

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE METROPOLITAN  
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTY, INDIANA

Held October 8, 1973

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana, was held in the office of the Superintendent of Schools on the 8th day of October, 1973, with Board Members Hall, Fletchall, Staples, Tenison and Eisterhold present. Also attending were Administrative Assistant Wilson and Attorney Schuler.

The meeting was called to order by President Fletchall, who presided. Minutes of the previous meeting of September 24 were read to the Board and approved as read.

Claims No. 184 through No. 227 in the total amount of \$5,173.31 were presented to the Board for consideration, and upon motion duly made by Hall, seconded by Tenison and unanimously carried, were approved by the Board and ordered paid.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schmitt and Mr. Melvin Becker appeared before the Board to ask that transportation for their special education children be provided for the district from their home to the special education schools in Evansville. Mr. Wilson advised the Board that as the Becker child was not enrolled in a public institution the Board was not obligated to furnish transportation for this child, and that the law required the district to furnish such transportation as is "feasible" for the Schmitt child. He further stated that the Board was now paying \$2.00 a day toward the transportation of each of these children, and that if it became necessary to furnish the transportation the cost of this could run from \$3,000 - \$7,000 a year. Following a discussion, the Board requested that the administrative staff further investigate this matter to see what might be worked out to assist the parents and report at the next board meeting.

Members of the National Education Association of North Posey County appeared before the Board to present evidence that they represented a majority of the certificated teachers in the North Posey District. Evidence of majority representation signed by 77 of 82 eligible employees was filed with the Board. Mr. Wilson presented to the Board a form of public notice, which form was approved and publication ordered effective as of October 9, 1973. At the first board meeting following the expiration of 30 days after the first publication of this notice, which would be November 12, 1973, the Board would take official action to recognize the NEA as the bargaining unit for certificated employees.


Mr. Wilson reported that it would be necessary to seek an additional appropriation of \$5,000.00 for transportation expense, and of \$5,000.00 for maintenance expense. Following a discussion, the Board recognized the need for this additional appropriation in order that publication of notice be given.

Mr. Wilson reported that it would not be possible to convert the Scott Boiler at the South Terrace school for use of #5 fuel; that it had been necessary to employ the Roto-Rooter Service to clean the sewer line at the North Elementary School, and that fuel costs for the schools were likely to increase due to a recent increase granted by the cost of living council. He further reported on the school board association convention at French Lick, with particular reference given to future negotiation problems.

There was presented to the Board the report of the school psychologist concerning Michael Moore, a student in the second grade at the South Terrace elementary school. This report indicated that the child was emotionally disturbed and should be withdrawn from school and placed in some other type of educational atmosphere where he could be assisted in overcoming his emotional disturbance. Mr. Wilson reported several possibilities, and indicated that the only one that seemed available at this time was to have the child studied by the Psychiatric Children's Center at Evansville, Indiana, for possible treatment and/or admission as a resident student. He indicated that the parents of this child had given their written consent for such an examination or treatment.

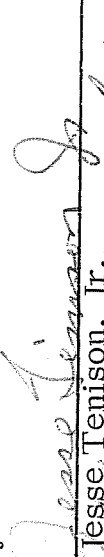
Mr. Wilson further reported concerning the surface condition of Boberg Road which necessitated closing it for use by the school busses for two days, and that this condition had been corrected; that the minimum hourly rate for custodial fees for use of the various school rooms in the district should be made two hours in all instances, approval for which was given by the Board; that efforts would be made to work out an agreement with the County Council concerning the appropriation of funds for an attendance officer; and that bus driver Floyd T. Droege had resigned, and that James H. Poag had been employed to take his place.

Following a general discussion of school matters, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 9:45 p. m.

  
P. C. Fletcher

  
Billy D. Staples

  
Jack D. Hall

  
Jesse Tenison, Jr.

  
Kenneth Eisterhold

(Board of Education)

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH POSEY COUNTY, INDIANA

Held October 22, 1973

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana, was held in the office of the Superintendent of Schools on the 22nd day of October, 1973. with Board members Eisterhold, Hall, Staples, and Tenison present. Also in attendance were Superintendent of Schools, Ivan A. Hollen and Administrative Assistant, William J. Wilson.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Eisterhold, who presided. Minutes of the previous meeting of October 8, 1973 were read to the Board and approved as read.

Claims No. 229 through 260 as well as claim No. 32 (Title II) and claims No. 1 and 2 (EEA) were presented to the Board for consideration and upon motion duly made and seconded, and unanimously carried, claims were ordered paid.

Since Superintendent Hollen was in attendance for the first time for several weeks due to hospitalization and surgery, Mr. Wilson was instructed to carry on the meeting in his place. Mr. Wilson then gave a report on the final ADA for the school district for the 1973-74 school year. It was noted that even though the 1973-74 total reported ADA was 1774.75 the distribution formula allows school districts to use the 1972-73 ADA for the basic grant. This means that the ADA of 1792.66 for last year will be used for the basic grant portion of the formula. This years ADA however will be used for the transportation and flat grant portions of the formula and will reduce the projected overall state support by approximately \$9700.00.

A discussion was held concerning the transportation of the Special Education students to the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation. A proposal had been studied which would allow the present retarded program bus to make a second trip to pick up and return to their homes the two Special Education students. After consideration of the cost of the second trip (\$12.00), the Board rejected this proposal and ordered further study of means of transportation at a lesser cost.

Mr. Wilson then informed the Board that a meeting was to be held with Mr. Edward Mann, President of the County Council, on Wednesday, October 23, 1973 to discuss the elimination of the request for an Attendance Officer. Superintendent Hollen and Superintendent Ashworth of the M.S.D. of Mt. Vernon will meet with Mr. Mann concerning this problem.

Mr. Wilson brought to the attention of the Board the raise in cost of gasoline as submitted by Standard Oil, who hold the bid. It was reported that the bid cost per gallon as received on June 6, 1973 for the 1973-74 contract year was 21.6¢ and that effective as of November 7, 1973 the cost per gallon would raise to 22.9¢, an increase of 1.3¢. With the state tax added this would total 30.9¢ per gallon. After a discussion of the matter the Board accepted the increase and ordered the agreement signed.

Mr. Wilson informed the Board that an insurance adjustment check had been received covering the break-in of the Jr. and Sr. High Schools last year and that the total billing was \$570.40 from Deig Bros., who made the necessary repairs.

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A request from Mr. William Knapp, Junior High Band and Choral instructor, to be absent two days to participate in the Evansville Philharmonic Symphony, in which he had participated for the past seventeen years. Board approved the request.

Mr. Wilson gave a report on the cost of the transfer students to the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation for 1972-73. The total billing was in the amount of \$3275. These students were enrolled in the Vocational programs in that school district. After due consideration, Board ordered payment be made.

The Board was informed that the insurance check in the amount of \$3,000 had been delivered to the family of the late Mr. Peter Koch.

Other items discussed with the Board were: (1) that Board pictures for the Annual would be made on the November 12th meeting, (2) projected cash balances as of October 22 indicated that no borrowing would be necessary with an advance draw from the County Treasurer coming around November 1, (3) that the Huntingburg Workshop would be held on October 29th at 7:15 p.m. and all members indicated that they would attend, (4) a discussion of the Atlantic City Convention was held and commitments as to attendance were held in abeyance until a later date, (5) Board members indicated that they would attend the Teacher's Dinner to be held on Thursday, October 25th at the North Elementary School.

As no further business was to be discussed at this time, upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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*Billy D. Staples*

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*Jack D. Hall*

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*Jay Johnson Jr*

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*Penelope Waterford*

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