

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTY
(Board of Education Meeting -- October 13, 1958)

MINUTES

The Board of Education met on Monday, October 13th, at 7:00 P.M., in the Administrative Office, with the following members present: George Heckerman, Virgil Williams, Vertis Matz, W. W. Lowe and Harold Kemmerling.

Also attending the meeting were: Eldon R. Crawford, Supt. of Schools; Charles Roberts, Ass't. Supt.; William Wilson and Roy Goerges, Principals.

THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED:

1. MINUTES:

Prior to tonight's meeting, copies of the minutes of the September 22nd meeting were mailed to Board members for study.

One item, "Leave of Absence for Mr. Hendrickson", was discussed. In discussing this item, it was suggested that, in the future, requests for absence without loss of pay should be made in advance.

The motion was made by Mr. Matz -- seconded by Dr. Lowe -- to accept the minutes of the September 22nd meeting. Motion carried.

2. BILLS & CLAIMS:

Regular Claims Nos. 483 to 556 and Payroll Claims Nos. 42A, 42B, 42C, 42D, 43, 44, 45 & 46 were presented for approval of payment.

The motion was made by Mr. Kemmerling -- seconded by Mr. Williams -- to approve payment of bills. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Mr. Crawford stated that the "Notice for Additional Appropriations" has been published, and it is necessary to get final approval on this Resolution. This Resolution will then be filed with the County Auditor, who sends it in to the State Tax Board. A date will then be set for the hearing.

Mr. Crawford read the Resolution, and pointed out that the total proposed expenditures will not be greater than the original appropriations for 1958.

The Resolution was signed by the Board members. (Copy is in Minute Book).

4. SALE OF PROPERTY:

Mr. Crawford read a Form of Resolution written by Ralph Schuler, concerning the sale of Blairsville, Waterman, Huber and Parker School sites.

Mr. Crawford suggested striking out "playground equipment", and adding "gas furnaces".

The date November 8th was agreed on -- Place: Wadesville Gym. -- Time: 1:00 P.M. Elbert Allyn to act as auctioneer.

Advertising: Want Ad in Evansville paper; news release in New Harmony Times and Mt. Vernon Democrat; regular legal publications in Cynthiana Argus and Poseyville News.

The motion was made by Mr. Matz -- seconded by Mr. Kemmerling -- to auction the one-room school buildings and equipment at Wadesville School, on November 8th, beginning at 1:00 P.M. Motion carried.

5. WEBER EQUIPMENT CO.

Mr. Crawford introduced Mr. Anthony Weber, of Weber Equipment Co., which supplied equipment for the South Terrace kitchen at a total cost of \$10,981.34.

Mr. Weber stated that Mr. Roberts and Mr. Everett Weber had discussed terms of payment. It was Mr. Roberts' understanding that Weber Equipment Co. had agreed to wait until December 1959 for payment. Mr. Everett Weber did not understand it that way. He understood that the greatest part of this amount was to be paid now, and the remainder during the year 1959.

Mr. Crawford explained that we had re-figured our South Terrace construction budget and had given this report to Board members at the last meeting. At that time, Mr. Roberts assured him that it was his understanding that Weber's were willing to wait for payment until December 1959.

It was suggested that we borrow the money from the bank, pay the bill at Weber's, then pay the money back -- plus interest.

Mr. Weber suggested that if we make arrangements to pay 85% of the bill now, he would be willing to carry the 15% balance -- without interest -- until December 1959.

Dr. Lowe made the following motion: That, due to a misunderstanding of terms of payment to Weber Equipment Co., the Board approve a proposition which is agreeable with Mr. Weber as follows:

1. To borrow an amount equivalent to 85% of \$10,981.34, and pay such amount to Weber Equipment Co. within six weeks.
2. The remaining 15% to be carried by Weber Equipment Co. until December 1959 -- without interest.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Kemmerling. Motion carried.

6. GRIFFIN SECRETARY:

Mr. Crawford stated that Bernice Farrar, presently employed as secretary at Griffin School, has resigned because of pregnancy, and asked that her resignation become effective October 31st.

Mr. Crawford stated that, to replace her for this year only, Mr. Goerges recommended that we consider employing Mrs. Genevieve Redman. (Copy of Recommendation is in Minute Book.)

The motion was made by Dr. Lowe -- seconded by Mr. Kemmerling -- to approve the recommendation to employ Mrs. Redman as Secretary at Griffin School, for this year only; also to accept the resignation of Bernice Farrar. Motion carried.

7. SEWAGE PROBLEM -- GRIFFIN:

In studying the sewage disposal problem at Griffin, a temporary measure -- to get through this year -- was suggested as follows:

Buy a pump -- costing about \$100 -- and pump the excess water out into the County ditch. Mr. Goerges stated that the Continental Oil Co. has agreed to furnish the pipe.

Mr. Roberts stated that the only expense would be the cost of the pump, plus the cost of installation of the pipe.

In the discussion, it was pointed out that a man should be hired to install and do the necessary work on the pump, and not to depend on this work to be done by the janitor. It seemed that the janitor's regular cleaning, etc., was being neglected because of extra work of this type.

The motion was made by Mr. Williams -- seconded by Mr. Matz:

1. To authorize Mr. Roberts to purchase a pump of a type recommended by the Continental Oil Co., the labor of installing the pump and any other work on this pump to be taken care of by someone other than the janitor.
2. To see that the pipe is buried below the frost line -- the pipe to be furnished by the Continental Oil Co.

Motion carried.

8. ROOF -- WADESVILLE SCHOOL:

Mr. Roberts stated that the Wadesville School roof needs repairing immediately. A representative of Tropical Paint Co. informed Mr. Roberts that he thought Toco Seal could be put where it's leaking, and cover it with Roof-Coater, and it would probably take care of the leaking.

The Toco-Seal would cost approximately \$28, and there is enough Roof-Coater on hand to do the job.

It was suggested that someone who knows how should do this job.

The motion was made by Mr. Matz -- seconded by Mr. Williams -- that we authorize Mr. Roberts to have the Wadesville School roof repaired. Motion carried.

9. INSURANCE ALLOCATION -- SOUTH TERRACE:

Mr. Crawford reminded the Board members that the Builders' Risk Insurance

will be terminated and other insurance will be necessary, when the building is finished and accepted.

It would be well to think about how this insurance is to be allocated.

BOILER INSURANCE:

Mr. Roberts stated that nothing has been done yet concerning Boiler Insurance at South Terrace School, as the boiler needs to be in operation to get insurance on it. However, it was suggested that a binder could be put on the boiler insurance.

The motion was made by Mr. Kemmerling -- seconded by Mr. Williams -- to put a binder on South Terrace boiler insurance -- with Wesley Ewing. Motion carried.

10. FOSTER'S LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Mr. Crawford read a letter from Mr. J. D. Foster, requesting leave of absence without loss of pay -- to attend a National Convention of F.F.A., in Kansas City -- a four day meeting, from October 13th to October 16th inclusive.

The motion was made by Mr. Kemmerling -- seconded by Mr. Matz -- to grant Mr. Foster's leave of absence without loss of pay. Motion carried.

11. EARLY DISMISSAL OF SCHOOL -- OCTOBER 22nd:

Mr. Crawford stated that, if it is agreeable with the Board, the teachers would like to have a meeting to work on Curriculum Study, on Wednesday, October 22nd. This would mean dismissal of school at about 2:30 P.M.

The motion was made by Mr. Kemmerling -- seconded by Mr. Williams -- to dismiss school at the beginning of the last period -- about 2:30 P.M. -- October 22nd. Motion carried.

12. DEDICATION -- SOUTH TERRACE:

Plans for dedication of South Terrace School on November 9th -- were reported to the Board.

Mr. Crawford stated that he would like to have booklets printed, if they wouldn't be too expensive. By next meeting date, we should have the program ready for presentation.

13. TRANSPORTATION -- CENSUS:

Mr. Crawford stated that, with the help of P.T.A. organizations, plans are being made to get a school census, showing location of homes with children and number of children, including pre-school children. From this census, a spot map will be made and will be used to plan the transportation of children next year.

14. GRIFFIN LAND PURCHASE:

No report on this -- other than that the abstract has been delivered to Ralph Schuler.

15. STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING AT WADESVILLE:

Mr. Crawford stated that a joint organization of student council members had been set up -- to take up certain matters such as class jackets, rings, etc. to be used in the new high school next year. The first meeting of this organization was held at Wadesville School.

16. FURNITURE BIDS:

Furniture Bids for folding chairs, chair caddy, scale, steel desk and reading tables, to be used in the South Terrace School, were opened and tabulated. (Copy of tabulation is enclosed with minutes.)

Mr. Roberts asked the Board's permission to allow the teachers to select the shape of reading tables they would like to have.

After a study of the tabulations, it was agreed that Allied, Inc. had submitted the best overall bid.

The motion was made by Mr. Kemmerling -- seconded by Mr. Matz -- to accept Allied, Incorporated's complete bid, leaving the shape of reading tables up to the discretion of the teachers. Motion carried.

Mr. Crawford pointed out that -- on the folding chairs -- the rubber feet might slip out of the channels, and if this happens, it could damage the tile floor. The custodian should be told to check the rubber feet each time the chairs are set up.

17. BUS ROUTE EXTENSIONS:

Mr. Roberts stated that on Melvin Kleiman's route, the extension would amount to \$151.50 per month instead of \$158.40, as stated in the last Board meeting.

Mr. Roberts also stated that Mr. Theodore Papenmeier is driving 7.2 miles per day farther than specified in his contract, which would amount to an extension of \$49.68 a month, and that this amount should be allowed retroactive to September 8th. Motion carried.

Copy of Extension for each of these routes was signed by Board members.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

SIGNED:

George H. Heckerman
Chairman

Virgil B. Williams
Secretary

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTY
 (Board of Education Meeting -- October 27, 1958)

MINUTES

The Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of North Posey County met in regular session on Monday, October 27th, at 7:30 P.M., in the Administrative Office.

The following members attended the meeting: George Heckerman, Vertis Matz, Virgil Williams, Harold Kemmerling and W. W. Lowe.

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

BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED AS FOLLOWS:

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

2. MINUTES:

Copies of minutes of the October 13th meeting were mailed to Board members for study-- prior to tonight's meeting.

The motion was made by Dr. Lowe -- seconded by Mr. Williams -- to approve the minutes of October 13th meeting, without oral reading. Motion carried.

3. BILLS & CLAIMS:

Claims Nos. 557 to 581 were presented for approval of payment.

There was some discussion on the claim from Princeton Clean Towel Service -- in the amount of \$65.50 -- for towel service at Poseyville & Cynthiana Schools, during the month of September.

Mr. Roberts stated that the cost of this service greatly exceeds the cost of using paper towels. He explained that towel service has been used, in the past, as a measure to prevent plumbing problems caused by mis-use of paper towels.

Mr. Roberts stated that Mr. Westfall assured him that there would be no plumbing troubles at Poseyville School if they used paper towels.

Mr. Roberts recommended that Clean Towel Service be dispensed with -- at the end of October -- and paper towels be used instead -- at both Cynthiana and Poseyville Schools.

The Board consented to leave the towel service problem up to Mr. Roberts.

The motion was made by Mr. Kemmerling -- seconded by Mr. Matz -- to pay the bills. Motion carried.

4. REPORT ON SALE OF PROPERTY:

Ralph Schuler reported that legal notice on sale of abandoned school property has been in the papers, and hand bills are printed and distributed. An advertisement will be listed in the "Want Ad" section of the Evansville paper. Elbert Allyn will act as Auctioneer.

School property to be sold consists of: Waterman, Huber, Parker and Blairsville Schools, all in Robinson Township. Each school will be opened for public inspection from 8:00 to 12:00 A.M., on Saturday, November 8th.

The sale will be held at the Wadesville Gym at 1:00 P.M., on Saturday, November 8th. The question was raised: Will we furnish an abstract with the sale of this property? Ralph Schuler stated that no abstract would be given; a quit claim deed would be furnished.

5. REPORT ON GRIFFIN SEWAGE PROBLEM:

Mr. Roberts stated that the Griffin School sewage was stopped up again on Monday, October 20th, and Joe Beard was called out to pump out the front tank. However, Mr. Roberts thinks it is working all right now.

It was suggested that Mr. Roberts might contact Mr. Moore, Sanitary Engineer at the State Board of Health, and see if he could recommend some kind of a chemical which would keep the lines cleaned out.

6. WADESVILLE ROOF:

Mr. Roberts reported that he has the material on hand that is needed to repair the Wadesville School roof, but he can't find anyone willing to do the work. He will continue to try to get someone to do this repair job.

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7. SOUTH TERRACE -- Report on Progress & Preparation for Dedication:

(a) Mr. Crawford stated that South Terrace is gradually nearing completion. Grading and seeding are now being done.

Not all of the heating fixtures are installed, but they do have heat in the building.

(b) Dedication & Open House:

Mr. Crawford explained the dedication and open house program, as planned. This program is to be held on November 9th, at 2:30 P.M. Printed programs will be given to Board members as soon as they are completed.

(c) Peyronnin Construction Co. -- Request for Payment:

Mr. Crawford stated that Peyronnin Construction Co. has requested settlement of their account prior to December 1959 -- as anticipated in our plans for payments.

Mr. Crawford stated that we can delay 10% of payment of construction contract for 60 days after acceptance of the building. Assuming the building is accepted on the 1st of January, this payment would have to be made on March 1st.

After the acceptance of the building, we can work out a program for schedule of payments. It is hoped that an agreement can be reached so that we can delay payment of at least a part of the balance until December 1959.

8. KRIETENSTEIN'S STATION WAGON:A question was raised concerning the State Police's inspection of Martha Krietenstein's station wagon, being used in the capacity of a school bus. Did it pass inspection?

Mr. Roberts reported that the State Police checked only the brakes and lights, and that the State Police said the Board of Education could force Mrs. Krietenstein to put identification signs on the station wagon, but they'd have to be removed when the vehicle is not being used as a school bus.

9. STATE TAX BOARD HEARING:

Mr. Crawford stated that the State Tax Board hearing would be held on Wednesday, October 29th, beginning at 9:30 A.M., for Budget hearing and Additional Appropriations.

10. PROBLEMS CONCERNING H. S. BUILDING:

Mr. Crawford stated that it is necessary to have a joint meeting with the Holding Corporation Directors to discuss problems concerning the high school building.

Thursday night, November 6th, was selected as a suitable date for this meeting.

Some problems to be discussed:

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL: It was suggested that 3 or 4 names could be presented to vote on. Vote by ballot, and try to come to a decision.CONDUIT: In checking over the building plans, it was found that the conduit that carries telephone service does not extend as far into the building as we wanted it to.SEWAGE: Discussion should be held on type of sewage disposal and garbage disposal systems we want.LIBRARY-CAFETERIA: A partition is needed.SELECTION OF EQUIPMENT: Selection of remainder of equipment: auditorium seating, gymnasium seating, library equipment, kitchen equipment, etc.PARKING AREA: Parking Area Space appears to be too small. We would probably need space to handle at least 500 cars.FARM GROUND: What do we want to do with the farm ground? Renew farm contract with Ivan D. Williams, if he so desires? Or let J.D. Foster and his F.F.A. boys take over the ground and farm it?11. REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE: MAURINE TAYLOR:

Mr. Crawford stated that Mrs. Maurine Taylor, music teacher at Wadesville, has requested leave of absence on Thursday, October 30th -- to play in the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra, in a Youth Concert. Mrs. Taylor is chief violinist in this orchestra.

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Mr. Crawford recommended that Mrs. Maurine Taylor be granted leave of absence without loss of pay -- to participate in this program.

The motion was made by Mr. Kemmerling -- seconded by Mr. Williams -- to grant Mrs. Taylor leave of absence on Thursday, October 30th, without loss of pay. The motion carried.

12. SCHOOL HEALTH CONFERENCES:

Mr. Crawford stated that School Health Conferences are being scheduled at Oakland City College and Evansville College, and that he would like to encourage some of our teachers to attend these meetings, if it meets with the approval of the Board. Principals will see that these teachers' classes are taken care of, if they attend the conferences.

The Board's consent was given for interested teachers to attend these health conferences.

13. NIGHTWATCHMEN ON HALLOWE'EN NIGHT:

Mr. Crawford suggested to the Board that consideration be given to the employment of nightwatchmen on Hallowe'en at the school buildings in the School District. He stated that this had been done in the past -- in the schools where it was deemed necessary -- and that it was found to be very successful.

Last year, the janitors of the various schools and the Poseyville Town Marshal provided these services -- and were paid \$5.00 (each) to stay at the schools all night.

In the discussion, it was pointed out that this was "good insurance -- well worth the small cost."

The motion was made by Dr. Lowe -- seconded by Mr. Kemmerling -- to authorize the Superintendent to secure watchmen at the various schools where the Principals think they are needed -- with the suggestion that the custodians be considered when making the selection, and that the watchmen be paid \$5.00 for this service. The motion carried.

14. INDIANA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION:

The Board discussed tentative plans for attending the 9th Annual State Convention of the Indiana School Boards' Association, to be held at the Claypool Hotel, in Indianapolis, on November 22nd and 23rd. Final arrangements will be made at the next Board meeting.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. WILLIAMS -- SECONDED BY MR. KEMMERLING -- TO ADJOURN. NEXT REGULAR MEETING -- NOVEMBER 10th, 1958.

Signed:

George H. Heckerman
(Chairman)

Virgil B. Williams
(Secretary)