# Minutes of a Special Meeting of the

## **Board of Education of the** Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana

Held on April 7, 1997

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the M.S.D. of North Posey County, Indiana, was held in the office of the Superintendent of Schools on the 7th Day of April, 1997, at the hour of 5:00 p.m. with Board members Michael Baehl, Mark Seibert, Larry Lewis, and Kathy Mauck present. Also attending were Superintendent Ernest Rapp and John D. Wood.

At 5:00 p.m. it was the decision of the Board to go into an Executive Session to discuss personnel recommendations for the 1997-98 school year with Debra Harrington, Principal, and Steve Fisher, Assistant Principal of North Posey High School; Kevin Sergesketter, Principal of North Posey Junior High; Robert Gentil, Principal of South Terrace Elementary; and Thomas Schapker, Principal of North Elementary School.

The Board secured from Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Board of Education M.S.D. of North Posey County
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# Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana

Held on April 14, 1997

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the M.S.D. of North Posey County, Poseyville, Indiana, was held in the Board Room at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools on the 14th day of April, 1997. The meeting began at the hour of 5:30 p.m. The following Board members were present: Mr. Baehl, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Seibert, and Mrs. Mauck. Also present were Ernest W. Rapp, Superintendent, and John D. Wood, Administrative Assistant.

At 5:30 p.m., it was the decision of the Board to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel according to Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1, specifically section 8. The Board adjourned from Executive Session at 6:12 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:15 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Baehl. Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday, March 10, 1997, were submitted to the Board and approved on a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Seibert and unanimously carried.

#### **CLAIM DOCKET**

A copy of the current claim docket was presented to the Board for consideration. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Seibert, and unanimously carried, the claim docket was approved by the Board. A copy of the claim docket, as approved by the Board, shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

## **AGENDA**

#### **Student Activities Survey**

Mr. Rapp introduced Mr. Keith Batteiger, representing the North Posey Youth Soccer program, to present an activities survey form to be used to help determine student's interest in extracurricular activities in grades 6-11. The results will be used to help plan for future extracurricular activities at the junior high and the high school. Students in grades 6-11 will be asked to complete the survey indicating the activities they would like to participate in when they reach high school. Mr. Batteiger volunteered to tabulate the results of the survey and report to the Board. Mr. Rapp requested a blank be placed on the survey form for students to sign their name. Mr. Batteiger agreed to provide a signature line on the form. With this addition, the Board accepted the survey form. On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the Board approved unanimously the survey plan.

#### **TDS Telecom Proposal**

Mr. Rapp introduced Mr. James Elless, company manager of TDS Telecom, to present a proposal to the Board called the TDSNET School Partnership Program. TDSNET will earmark a \$15 donation to the M.S.D. of North Posey County each time a community member signs up for residential Internet access through the schools. Accumulated donations will be paid to the school district quarterly, with funds dedicated to the school technology fund. Mr. Elless explained the Internet service reaches all areas of the school district. Mr. Rapp appointed Mr. Wood as the contact representative for the school district. Mr. Wood will work with Mr. Elless and the building principals to initiate this program. On a motion duly made by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion unanimously carried.

## **Social Studies Textbook Adoption**

Mr. Rapp asked Mr. Wood to present the recommendation for the adoption of social studies textbooks to be used for the next six (6) years. Mr. Wood provided the Board with a complete listing of the textbooks selected by the Textbook Adoption Committee from each school. These social studies textbooks were reviewed by teachers and parents. On a motion

by Mr. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion was unanimously passed. A complete listing of the social studies textbooks approved by the Board shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

#### New Teacher Recommendations for the 1997-98 School Year

Mr. Rapp recommended to the Board the employment of the following new teachers at North Posey High School for the 1997-98 school year:

• Amanda M. Davis

English

Jason C. Johnston

Industrial Technology

• Jeff S. Beavin

English (5 periods only)

On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

### North Posey High School Alumni Association Dinner & Dance

Mr. Rapp shared with the Board information regarding the annual North Posey High School Alumni Association dinner and dance. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 1997. It will be held at the Knights of St. John in St. Wendel. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the dance will follow from 8 to 11 p.m. Tickets are on sale for \$15 per person. The public is invited.

#### Personnel Recommendations for 1997-98

Mr. Rapp presented the Board with the final recommendations for personnel for the school district for the 1997-98 school year. He also requested the adoption of the 1997-98 student policy handbooks and folders for each of the schools. Mr. Rapp completed his recommendations by requesting the approval of a new in-school suspension policy to be implemented at North Posey High School. On a motion duly made by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the recommendations were unanimously approved by the Board. A copy of the written recommendations for personnel for 1997-98, as approved by the Board, shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

#### **Professional Leave Requests**

Mr. Rapp asked the Board to grant approval of the following professional leave requests: <u>Judy Phipps</u> - Attend Business Professionals of America National Contest with Trisha Wallace - April 25, 28, and 29

<u>Patricia Nalin</u> - Attend the Conference on Educational Programs for Students with Emotional Handicaps in Nashville, IN - May 8-9

<u>Lana Kraft, Yvonne Knies, Jennifer Schroeder, Terri Frantz</u> - Attend the 1997 Indiana Summer Institute for Technology Workshop on Building Curriculum Bridges with Technology at Loogootee, IN, on July 29-31

On a motion duly made by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion unanimously carried.

# **Outstanding Individual and Team Accomplishments**

Mr. Rapp proudly announced to the Board the results of the 1997 Pocket Athletic Conference Academic Super Bowl competition held on Thursday, March 20, 1997, at Pike Central High School, Petersburg, IN. North Posey High School won their 4th conference championship at this competition. This is quite an accomplishment! Team members will compete in the Indiana Academic Super Bowl Competition on Monday, April 14, 1997, at Evansville Reitz High School. Mr. Rapp informed the Board that Trisha Wallace, a senior at North Posey High School, qualified to complete in Business Professionals Association's national contest in Orlando, Florida, April 25-29, 1997. Mr. Rapp apprised the Board of this year's winners of the Earth Day competition, sponsored by General Electric Company, Mt. Vernon, Indiana. There were over 2,400 student entries this year, and of the 14 individual winners, 8 were from the North Posey school district. Mr. Rapp publicly congratulated all of these outstanding students on behalf of the Board and the entire school/community.

#### Recommendation of Volunteer Assistant Girls' Tennis Coach

Mr. Rapp made the following recommendations to the Board for their approval:

Roger Butler - Volunteer assistant girls' tennis coach for 1997

Becky Rexing - Cheer coach at North Posey High School for 1997-98

On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion unanimously carried.

#### Request for Permission to Install Fence

Mr. Rapp asked the Board for permission to purchase fencing material from Tri-State Fence Company to enclose the area behind the Vo-Ag Shop at North Posey High School for storage. The fence would include privacy slats. The purchase amount would be \$1,296. Mr. Rapp stated the school district's maintenance staff will install the fence. On a motion by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the project was unanimously approved.

#### North Elementary Principal's Resignation

Mr. Rapp informed the Board of the resignation of Thomas Schapker as principal of North Elementary School, effective at the conclusion of the 1996-97 school year. Mr. Rapp explained that Mr. Schapker's decision was based on his desire to return to the classroom. On a motion duly made by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion unanimously carried.

## **Next Board Meeting**

Mr. Rapp announced to the Board the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, May 12, 1997, at 6:15 p.m. There will be an Executive Session at 5:30 p.m.

#### **Band Boosters Presentation**

Mr. Rapp introduced Jim Wilson, representing the North Posey Band Boosters, for a presentation to the Board. Mr. Wilson informed the Board that the Boosters had purchased a sound system and a lighting system for the auditorium at North Posey High School. These systems were install by volunteers at no cost. Mr. Wilson officially presented these systems to the school corporation. His only request was that trained personnel only be allowed to operate the new systems in the auditorium at all activities. The Board thanked Mr. Wilson for the generous gift and informed him his request was granted. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion unanimously carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further school business to come before the Board at this time, President Baehl entertained a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Lewis, and unanimously carried. The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Michael A. Baehl

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