

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTYBOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING -- DECEMBER 9, 1957.MINUTES

The Board of Education met on Monday, December 9th, at 7:30 P.M., in the Administrative Office, in Poseyville, with the following members present: Mason Price, Carl Kohlmeyer, Allen Hicks, Eugene Morlock, Norman Wade & Gordon Rogers. (Robert Redman did not attend.)

Also attending the meeting were: Eldon R. Crawford, Supt., Charles Roberts, Ass't. Supt., Ralph Schuler, Attorney; and Roy Goerges, Principal of Griffin School.

BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED AS FOLLOWS:

1. MINUTES:

Since each member had in hand a copy of the November 25th minutes, the motion was made by Mr. Morlock to accept the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Hicks. Carried.

2. CLAIMS:

REGULAR CLAIMS NOS. 875-913 and PAYROLL CLAIMS NOS. 75A-79 were presented for approval of payment. Mr. Morlock moved to pay bills and payroll claims. Seconded by Mr. Rogers. Carried.

(a) APPROVAL OF ALL PAYROLLS FOR DECEMBER 20th:

Since the regular payroll for monthly-basis employees is always due on the last day of the month, Mr. Crawford asked the Board if they would authorize this payroll to be made on December 20th this time, because of Christmas, end of year reports, etc. Mr. Kohlmeyer made a motion to approve this procedure -- seconded by Mr. Morlock. Motion carried.

(b) POSTAGE CLAIMS:

Mr. Crawford also asked the Board to authorize the purchasing of postage, as needed, with claims signed in advance. Motion made by Kohlmeyer -- seconded by Rogers -- to authorize the Administrative Office to write a check for postage as needed, with claims signed in advance. Motion carried.

3. TAX COLLECTIONS -- FINANCE:

Mr. Crawford stated that the December taxes were received in the amounts of \$45,119.75 in Special School Fund; \$49,442.64 in Tuition Fund.

He also stated that the Tuition Fund seemed to be adequate to meet our needs until June, but that the Special Fund will run close, and maybe it will be necessary to get an advance draw in April. By trying to hold down monthly expenses to the absolute minimum, we might be able to make it all right.

4. SCHOOL BUILDING:(a) ELEMENTARY:(1) Investment of Funds -- Treas. notes:

Mr. Crawford reported that \$99,215 has been invested in 90 day Treasury Certificates. Mr. Price read a letter from Federal Reserve Bank, acknowledging receipt of this money, and asking whether to hold these certificates or send them to us. Ralph was of the opinion that we could leave that up to Mr. Wenderoth.

There followed a discussion as to whether or not to invest an additional \$50,000 in the same manner. The motion was made by Mr. Morlock -- seconded by Mr. Rogers -- to invest \$50,000 more in Treasury Certificates. Motion carried.

(2) Builder's Risk Insurance:

It was pointed out by Mr. Crawford that the Building Specifications state "The owner shall furnish Builders' Risk Insurance". There followed a discussion on from whom to get the insurance. Ralph Schuler suggested one single policy, written by Ewing & Boren, Wadesville Insurance Co. and Wilson & Ulrich. Motion to that effect was made by Mr. Wade. Seconded by Mr. Hicks. Carried.

(b) HIGH SCHOOL:(1) Water Well Drilling Progress:

It was reported that Mr. Little is working on the second well -- is down 95 ft. today, and will probably finish Thursday.

Mr. Crawford reported that a sample of the water from the first well is in the hands of the State Board of Health, and we have asked them

to rush the analysis and report, so we can get the appropriation approved, and we can pay part of the cost of the high school site in December.

(2) Room materials specifications:

Specifications for interior materials to be used in the high school were studied by the Board.

5. P.T.A. MEETING:

Mr. Crawford stated that Mrs. Kroener, District Director of State Congress of Parents & Teachers, wants to meet to talk with leaders of P.T.A.'s, at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, December 17th. Any interested Board members are invited to attend this meeting.

6. CHRISTMAS GREETINGS:

Mr. Crawford stated that the Administrative Office has prepared Christmas greetings to send to all school employees. These greetings are to be sent in the name of the Board of Education and Personnel of the Administrative Office of the School District. A sample letter was shown to the Board, and met with the Board's approval.

7. CITIZENS' COMMITTEE:

Mr. Crawford stated that he sees the need for services of a Citizens Committee again. Some areas to bring community leaders in on are:

- (1) Getting good people as candidates for school board members next May.
- (2) Further planning of high school curriculum.
- (3) Planning in Transportation.

It was decided to go back to the old list of Citizens Committee members, send cards, and if any of these citizens aren't interested in working on new projects, maybe they could suggest persons to take their places. These proposed names will then be voted on by the Board members.

8. NAMING OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Mr. Crawford stated that the Board should officially name the new elementary building

There followed a discussion, and because the job seemed to be a tremendous one, they decided to solicit the help of students, parents and other interested persons of the School District. It was agreed that each teacher be instructed to submit one suggested name from his or her room; the public -- if they wish -- may submit a suggested name at the Administrative Office. After all proposed names are received, they will be tabulated and voted upon by the Board of Education, whose decision will be official.

9. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER DISTRICTS:

Mr. Crawford stated that he will check with the County Clerk to see if the registrations are complete, and study the registrations to see if the School Board Member Districts need to be changed, and if they do, to get the commissioners to take action.

10. SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION MAP:

A School Consolidation map was studied. This map shows consolidations up to September 15th.

11. RETARDED BOY AT WADEVILLE SCHOOL:

Mr. Crawford called attention to a boy at Wadesville School -- Jimmie Carroll -- who is not doing well in school, possibly because of a retarded condition. The first grade teacher and Mrs. Allyn, School Nurse, would like to get him to a psychologist, for a check up. It was pointed out that, since he can't learn in school, before we could exclude him, he would need to have an examination. The question was: If the parents of the boy felt they could not pay the expense of this examination, would the Board of Education authorize payment?

In the discussion, Mr. Morlock proposed that the child first be given a chest x-ray, because his father died of tuberculosis.

It was decided that the child be examined by his family doctor first -- then decide afterwards, what needs to be done, and who is to meet the expense.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON DECEMBER 30th, at 7:30 P.M., IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE.

SIGNED:

Chairman.
Carl Kehlmeier
 Secretary.

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTYBOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING -- DECEMBER 30, 1957.MINUTES

The Board of Education met on Monday, December 30th, at 7:30 P.M., in the Administrative Office, with the following members present: Mason Price, Allen Hicks, Carl Kohlmeyer, and Norman Wade. (Gordon Rogers, Robert Redman and Eugene Morlock did not attend.)

Also present were: Eldon R. Crawford, Supt., Charles Roberts, Ass't. Supt., and Ralph Schuler, School Attorney.

BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED AS FOLLOWS:

1. MINUTES:

Since each Board member had in his possession a copy of the minutes of December 9th, Mr. Hicks moved to accept the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Wade. Motion carried.

2. HIGH SCHOOL SITE:

(a) Report on Purchase:

Mr. Schuler reported that the high school site had been purchased, and he presented warranty deeds and claims signed by Alvin & Greta Doll. Mr. Schuler stated that we would need to purchase deed stamps to put on the warranty deeds, and we would also need to pay for a mortgage release. Since this expense was to have been borne by Alvin Doll, it was agreed that we deduct the amount of \$18.85 (the cost of deed stamps and mortgage release) from the claim presented by Mr. Doll for seed wheat and fertilizer.

(b) Bill for Seed Wheat & Fertilizer:

Mr. Crawford presented a claim in the amount of \$36.05, less the \$18.85 for deed stamps and mortgage release -- thus totalling \$17.20 -- from Alvin Doll for seed wheat and fertilizer. This amount was allowed.

(c) Acreage Adjoining High School Site:

There was some discussion on the possibility of purchasing approximately 2 acres adjoining the high school site. It was stated that Mr. Doll is asking \$400 per acre for this ground. As this price seemed too high, in the opinion of some of the Board members, it was decided to let this ride, for the time being.

(d) Agreement for Tenant:

It was stated that Ivan Williams probably would be interested in farming the back part of the school site. A discussion followed as to terms -- cash rent or percentage of crops, and how much ground we can safely let Ivan Williams farm. The Board agreed that they'd like arrangements for Williams to pay all expense, and we'd receive the owner's share of the crops. It was suggested that Mr. Sutton be consulted concerning the acreage we can safely rent out.

(e) Report on Completion of Wells:

Mr. Crawford presented a claim for Mr. Little, the water well driller's services -- in the amount of \$2008.75. Mr. Crawford stated that the State Board of Health has approved the water from the first well. A sample from the second well is waiting to be picked up by a representative from the State Board of Health.

(f) Separate Bidding on Pump Installation:

It was stated that Mr. Little is interested in having an opportunity to bid on installation of the water pump, as he feels he can do it with less expense. In the discussion, the Board felt that it would be a good idea to have separate bidding on installing the water pump, and they asked that this opinion be conveyed to Mr. Sutton.

3. ELEMENTARY SITE & BUILDING:

(a) Building Progress Report:

Nothing much to report. Due to inclement weather, not much work has been done.

(b) Builders' Risk Insurance:

Mr. Ewing & Mr. Ulrich attended a portion of the meeting, to give information concerning Builders' Risk insurance. Since this type of insurance is mandatory, it was decided, in a previous meeting to secure

a single policy divided equally among 3 different agencies, Ewing & Boren, Wadesville Insurance Co. and Wilson & Ulrich.

Some points brought out by Mr. Ulrich were:

- (1) Building must be insured for full amount, at beginning of construction, and will be cancelled pro-rate.
- (2) Builders' Risk Insurance should be in effect at the time the foundation is laid. This insurance is void when building is occupied; at that time, a regular insurance policy can be acquired in its place.
- (3) Mr. Ulrich will investigate to see if architects' fees can be included in Builders' Risk coverage.
- (4) The cost -- on \$350,000 -- annual premium \$994.
- (5) As soon as construction begins, it is advisable to have this policy in effect. The day construction begins, the insurance company can be notified, and the insurance will be in effect automatically.

After a further discussion by the Board, the motion was made by Mr. Kohlmeyer -- seconded by Mr. Wade -- "that we approve the Builders' Risk coverage on actual construction cost, and that part of architects' fee (if available) which is estimated as a cost of supervision of construction, policy to be put into effect when agents are notified -- after construction begins." Motion carried.

(c) Report on Materials Specified:

Mr. Crawford stated that it would be a good idea to investigate and see that cheaper materials aren't substituted in the construction program, as he was advised that a case of this kind -- involving chalkboards -- came up in a similar building program.

(d) Summer Care of Site:

In discussing the summer care of the elementary site, it was the general opinion of the Board that the north end of the site could be rented out for farming. It was taken by consent that we try to rent the north end of the elementary site for farming purposes.

(e) Custodian:

It was stated that, when the elementary building is completed, a custodian will be needed. Mr. Arthur Stierle has made application for this job.

Things to think about:

- (1) Amount of pay for custodial services, keeping in mind that there will be more summer work, caring for the site.
- (2) Length of term of employment -- year-round basis?

Mr. Schuler suggested that the applicants be asked what salary they would consider.

It was decided to continue taking applications, and set the salary and length of term of employment at a later date.

4. BILLS AND CLAIMS:

Bills and Claims Nos. 919-958 were presented for approval and payment. The motion was made by Mr. Wade -- seconded by Mr. Hicks -- to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Mr. Crawford stated that the Special School Fund will be getting low -- only about \$40,000 to hold us over until June taxes are available. About \$10,000 per month is needed for salaries, plus about \$1000 for utilities. Funds probably will be used by the end of March. He asked: "Shall we pay bills until funds are exhausted and borrow for a short period of time? Or, just pay salaries and utilities, and let the rest of the bills accumulate until June taxes come in?" It was agreed by the Board that we go ahead and pay bills as they come due, and check to see when an advance draw will be available on June taxes.

5. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER DISTRICTS:

Mr. Crawford stated that he was advised that the County Commissioners would like for the Board of Education to study and make suggestions on how to set up School Board Member Districts. Material on "Establishment of School Member Districts in North Posey County" was distributed to Board members. (A copy of this material is in the Minute Book.)

Mr. Price suggested that we turn this material over to the County Commissioners and inform them that our Board of Education favors Plan I or II. This was agreeable with other members of the Board.

6. ROBINSON TOWNSHIP TEACHERS' SALARIES:
Mr. Crawford stated that, in figuring the rural school teachers' salaries (Robinson Twp. teachers), their Principal's pay of \$90 per year was erroneously omitted. As a means of correcting these contracts, Mr. Schuler suggested calling in copies of their contracts and re-writing them, adding the \$90 Principals' pay. The motion was made by Mr. Kohlmeyer -- seconded by Mr. Hicks -- to re-write the Robinson Twp. school teacher's contracts, adding the \$90 Principals' pay. Motion carried.
7. MEMBERSHIP IN STATE & NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATIONS:
Mr. Crawford pointed out that membership had been renewed in State & National School Board Associations.
8. PLANS FOR HIGH SCHOOL -- IN STATE DEPT. OF EDUCATION OFFICE:
It was stated to the Board that Mr. Sutton had reported the plans for the High School are in the State Dept. of Education Office, where they are being held up until a conference is held with the State Dept. of Agriculture, this meeting probably to be scheduled in the next week or so.
9. ELECTRIC SERVICE FOR ELEMENTARY SITE:
Mr. Crawford stated that he had gone into the Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Office and signed an application to get service brought out to the Elementary Site.
10. GENERAL TEACHERS' MEETING: Announced for January 10th -- in the afternoon. School will be in session that morning.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING -- JANUARY 13th, 1958 -- at 7:30 P.M. -- IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE.

SIGNED:

Mason Price
Chairman.

Carl Kohlmeyer
Secretary.