# Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education Of the Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana Held on May 12, 2003

A 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 12th day of May 2003. The meeting began at the hour of 6:30 p.m. The following were present:

Larry Lewis—President John Wood—Superintendent Stephen Bender—Board Member

Mark Seibert—Board Member

Mike Baehl—Vice-President Kathy Mauck—Secretary

Todd Armstrong—Administrative Assistant

#### **Executive Session**

The Board convened the Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (2a) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining; (2b) to discuss initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically; and (9) to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. The Board adjourned Executive Session at 6:39 p.m.

# Regular Meeting

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:45 p.m. with Board President Larry Lewis calling the meeting to order with the initiation of the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Baehl, and unanimously carried. Minutes of the previous meeting held on April 21, 2003 were submitted to the Board and approved, contingent upon two corrections identified by Mrs. Mauck, on a motion by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Baehl, and unanimously carried.

## Claim Docket

A copy of the current claim docket was presented to the Board for consideration. Upon a motion made by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the claim docket was unanimously approved by the Board. A copy of the claim docket shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

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#### **Old Business**

Mr. Wood requested that the Board approve the refinancing of 1994 school bonds. The new bonds will keep payments and payoff date the same, but because of lower interest rates, will provide approximately \$250,000 of additional monies. The first call date for the new bonds will be January 15, 2006, as the money will be escrowed to pay off old bonds. Determination

on how to spend the extra money will be made at a later date. Mr. Seibert motioned, seconded by Mr. Baehl, and the Board voted unanimously to refinance the bonds.

Following approval of the refinancing, Lonnie Therber, financial advisor, asked permission to contact possible underwriters for the new bonds. Mr. Seibert again motioned, seconded by Mr. Baehl, and the Board followed with a unanimous vote.

#### **New Business**

# Storage Shed for North Posey Youth Club

Debra Schorr, representing the North Posey Youth Club, asked permission to place a storage barn on Corporation property near the baseball fields on the north side of North Elementary School. After discussion on location and color scheme, Mr. Bender motioned, seconded by Mr. Seibert, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

# Honor Council Recognition for North Elementary School

Mr. Wood announced that North Elementary School has again been recognized by the Indiana Association of Student Councils as an IASC Honor Council. The members of the Student Council will travel to Attica, Indiana on May 13, 2003 to receive their recognition.

# Declaration of Surplus Equipment

Mr. Camp, principal of North Posey High School, submitted a request to surplus old computer equipment stored at the high school. Mr. Wood recommended approval of the request. Mrs. Mauck motioned, seconded by Mr. Bender, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

#### 2004-2005 School Budgeting Formula

Mr. Wood provided an overview of the proposed funding formula for the 2004 and 2005 budget years. He identified areas of increase and decrease, as well as explained the possible transfer from Capital Projects.

## Book Rental at the Elementary Schools

Mr. Teel and Mrs. Carlton submitted book rental fees for textbooks and consumables for grades K-6 at both South Terrace and North Elementary for the 2003-2004 school year. Mr. Wood recommended that the Board approval their submittals. Mrs. Mauck made the motion, followed by a second from Mr. Seibert, and the Board voted unanimously to accept the elementary school book rental fee list.

## North Posey High School Basketball Team Camp

Mr. Gary Gentil requested permission to use the high school facilities to hold the North Posey High School Basketball Team Camp on June 23-27, 2003 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Upon Mr. Wood's recommendation, Steve Bender motioned, seconded by Mr. Seibert, and the Board voted unanimously.

# Spring Concert Sound/Lighting Dilemma

June Heilman and Vicky Seibert sent letters expressing concern about the "competency" of the individuals employed as the sound/light technicians for the MSD of North Posey County. Mrs. Heilman was present to verbally discuss her frustration with the spring concert. Mr. Wood provided a detailed explanation of what took place and why during the concert, as well as how improvement in the technical aspect was to be made. Mrs. Heilman also asked why there was not a musical during the 2002-2003 school year. Mr. Wood explained that the construction project delayed the availability of the auditorium so Mrs. Terri Palmer and Mr. David Rodenberg determined that the planning process was too unpredictable this year.

# Request to Spend Extracurricular Funds at STES

Mr. Wood recommended that the Board approve Kelly Carlton's request to spend \$5,000 from South Terrace's miscellaneous account to purchase books and Accelerated Reader quizzes for the library. Mr. Seibert motioned, followed by a second by Mrs. Mauck, and the Board approved the recommendation unanimously.

#### **For Your Information**

Mr. Wood shared the following information with the Board:

- 1) Honor Night at North Posey High School will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Commencement Exercises for the Class of 2003 will take place on Friday, May 23, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. Board members should be present at 6:00 p.m. for pictures.
- 3) The last day of school for students and teachers shall be on Tuesday, May 27, 2003.
- 4) Director of Special Services for Posey County, Mr. Robert Domizio's, retirement reception is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. at Western Hills Country Club in Mt. Vernon, Indiana.
- 5) Summer school is scheduled for June 2-June 27, 2003.
- 6) Poseyville Kiwanis are providing at no cost "DNA Collection Kits" for any parent of elementary-aged children in the MSD of North Posey County.

## Summer School 2003

Mr. Armstrong provided the details of summer school at each of the buildings for the 2003 school year. Both North and South Terrace Elementary will provide ISTEP+ remediation classes while the high school will offer driver's education, band, supervised agriculture experience, government, and English.

## ISTEP+ Spring Retest

Mr. Armstrong shared information regarding the number of students who passed the ISTEP+ spring retest in grades eleven and twelve. Remediation efforts appear to be quite effective.

#### Future School Board Meetings

A Special Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. The next regular School Board meeting will be on Monday, June 9, 2003 starting at 6:30 p.m. with Executive Session scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

#### **Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Board, president Larry Lewis entertained a motion to adjourn by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Bender, and unanimously carried. The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Larry O. Lewis, President

Michael A Baehl Vice-President

Mathy A. Mauck, Secretary

Stephen H. Bender, Board Member

Mark J. Seibert, Board Member

Board of Education MSD of North Posey County