# Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the

## Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana Held on November 13, 2000

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the MSD of North Posey County, Poseyville, Indiana, was held in the Board Room at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2000. The meeting began at the hour of 5:30 p.m. The following Board members were present: Larry Lewis, Kathy Mauck, Michael Baehl, Mark Seibert, and Stephen Bender. 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 IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (2-B) for discussion of strategy with respect to initiation of litigation or litigation which is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing; and/or; IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (8) to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. The Board adjourned from Executive Session at 6:36 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:38 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Larry Lewis. Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday, October 16, 2000, 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. Bender, 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**

#### **Future Remodeling Needs**

Mr. Rapp asked the Board to table the planned discussion on future needs to remodel, renovate, and/or build additions to the existing school buildings in the district. The Board will come prepared to discuss their ideas at the meeting in December.

## **Recognition of Academic Honors**

Mr. Rapp publicly recognized the recent success of the Spell Bowl Teams from North Posey Jr. High School and North Posey High School. Both teams won their respective district competitions and easily qualified for the State Competition in Indianapolis. The two teams traveled to Indianapolis on Saturday, November 11, 2000 to compete in the State Spell Bowl Finals. The North Posey Jr. High School Team won their 11<sup>th</sup> State Spell Bowl Championship in their division. The North Posey High School Team finished second in their division by just one point in the

scoring. Mr. Rapp praised the teams and their coaches; Mrs. Patricia Hewig and Mrs. Teresa Welch from North Posey Jr. High School and Mrs. Roberta Adamson from North Posey High School, for their fantastic performances.

## Athletic Recognition

Mr. Rapp praised the athletic achievements of the North Posey High School 2000 Girls' Cross Country Team. Coach Bill Centifanto's team earned the opportunity to compete in the IHSSA Semi-State Meet for the fourth year in a row this season. This year's team was lead by nine outstanding seniors. Mr. Rapp congratulated the team and Coach Centifanto for a super season.

#### **Veterans Day Programs**

Mr. Rapp shared the highlights of the Veteran's Day program held at North Elementary School, South Terrace Elementary School and North Posey High School on Friday, November 10, 2000. Each school did an outstanding job paying honor to our Veterans. On Monday, November 13, 2000 the junior high students were transported to Evansville to visit the World War II exhibit on display at Casino Aztar. This trip gave these students a great opportunity to see some of the actual memorabilia from World War II. It was a great lesson in United States history and a great way to honor our Veterans.

## 2001 Budget Report

Mr. Rapp reported to the Board that he had not received notification from the State Board of Tax Commissioners of approval of the 2001 school budget. He stated that he would review the budget approval at the December meeting.

#### **Audit by Indiana State Board of Accounts**

Mr. Rapp informed the Board that Mr. Alan Linneweber, an auditor with the State Board of Accounts, began the biannual audit of the financial records of the School Corporation on Tuesday, October 24. During this audit Mr. Linneweber will be checking the financial records for the entire district for the two-year period of July 1, 1998 through June 30, 2000. The audit should be completed in approximately six weeks.

#### **FFA Test Plot Donor Hog Roast**

Mr. Rapp announced that the North Posey High School FFA would host their annual Test Plot Donor Hog Roast on Thursday, November 16, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. in the North Posey High School Cafeteria. Mr. Rapp invited all of the Board members to attend this evening of recognition and good fellowship.

## **Professional Leave Requests**

Mr. Rapp requested the Board approve the following professional leave requests: Waynette Westerfield, Carlene VanLaningham, Susan Crawford, Sandy Esche and Jeanella Shelby – Attend the Reading Renaissance Seminar on Accelerated Reader in St. Louis on November 14 (Tues)

<u>Jenifer Neidig & Gayle Blunier</u> – Attend workshop in Evansville sponsored by the Indiana Essential Skills and Technical Proficiencies Initiative on November 29 (Wed)

<u>Joe Gengelbach</u> – Attend the Selection Meeting for the All-State Football Team in Indianapolis on December 1 (Fri)

On a motion by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mr. Bender, the Board unanimously approved the motion to grant the professional leaves.

#### **Recommendation of Volunteer Coaches**

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board approve the appointment of Mr. J. R. Seymour as a volunteer assistant boy's basketball coach at North Posey High School for the 2000-2001 season. Also, Mr. Rapp recommended that Mr. Danny Embrey and Mr. J. R. Seymour be appointed volunteer assistant baseball coaches at North Posey High School for the 2001 season. On a motion by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the motion unanimously carried.

## **Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive**

Mr. Rapp announced that the North Posey Jr. High School Student Council is currently conducting their annual Thanksgiving food drive for the less fortunate families in their school. The students will collect food and prepare the food baskets. The Student Council is lead by their sponsor Mrs. Susan Roberts. Mrs. Sara Barr, counselor, will head the distribution of the Thanksgiving food baskets.

### Resignation of Ann Wilson

Mr. Wood asked the Board to accept the resignation of Ann Wilson as a school bus driver for the School Corporation effective Friday, October 27, 2000. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the motion unanimously passed.

#### **Shortened School Day Request**

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board approve the request by Kristina Crowder, a senior at North Posey High School, for a shortened day schedule for the second semester of the year 2000-2001. On motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Bender, the motion unanimously passed.

#### Retirement of Ernest Rapp and Eudora Hopf

Mr. Rapp presented the Board with letters of retirement submitted by School Corporation Treasurer, Eudora Hopf and Superintendent Ernie Rapp effective June 30, 2001. Mr. Rapp recognized Mrs. Hopf for 24 years of loyal and dedicated service to the School Corporation. She will be greatly missed. Mr. Rapp thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to serve as a teacher, assistant principal, assistant superintendent, and superintendent for the past 29 years for the MSD of North Posey County. Mr. Rapp acknowledged how much he has really enjoyed his career in public education. He will be greatly missed as well. On a motion by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mrs. Mauck the Board reluctantly accepted the letters of retirement.

#### **Next Regular Board Meeting**

Mr. Rapp established the date for the next regular Board meeting for Monday, December 11, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. with an executive session at 5:00 p.m.

#### Adjournment

As there was no further school business to come before the Board at this time, President Lewis entertained a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Baehl and unanimously carried. The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Larry O. Lewis, President

Stephen H. Bender, Board Member

Michael A. Baehl, Vice-President

Mark J. Seibert, Board Member

Kathy A. Mauck Kathy A. Mauck, Secretary

**Board of Education MSD of North Posey County**