

**Minutes – Meeting of the  
Board of Education of the  
Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana**

**January 10, 2022**

A meeting of the Board of Education of the MSD of North Posey County, Poseyville, Indiana, was held in the Board office of MSD of North Posey County, on January 10, 2022. The following Board members were present:

- Michael Galvin, Superintendent
- Michelle Walden, Assistant Superintendent
- Geoffrey A. Gentil, President
- Gregory U. Schmitt, Vice President
- Amy J. Will, Acting Secretary
- Vincent F. Oakley, Member
- Larry Kahle, Member
- Josh Orem, School Board Attorney

**Regular Meeting**

The Board of Education convened for the regular meeting at 6:29 p.m. with Acting President, Geoff Gentil, calling the meeting to order with the initiation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members and coaches of the Junior High and High School Spell Bowl teams were present to discuss their recent accomplishments. Both teams won their respective State Competitions in November. The junior high team also had two students qualify for the individual State Spell Bowl competition, Audrey Fisher and Katelyn Seibert. Both of these amazing spellers earned a perfect score at competition. The Board commended both teams for their outstanding accomplishments and thanked them for representing North Posey so well.

**Patron Concerns**

There were no patrons present to address the Board.

**Oath of Office and Reorganization**

Mr. Galvin turned the meeting over to school board attorney, Josh Orem, to reorganize the School Board and lead the elections

Josh Orem opened the floor for nominations for the office of President of the School Board. Mr. Schmitt nominated Geoff Gentil for President. Josh Orem called for a vote. Geoff Gentil was elected with a 5 to 0 vote.

Josh Orem opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice President of the School Board. Mr. Gentil nominated Greg Schmitt for Vice President. Josh Orem called for a vote. Greg Schmitt was elected with a 5 to 0 vote.

Josh Orem opened the floor for nominations for the office of Secretary of the School Board. Mr. Gentil nominated Amy Will for Secretary. Josh Orem called for a vote. Amy Will was elected with a 5 to 0 vote.

Josh Orem asked the members to appoint a treasurer and deputy treasurer for the District. Mr. Gentil made a motion to appoint Carol Lupfer as District Treasurer and Lori Lingafelter as District Deputy Treasurer, and Mr. Schmitt seconded the appointment. The appointment carried 5 to 0.

Josh Orem turned the meeting over to Geoff Gentil, the newly elected president.

Mr. Gentil asked the Board to appoint a School Board Attorney. Mr. Oakley made a motion to appoint Josh Orem as the School Board Attorney, and Mr. Kahle seconded the motion. The appointment carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Gentil asked the Board to nominate members to the Board of Finance. Mr. Schmitt made a motion to appoint Mr. Gentil as President of the Board of Finance and Mr. Kahle as Treasurer of the Board of Finance, and Mrs. Will seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Gentil asked the Board to appoint a Policy Liaison and Legislative Liaison for the Board. Mr. Kahle made a motion to appoint Mrs. Will as Policy Liaison and Mr. Oakley as Legislative Liaison, and Mr. Schmitt seconded the motion. The appointment carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Galvin informed the Board that they should examine compensation wages for the Board. Mr. Oakley made a motion that the Board retain their compensation package. Mr. Schmitt seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5 to 0. The Board will receive a \$2,000.00 annual stipend and \$100.00 per meeting for twelve (12) meetings for a maximum salary of \$3,200.00 per member for a calendar year of service.

Mr. Galvin passed out Conflict of Interest statements to Michael Galvin, Geoff Gentil, Larry Kahle, and Vince Oakley to sign. No action from the Board was needed.

### **Minutes, Claim Docket and Consent Items**

Mr. Gentil asked the Board for a motion to approve the consent items as listed:

- Minutes of the previous meeting on December 14, 2021.
- Claim Docket for the period of December 14, 2021 to January 10, 2022.
- The following FMLA and personal leave requests:
  - Cody Moll: Teacher & Coach North Posey High School FMLA January 3-20, 2022
  - Donna Elpers: Bus Driver – Leave Request for January 23, 2022 – January 31, 2022
  - Cindy Wright: North Posey High School Library Assistant - Leave Request for January 25, 2022 – January 28, 2022
  - Wendy Babcock – Leave Request for January 31 – February 8, 2022
  - Chandra Gauer- Leave Request for February 11-18, 2022
- The following resignations for the 2020-2021 school year:

- Brendon Kelley: Resignation as the North Posey High School Assistant Wrestling Coach
- The following hiring & transfer requests for the 2020-2021 school year:
  - Katie Mayes: Food Service Position at North Posey High School
  - Drew Duckworth: South Terrace Robotics' Sponsor
  - Jon Mason: Long Term Substitute for Kayla Sanford approximately February 12-March 14, 2022
  - Amanda Smith: Assistant Track Coach at North Posey High School
  - Matt Dahlgren: North Posey Junior High 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Volunteer Coach
- The following overnight and/or out of state field trips:
  - Victoria Schaefer to take two (2) students to the IMEA Middle School Honor Choir
  - Sean Fisher to take up to 150 students to Camp Carson May 20 – 22, 2022 for an extracurricular incentive trip.
- The following renewal contracts:
  - ESCRFT: Property and Casualty Insurance Package. The total for the package is \$133,727.90 for 2022. This is an increase of \$12,231.69 from 2021. In addition, we shall add a Cyber Liability policy for an additional \$5,287.00.

Mr. Oakley made a motion to approve the consent items as presented and Mrs. Will seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**New Business**

Mr. Galvin presented for consideration the 2021-2022 calendar change of Thursday, February 10, 2022 from an early dismissal to an eLearning Day due to changes in the Indiana Department of Education instructional time requirements. Mr. Schmitt made a motion to approve the change to the 2021-2022 school calendar and Mr. Kahle seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Mr. Galvin presented for consideration the bid recommendation for the North Posey Junior High Office RTU Replacement Project. Based upon the bids, the Stenftenagel Group is recommending DeBra-Kuempel at an amount of \$47,795.00. This will be paid from ESSER III funds to improve the air quality within the school. The bids received were as follows:

Contractor	Bid Total
DeBra-Kuempel	\$47,795.00
Harrell-Fish, Inc	\$58,600.00
Deig Brothers	\$61,600.00
Huntingburg Machine Works	\$57,000.00

Mr. Oakley made a motion to accept DeBra-Kuempel's proposal and Mr. Schmitt seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Mr. Galvin requested permission to seek bids for the North Posey High School Chiller Replacement at an estimated budget of \$319,000.00. This will be paid from ESSER III funds to improve the air quality within the school. Mrs. Will made a motion to approve the request and Mr.

Kahle seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0. Bid opening is scheduled for February 2, 2022.

Mr. Galvin requested permission to seek bids for the North Posey Junior High Boiler Replacement at an estimated budget of \$85,000.00. This would be paid from the Operations' Fund.

Mr. Kahle made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Oakley seconded the motion. The motion passes 5 to 0.

Mr. Galvin requested permission to seek bids for the 2022 District Lawn Maintenance Contract.

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to approve the request and Mrs. Will seconded the motion. The motion passes 5 to 0.

Mr. Galvin presented for consideration the Resolution Terminating the Joint Agreement for Special Education between MSD of Mt. Vernon and MSD of North Posey County effective June 30, 2022. MSD of Mt. Vernon passed their resolution during their December 20, 2021 meeting of the Board of School Trustees. Mr. Schmitt made a motion to approve the resolution and Mrs. Will seconded the motion. The motion passes 5 to 0.

Mrs. Walden presented to the Board for first reading a transportation policy-outlining procedures for allowing outside nonprofit organizations to request school transportation for their needs. No action needed at this time.

**Personnel**

**Professional Leave**

Mr. Galvin presented the following professional leave requests:

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Date/Reason</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Approx Cost/Fund</b>
Michael MacMunn	NPHS	January 13, 2022 STEM Conference	Purdue	\$250.00 + Sub Costs STEM Acceleration Grant
Dustin May	NPJHS	January 14-16, 2022 IHSBCA Baseball Clinic	Indianapolis	\$155.00 + Sub Costs ECA Athletics
Brandon Barrett	NPHS	February 3-5, 2022 IHSTECA Coaches Clinic	Indianapolis	\$520.00 + Sub Costs & Van Use ECA Athletics
Courtney Almon Erin Koester Donna McGinness Chelsea Travelstead Matthew Cox Sean Nance Paige Rohrer Patrick Rose Jordan Dietz Shannon MacMunn Amber Oakley Stephanie Quiroz Laura Hall	STES    NPHS   NES   NPJHS	February 22, 2022 SIEC Math Textbook Fair	Huntingburg Event Center	\$15 Registration Per Person and Substitute Costs & Van Use Education Fund

Upon a motion made by Mr. Schmitt and seconded by Mr. Kahle, to approve the professional leave requests with a 5 to 0 vote.

### **Reports and Information**

- State of Schools Address and Financial Review of the District
- Good News Report
- COVID Update

### **Next Board Meeting**

The next Regular Board meeting will be Monday, February 14, 2022 at the Library of North Elementary. Executive session, if needed, will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the regular meeting to begin at 6:30 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Will, seconded by Mr. Kahle. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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Geoffrey A. Gentil, President

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Gregory U. Schmitt, Vice President

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Amy J. Will, Secretary

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Vincent F. Oakley, Member

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Larry A. Kahle, Member

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