

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTY

(BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING -- JAN. 13, 1958)

MINUTES

The Board of Education held its regular meeting on Monday, January 13th, at 7:30 P.M., in the Administrative Office, with the following members present: Mason Price, Carl Kohlmeyer, Gordon Rogers, Allen Hicks, Robert Redman and Norman Wade. (Eugene Morlock did not attend.)

Also attending the meeting were: Eldon R. Crawford, Supt., Charles Roberts, Ass't. Supt., and Ralph Schuler, Attorney.

BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MR. PRICE.

2. MINUTES:

Since each member had a copy of the minutes, Mr. Wade moved to dispense with the oral reading, and to accept the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Redman. Motion carried.

3. CLAIMS:

PAYROLL CLAIMS NOS. 80A-84, and REGULAR CLAIMS NOS. 959-984, were presented for approval of payment. The motion was made by Mr. Hicks -- seconded by Mr. Wade -- to pay the bills. Motion carried.

A claim from Glenn Ramsey -- in the amount of \$47.00 -- was presented to the Board. An explanation was made that Cynthiana P.T.A. bought flooring for Cynthiana cafeteria, and Mr. Ramsey put the flooring down. Since this work was not previously authorized by the Board -- before the work was done -- the claim was brought to the attention of the Board, and asked what the Board's wish was -- in regard to payment. After a discussion, Mr. Wade made the motion -- seconded by Mr. Kohlmeyer -- to pay this particular labor bill -- but in the future, all labor, etc. must be authorized beforehand -- if the claim is to be paid by the Board of Education. Carried.

4. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER DISTRICTS:

Mr. Crawford stated that the County Commissioners had set out Districts officially as indicated on the diagram -- explaining reasons for Districts being laid out in this manner.

5. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

(a) NAME:

A list of suggested names for the new elementary building was distributed to each Board member to study over, and try to arrive at a decision at the next meeting.

Mr. Crawford stated that Mr. Sutton is anxious to get the schools named.

(b) PROGRESS:

Some construction is being done, and it is time to get Builders' Risk Insurance into effect. The Board agreed that Wilson & Ulrich should be notified to take care of this matter at once.

(c) INVESTMENT OF FUNDS:

An additional \$50,000 has been invested in Treasury Certificates.

(d) CONTRACTORS' CLAIMS DUE:

Mr. Crawford presented bills from contractors as follows:

General Contractor's bill -- for work done to date -----	\$6,858.59
Plumber's bill -- for materials purchased for the building -----	\$2,562.77

Mr. Kohlmeyer made the motion -- seconded by Mr. Rogers -- to pay the claim to Peyromnin Construction Co. -- \$6,858.59; and to pay the claim to Jack Gottman Co. -- \$2,562.77. Motion carried.

6. CONTRACTS:

Revised Contracts -- for Huber, Waterman, Parker and Blairsville School teachers -- were signed by Mr. Price and Mr. Kohlmeyer.

Also, Custodian Contracts were signed by the President and Secretary.

7. INDIANAPOLIS CONFERENCE:

Mr. Crawford stated that he would go to Indianapolis -- Tuesday, January 14th -- to confer with the State Supervisor of Agriculture and Industrial Arts, and Director of Schoolhouse Planning, concerning the Agriculture and Industrial Arts set up as planned in the new high school building.

8. ADULT EDUCATION:

Mr. Crawford stated that Mrs. Rumble had filled out an application for another Adult Sewing Class. (The first adult sewing class is already completed.) The second class would consist of six 2-hour meetings -- one a week -- and Mrs. Rumble would be paid \$3.50 an hour for her services. This amount of money will be reimbursed by the state..

The motion was made by Mr. Rogers -- seconded by Mr. Hicks -- to approve another Adult Sewing Class. Carried.

9. MILITARY ACHIEVEMENT TEST DIPLOMA:

Military Achievement Test Diploma for Charles Edward Foley was signed by the President and Secretary.

10. BRONZE PLAQUE SIGNATURES:

The Board members signed their names as they wish them to appear on the Bronze Plaque in the Elementary Building.

11. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS' MEETING:

Mr. Crawford stated that the American Association of School Administrators' meeting will be held in St. Louis from February 22nd to 25th, and, if possible, to have the school corporation pay expenses, he and Mr. Roberts would like to attend. He asked the Board to think about this, and they would discuss it further at the next meeting.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED UNTIL MONDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 20th, at which time there will be a Joint Meeting of the Board of Education and Directors of the Holding Corporation.

SIGNED:

Mason Price  
Chairman.

Carl Koblmeier  
Secretary.

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTY

SUGGESTED NAMES FOR NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

JANUARY 13, 1958.

1. (a) Country School  
(b) Happy Valley  
(c) Sunny Valley  
(d) Hill Grove  
(e) Country Hills
  
2. (a) Hilsdale Grade School  
(b) Lawndale Grade School  
(c) Spring Valley Grade School  
(d) Silverstone Grade School  
(e) Oakhill Grade School
  
3. (a) Center Valley School  
(b) Woodlawn School
  
4. (a) Northern Metropolitan School  
(b) North Posey Elementary  
(c) North Metropolitan Elementary School
  
5. Metropolitan Elementary School
  
6. (a) South Elementary School  
(b) Hiltop School  
(c) No Po Co School
  
7. (a) South Summit  
(b) South Terrace

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTY

(Board of Education Meeting -- Jan. 20, 1958.)

MINUTES -- SPECIAL MEETING

Following a joint meeting with the Holding Corporation Directors, the Board of Education held a special meeting in the Administrative Office. All members were present.

BUSINESS WAS AS FOLLOWS:

1. PICTURES FOR WADESVILLE YEARBOOK:

Mr. Crawford announced that pictures would be taken for Wadesville Yearbook -- at the next regular Board meeting.

2. SCIENCE & MATH. TESTS:

Mr. Crawford stated that he had received a letter from the State Department of Public Instruction, asking our cooperation in the statewide testing program in Physical Science & Mathematics.

Mr. Morlock made a motion to cooperate in this matter. Seconded by Mr. Rogers. Motion carried.

3. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA:

It was reported that preparation is being made for advertising for bids for elementary school cafeteria equipment. More information will be ready to present at the next meeting. Use of paper plates will be considered.

4. LETTERS TO CITIZENS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Crawford stated that letters had been sent out to Citizens Committee members, asking them to return a card, indicating "yes" or "no", if they wish to remain on the committee, and he had received 18 responses out of 25. Only one said "No." Second letters were sent to the seven who didn't answer, and they were asked to contact us not later than Friday, January 24th.

5. ST. LOUIS MEETING OF SUPERINTENDENTS:

The St. Louis meeting of Superintendents was discussed. Mr. Wade made the motion -- seconded by Mr. Redman -- to approve the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent's attending the meeting, and the Board will reimburse them for their expense. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED UNTIL MONDAY NIGHT, JAN. 27th, at 7:30 P.M., IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE.

SIGNED:

Mason Price  
Chairman.

Carl Kohmeyer  
Secretary.

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTY(BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING - JANUARY 27, 1958)MINUTES

The Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 27th, at 7:30 P.M., in the Administrative office, with the following members present: Mason Price, Allen Hicks, Carl Kohlmeyer, Robert Redman, Eugene Morlock, Gordon Rogers and Norman Wade.

Also present were: Eldon R. Crawford, Supt., and Charles E. Roberts, Ass't. Supt.

Roy Goerges, Principal of Griffin School; William Wilson, Principal of Wadesville School; and a group of Griffin patrons -- Mr. Burkett, Mr. Andry and Mr. McDonald -- attended a portion of the meeting.

BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MR. PRICE.

2. GRIFFIN BALL PARK EQUIPMENT:

Mr. Burkett, Mr. Andry and Mr. McDonald attended a portion of this meeting. Their purpose was to point out to the Board that the lease on the Continental Ball Park is about to run out, and the equipment has to be moved. The \$2500 to \$3000 worth of equipment is available to the school -- without cost -- if the School District obtains a place where it can be moved. This equipment includes fence, bleachers, lights, public address system, etc. The equipment will be moved without cost to the School District.

Mr. Goerges explained that Mrs. Malone had been contacted, and asked to sell the acreage adjoining the School ground -- and she is probably willing to sell it -- for \$1000 per acre. Mr. Andry was of the opinion that he could get Mrs. Malone to sell the ground at a more reasonable price -- if he has the backing of the Board of Education. He is to report the results of his findings at the next regular Board meeting.

3. MINUTES:

Each member had a copy of the minutes of the January 13th Regular Meeting and the January 20th Special Meeting. Therefore, the motion was made by Mr. Rogers -- seconded by Mr. Morlock -- to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

4. BILLS AND CLAIMS:

Claims Nos. 986-1009 were presented for approval of payment. Mr. Rogers made the motion -- seconded by Mr. Morlock -- to pay the bills. Motion carried.

5. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NAME:

Mr. Crawford stated that it was necessary to select an official name for the elementary school as soon as possible.

Using the list of suggested names, in the process of elimination, only two were left to be voted on: "South Terrace Elementary School" and "Woodlawn Elementary School". Results of voting were:

SOUTH TERRACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -- 5 Votes.  
WOODLAWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ----- 2 Votes.

The motion was made by Mr. Morlock -- seconded by Mr. Rogers -- that the official name of the Elementary School be: "SOUTH TERRACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL". Motion carried.

6. CAFETERIA:

Mr. Roberts reported that Miss Barbara Tingley will be here on February 19th, and she will advise on the equipment required by the State Department of Public Instruction and State Board of Health. After the conference with Miss Tingley, we will try to get estimates from dealers in cafeteria equipment, before we re-advertise for bids. It is hoped to get this worked out, with a proposal to submit to the Board in its February 24th meeting.

7. POSEYVILLE SCHOOL FURNACE:

Mr. Roberts stated that school had been dismissed at noon, Monday, January 27th -- because of furnace trouble at Poseyville School. The side of the base of the furnace was repaired by Mr. Wiley -- and Mr. Wiley thinks it's in good shape now. It was pointed out that only the base of the boiler was in bad condition -- sections of the boiler are o.k.

CYNTHIANA SCHOOL BOILER:

Mr. Rogers stated that the boiler in Cynthiana had been temporarily repaired -- welded in 1955, and in January of this year. He also stated that, following an insurance company inspection, a letter was received from the Fidelity Insurance Co., requesting replacement of a boiler section, and the Company asked that they be notified when this has been done. Mr. Roberts has contacted the Insurance Co. and asked how much they will pay on its replacement.

8. PRINCIPALS' NATIONAL MEETING:

It was stated that there will be a meeting of the National Association of Secondary Principals, in Indianapolis, on February 15th and 16th, and our Principals asked if it were possible to be granted leaves of absences to attend this meeting. Since the 15th and 16th fall on Saturday and Sunday, it was not thought necessary to grant these leaves of absences.

9. WALTERS -- JANITOR -- SALARY:

Mr. Crawford stated that Mr. Elven Walters -- custodian at Cynthiana School -- would like his contract changed, so that he'd get paid only \$1200 per year and the remainder -- \$1500 -- be paid to his wife who helps with the work. He would like this change made in order that he would be able to draw his Social Security and Veterans' pension.

After a discussion, the motion was made by Mr. Wade -- seconded by Mr. Redman -- "that the Board approve change in contracts for Janitor Service at Cynthiana School as follows:

1. The contract with Elven Walters, beginning August 1, 1957, and continuing through July 31, 1958, shall be terminated as of December 31, 1957.
2. A new contract with Elven Walters to be negotiated, beginning January 1, 1958, and terminating July 31, 1958, such contract to provide compensation at the rate of \$100 per month.
3. A contract with Freelove L. Walters, beginning January 1, 1958, and terminating July 31, 1958, such contract to provide compensation at the rate of \$125 per month."

Motion carried.

10. CITIZENS COMMITTEE MEETING -- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29th:

Mr. Crawford stated that there would be an organization meeting of the Citizens Committee on Wednesday, January 29th. Plans will probably be made to break the committee down into smaller groups, to work on different things of importance in the building program.

Material concerning Citizens Committee was distributed and explained.

Mr. Crawford stated that he had received responses from everyone on the old group, and only 3 people had declined to be on the present Citizens Committee.

Suggested Replacements for the three who declined:

Center Twp. -- to replace Paul Wade:

1st Choice: John Tenbarge  
2nd Choice: Henry Schneck

Robb Twp. ---- to replace Paul Fletchall:

1st Choice: Mrs. Walter Foster  
2nd Choice: John Webb

Smith Twp. --- to replace George Heckerman:

1st Choice: Carl Huston  
2nd Choice: Rex McReynolds

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 1958.

Signed:

Mason Price  
Chairman

Carl Kohlmeier

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTYPoseyville School -- January 29, 1958.CITIZENS COMMITTEE MEETINGEducational ProblemsGeneral Statement

The task of providing adequate educational services in our public schools today is a complex one. Citizens are interested and concerned about the quality and efficiency of their schools. School officials and administrators have the responsibility of planning and managing the educational program. Efficient school management and planning requires an understanding of the educational needs of the community. Educational needs are, in a sense, derived from the expressed desires and wishes of the citizens.

Through citizens committees, made of intelligent, interested community leaders, we can more clearly express our educational goals. Such goals, considered in the light of financial resources, are the guiding principles in school management for any given community. Citizens committees are working with school administrators and officials in thousands of American communities. Their function is to:

- (a) Study school problems in cooperation with school officials and administrators.
- (b) Advise school officials as to findings and conclusions which come out of such studies.
- (c) Serve to better inform the general public about school matters and school problems.

It is our hope that school officials and citizens will continue to work together to develop the best school system possible with our combined planning and available resources.

The Board of Education

The Board of Education is the official governing body of a school corporation. The power of legal and official decision rests with it. Certain powers and duties may be delegated to administrators, particularly those matters which require decisions pertaining to procedure and action. Certain powers cannot be delegated and must be assumed by the Board. For example, the Board will delegate the matter of budget preparation to the Superintendent or Business Manager, but the budget must be officially adopted by the Board and signed by the proper Board officers. The Board will authorize the Superintendent to select and recommend personnel to fill vacancies, but action to employ or approval of the recommendation, must be taken by the Board and the contract signed by the proper Board officers. The characteristics, qualifications, and attitudes of members of a Board of Education determine the extent to which they can successfully work together with professional school personnel and the public.

Citizens of the North Posey Metropolitan District will elect a new Board of Education on May 6, 1958. It is suggested that qualifications, characteristics, and attitudes which are desirable in School Board members should be publicized. Agreement on such characteristics should be reached by any committee or group undertaking such a project.

Also, it is important to know what the duties and functions of a Board of Education are, and are not. Activity to urge at least two well qualified persons in each School Board member district to file for the office should be promoted. Understanding of the School Board member district arrangement should be promoted.

The High School - Facilities  
Curriculum - Future Development

Plans for the new high school building are being completed by the architect. The schedule for taking bids, selling bonds, etc. indicates that construction may get started during the coming summer.

The plan provides for a complete building which will include facilities for a full educational program. Estimated cost is within the figure which the Board of Education and the Holding Company officials have tentatively agreed upon as reasonable. It is expected the building can be occupied in the fall of 1960. In the meantime, extensive preparation must be made for moving from our present high schools into the new

building. The most important of these preparations is planning of the curriculum.

Another important part of this planning is the matter of site development, outdoor athletic fields, areas for public use, etc.

Curriculum discussion groups have been organized among the teachers. It is suggested that a citizens' committee:

- (a) Study the building plans.
- (b) Study and discuss plans for development of site for efficient school and public use.
- (c) Work with teachers in planning curriculum.

#### Cost -- Budget -- Finance

The business of operating schools is probably one of the largest, if not the largest business, dollar wise, in the district. The product of the educational process cannot be measured in dollars and cents. Since the expenditures come from taxes, it is important that taxpayers be informed as to how the money is spent. It is also important that citizens and taxpayers be convinced that the cost is justified. A method of keeping our citizens informed about these matters should be developed. We would suggest a committee study the problems of budget and finance as it applies to our schools, become familiar with the matter, and plan a way to report to the public.

#### School Legislation

School legislation occupies much of the attention of every session of the Indiana General Assembly. The most important school legislative problems are (1) the amount of state support and how it will be distributed, (2) teachers' salaries and training requirements, (3) reorganization problems, (4) possible state and/or federal funds for the support of public schools including school construction. State support and method of distribution is especially important. It is suggested that a way should be found to acquaint our citizens with these problems and to be ready to express our wishes to our representatives in the next General Assembly.

#### Services -- Cafeteria -- Textbooks -- Transportation

These services must all be planned and managed in any school system. In preparation for occupancy of the new buildings, transportation services will need to be completely replanned and re-organized. Possible changes in attendance districts should be studied. Possibilities of acquiring school owned busses might be investigated.

The possibility of rented or ownership plans for textbooks needs to be studied.

Cafeteria services and the possibility of developing a plan for central preparation and transporting meals to certain schools need to be investigated.

#### History of Present Schools

The long record of service and tradition of our present schools should not be forgotten. It is suggested that a plan for preparing a historical record of our present schools should be developed and carried through to completion during the next two years. The type of history, what should be included, and how it should be organized and written, should be agreed upon. Also plans for opening of the new schools, dedication exercises, and open house should be begun.