.

Negotiation Update

Mr. Schuler and Mr. Wilson reported to the Board that a letter had been received from IEERB requesting that negotiations between the Board and N.E.A. North Posey County continue and suggesting that the two organizations could either jointly request binding arbitration or the designation of another mediator to attempt to secure a contract agreement. Mr. Schuler reported that a joint request for a mediator had been submitted on August 20, 1975, and that both organizations had been awaiting the arrival of this mediator, but that IEERB now said they wanted a fresh request. Accordingly, a letter requesting a mediator was signed by Mr. Schuler as chief negotiator for the Board and would be signed by Myron Westfall as president of N.E.A. North Posey County.

Following a general discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 9:30 p.m.

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