MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTY, INDIANA HELD NOVEMBER 6, 1995

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the M.S.D. of North Posey County, Indiana, was held in the North Posey High School cafeteria on the 6th day of November, 1995 at the hour of 6:16 o'clock P.M., with Board Members Baehl, Seibert, Lewis, Buecher, and Mauck present. Also attending were Superintendent Brenton, Administrative Assistant Rapp, and School Attorney Bender.

Public Information Meeting

Superintendent Brenton opened the meeting by explaining that the purpose of the meeting was to conduct a public information meeting in order to seek public input and answer questions relating to the proposed new construction, remodeling, and air conditioning being considered by the Board of Education.

Superintendent Brenton then introduced Lonnie Therber, the Board's financial consultant, who explained the financial impact of the proposed construction, remodeling, and air conditioning. Mr.Therber answered questions from patrons and there was an extended time of questions and answers between board members and patrons.

There were thirty-two (32) patrons present at the meeting.

There being no further questions from patrons, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

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

HELD NOVEMBER 13, 1995

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the M.S.D. of North Posey County, Indiana was held in the cafeteria at North Posey High School on the 13th day of November, 1995, with Board Members Baehl, Seibert, Lewis, Buecher, and Mauck present. Also attending were Superintendent Brenton, Administrative Assistant Rapp, School Attorney William Bender, and Tom Durkin, representing Shoulders, Veazey and Parrott Architects.

At 5:00 P.M. it was the decision of the Board to go into an executive session to discuss applications for the superintendent's position and other personnel matters. The Board secured from executive session at 6:37 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Baehl, who presided. Minutes of the October 9, 1995 and November 6, 1995 meetings were read to the Board and approved as read.

Claims

A copy of the claim docket was presented to the Board for their consideration and upon a motion made by Mauck, seconded by Seibert and unanimously carried, was approved. A copy of the approved claim docket shall be made a part of the minutes by incorporation.

Preliminary Determination Hearing

President Baehl stated that the Board had established their priority needs for the proposed building and remodeling program in the following order: classrooms at North Posey Jr. High School, air conditioning of all schools and renovation of the high school auditorium and band room. He further explained that the Board would delay on making a final decision on the total dollar ceiling for the proposed project until November 30, 1995 because Lonnie Therber, the Board's financial consultant, was unable to be in attendance. He further stated that at the meeting on November 30th the Board would make a final decision on the maximum total bond issue, the maximum interest rate, the maximum term of the lease agreement, and the maximum amount of interest dollars. Following a discussion between the Board and the people present at the meeting, Jim Droege read a prepared statement expressing his views and closed by making the following statement: "The Board should ask itself, does this expenditure of money enhance education? before it makes any final decisions."

No TV Week

Board Member Mauck announced that the present week (Nov. 13-17) was "NO TV WEEK" in all North Posey Schools, explaining it was an attempt to make families think more about how they use their time and encourage their children to read. She further explained that students were being asked to sign contract agreements that they would comply with the guidelines established for "NO TV" during the week and that various prizes would be awarded to students who participated and met the guideliness established for "NO TV WEEK".

Results of Surplus Auction

Mr. Brenton reported that the surplus auction conducted at North Posey High School on November 4th brought in a net amount of \$1617.00.

American Education Week

Mr. Brenton reported that November 13 thru 17 was American Education Week and that he would be sending cakes to each of the schools for teachers on behalf of the Board of Education.

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1996 Budget Hearing

Mr. Brenton reported to the Board that he had met with the State Board of Tax Commissioners for the district's 1996 budget hearing and that the total tax rate for all funds was set at \$4.79, based upon the 1995 assessed evaluation of \$65,345,332. He further explained that there was a decrease from the 1995 total tax rate, which was \$4.98.

Permission to Advertise for School Bus Bids

Upon a request made by Mr. Rapp, on a motion duly made by Lewis, seconded by Mauck and unanimously carried, the Board gave him permissioin to advertise for bids on three (3) 1996 model school buses.

Volleyball Coaches Resignations

On a motion made by Mauck, seconded by Lewis, and unanimously carried, the Board reluctantly accepted the resignations of Mary Heldt as volleyball coach and Julie Gries as assistant volleyball coach. President Baehl asked the superintendent to write a letter of appreciation to them on behalf of the Board.

Teacher Requests

On a motion made by Buecher, seconded by Seibert, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following teacher requests:

<u>Linda Reising</u> - professional leave on November 15-16, February 6, and March 13, in order to conduct four writing workshops for the Indiana Department of Education.

 $\underline{\text{Diane Smith}}$ - to chaperon 12 North Posey High School students to participate in a speech meet invitational to be held at Indiana University on November 17th and 18th.

Teacher Retirement

On a motion duly made by Seibert, seconded by Mauck, and unanimously carried, the Board accepted Ellen Berberich's intent to retire from teaching at the end of the 1995-96 school year.

Indiana School Board Association Dues

It was the unanimous decision of the Board to approve payment of the district's annual dues to the Indiana School Boards Association for 1996.

Coaching Recommendations

On a motion made by Seibert, seconded by Lewis, and unanimously carried, the Board approved Mr. Wood's recommendation to employ Kevin Miller as assistant wrestling coach and Mike Kissell and Jeff O'Risky as volunteer wrestling coaches for the 1995-96 school year.

Request of Baptist Church

Following a brief discussion, on a motion duly made by Buecher, seconded by Seibert, and unanimously carried, the Board denied a request from a Baptist Church to use a South Terrace Elementary classroom on Sunday mornings for a Bible study.

Request for Homebound Instruction

Upon the recommendation of John Wood, on a motion duly made by Mauck, seconded by Lewis, and unanimously carried, the Board approved homebound instruction for Linsday Puckett.

Letter of Congratulations - Football Coaches and Team

Mr. Brenton was elated to report the success of the North Posey High School football team on their 32-6 victory over Brownstown Central in the Regional Championship game and wished them well in next Saturday's semi-state championship game with North Montgomery. President Baehl asked Mr. Brenton to write a letter on behalf of the Board, congratulating the team and coaches on their accomplishments.

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Qualities Expected in a New Superintendent

President Baehl asked for public input from the thirty-two patrons present at the meeting. The following comments were made:

"We need someone who is opened minded and will listen."

"We need someone who will stay and not use the position as a "stepping stone" to another job in a different district."

"We need a Superintendent who cares about students and teachers and cares about the whole district, not just select areas."

"We need a Superintendent who the foremost thing in his mind is the education of the children and one who has a goal of excellence for the school and students."

"We need a person who has good business sense".

Project 4R's Grant

Upon the recommendation of the superintendent, the Board accepted the Project $4R\$ s 1995 for North Elementary School which will provide a grant of \$20,000 from the Indiana Department of Education and a local contribution of \$20,000 for a total budget of \$40,000. The district's five year technology plan is on file with the Indiana Department of Education.

As there was no further business to come before the Board at this time the meeting was adjourned at $8:15\ P.M.$

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