

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

Held May 10, 1976

The Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana, met in regular session in the office of the Superintendent of schools on the 10th day of May, 1976, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock p.m., with Board Members Fletchall, Hall, Eisterhold, Staples and Tenison present. Also attending were Superintendent Hollen, Administrative Assistant Wilson and Attorney Schuler.

The meeting was called to order by President Fletchall who presided. Minutes of the previous meetings of April 8, April 26 and April 29 were presented to the Board and following a correction of those minutes of April 26, the same were approved and signed by the Board members.

Claims No. 911-967 in the total amount of \$18,219.62 were presented to the Board for consideration, and following a discussion, upon motion duly made by Tenison, seconded by Staples and unanimously carried, were approved by the Board and ordered paid.

Public Employees Retirement Fund

The Superintendent reported to the Board that he had held a meeting with the secretaries, garage personnel, custodian and school nurse, and that of the twenty people involved, nineteen were present. He stated that the PERF program was explained to them, questions answered, and they were asked to indicate their interest in participating in the retirement program prior to May 24.

Personnel Employment

Mr. Hollen reported to the Board that he had hired two teachers in the social study area, Dean Vonderheide and Bradley Hanner, who would also assist in coaching. The employment of these individuals was approved by the Board.

The Superintendent further presented to the Board his recommendations for athletic assignments for the year 1976-77, a copy of which is included with these minutes and made a part thereof by incorporation. Following a discussion, upon motion duly made by Staples, seconded by Hall and unanimously carried, these recommendations were approved.

Summer School

Administrative Assistant Wilson reported to the Board concerning the coming summer school educational program. He indicated that John Siders, Bernard Fehrenbach, Steve Martin, Carl Gengelbach, and Neval Willis would be employed in the Drivers Training program; that Robert Gentil would be employed in the summer recreational program, William Knapp in the music program, Carl Gengelbach in the weight-lifting program and Debbie Peelman in Girls' Acrobatics. Following a discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, the employment of these individuals for the indicated program was approved and contracts were signed.

Lela Meriwether Request

A request was received from bus driver Lela Meriwether that she be permitted to attend the ^{May 27th} Board Meeting and be placed upon the agenda to discuss what she termed her "dismissal" but which was a decision of the Board to not renew her contract for another year as a school bus driver. Following a discussion, upon motion duly made by Hall and seconded by Staples, and carried by a vote of 4 to 1 with Board Member Tenison voting in the negative, the Board resolved that, as the matter of her employment had already been decided, it would not grant her a hearing or a place on the agenda.

South Terrace Addition

Mr. William Wilson, the administrative assistant, presented to the Board educational specifications for a perspective special service area addition to the South Terrace Elementary School, which specifications were prepared by a study committee composed of Doris Jean Williams, Doris Jean Buecher, Barbara Lorena Lambie, Irene Frances Deal, Don Lee Thompson, and William Joseph Wilson. Mr. Wilson explained the proposed specifications and the need for the rooms and instructional area. Following a discussion, upon motion duly made by Staples, seconded by Hall and unanimously carried, the Board determined that there was a need for a special service area addition to the South Terrace Elementary School and determined to seek an architect for the drawing of the necessary plans.

Board Member Election

The Superintendent reported to the Board that he had received from the County Election Board a certificate indicating that Billy D. Staples had been re-elected as a Board Member from District 1, and that Jesse Tenison, Jr., had been re-elected as a Board Member from District 3.

Administrative Assistant Position

Superintendent Hollen reported to the Board that several applications had been received for the position of Administrative Assistant and that additional applications were expected in the future.

Negotiations

Mr. Wilson reported to the Board that the May 6 negotiation session with NEA North Posey had been cancelled upon the request of NEA, and reset for May 13. Mr. Schuler called the Board's attention to the fact that Mr. Wilson would shortly be leaving the school system and unable to continue as a negotiator and accordingly, it would be advisable for the Board to designate another individual to serve on the Board's negotiating team, and requested that the Board appoint Mr. Hollen. Upon motion duly made by Staples, seconded by Tenison and unanimously carried, the Board designated Ivan Hollen to serve with Mr. Schuler as the Board's negotiating team.

Frantz Conference

Mr. Hollen reported to the Board that a conference had been requested by Mrs. Frantz concerning her application for the high school art position and that she was accompanied in the conference by Mr. John Roberts, Uni-Serve Director and Mr. Myron Westfall, President of NEA North Posey. The apparent purpose of the conference

would be to exert pressure upon the superintendent to place Mrs. Frantz in the High School Art position. Mr. Hollen reported he indicated that there was not at this time a vacancy in that position but if a vacancy did occur, her application for transfer would be considered.

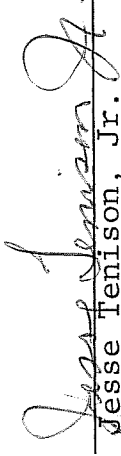
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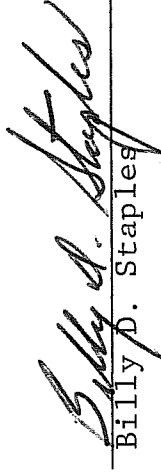
There was presented to the Board the request of Gloria Lindsey that she receive the remainder of her pay for the school year in the month of May, as she was attending graduate school. This request was granted.

Morgan Request

Mr. James Morgan requested that he be given a one-week vacation from June 7 to June 11, as he was being married. This request was granted.

Following a further discussion of school matters, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.


Jesse Tenison, Jr.


Billy D. Staples


Kenneth O. Eisterhold


Jack D. Hall


P. C. Fletchall

(BOARD OF EDUCATION)

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Held May 24, 1976

A 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 24th day of May, 1976 at the hour of 7:30 P.M. Board members Eisterhold, Tenison, Staples and Hall were in attendance. Also in attendance were Superintendent Hollen and Administrative Assistant, Wilson.

In the absence of Mr. Fletchall, President, Mr. Eisterhold, Vice President called the meeting to order and presided. Minutes of the previous meeting were read to the Board and upon motion duly made, and seconded and unanimously carried, minutes were approved as read.

Claims No. 968 through 1018 from the General Fund in the amount of \$8,679.27 were presented to the Board for consideration. Also a claim in the amount of \$3,438.10 from the Cumulative Building Fund was presented. After due consideration of claims submitted for payment, upon motion by Staples, seconded by Hall and unanimously carried, claims were ordered paid.

MR. KAGA, INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Don Kaga, Representative of the Indiana Insurance Company explained in detail the overall coverage of the new Comprehensive Business Policy that was recently purchased from his company. Many questions from Board members and Mr. Hollen were answered by Mr. Kaga. It was a unanimous opinion of the members present that Mr. Kaga did a very commendable job of explaining our coverage and the Board members so stated to Mr. Kaga.

MRS. MERIWETHER

At this time a delegation of persons appeared to be heard concerning the non-renewal of bus driver, Lela Meriwether's contract for 1976-77. It was agreed that Mr. Wilson would talk with the group and explain various aspects of the procedures to date as to her employment. After a long discussion with the group, Mr. Wilson then brought to the attention of the Board a request by the group that Mrs. Meriwether's contract for 1976-77 be re-considered and also a copy of the April 26th, 1976 minutes as pertained to Mrs. Meriwether. The Board members listened to the request but took no action. After further discussion with Mr. Wilson the group left.

P.E.R.F.

Superintendent Hollen brought to the attention of the Board the results of acceptance or rejection of the employees involved in the P.E.R.F. program. It was pointed out that out of a total number involved (19), seventeen (17) indicated "yes" and one "no" and one not reporting. After consideration of the information given, the Board held in abeyance any further decision until a full Board membership was present.

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT-BUSINESS MACHINES

Superintendent Hollen presented to the Board a quote on the Business Machines Agreement from Valley Machines Company at a total cost of \$2775.20 for the 1976-77 school year. Since excellent service was obtained this past year with this company, the Board accepted the quote with the Valley Machines Company.

BOILER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

The Scott Boiler Company submitted a quote on boiler maintenance for the 1976-77 school year at a cost of \$1100. This being the same cost as the 1975-76 school year, the Board accepted this quote.

TITLE I APPLICATION

Mr. Wilson submitted to the Board a Title I allocation for 1977 in the amount of \$14,647 which involves the Remedial Reading Program. This will underwrite the cost of one teacher for the 1976-77 school year. The Board accepted the allocation and ordered application be made for the school district.

I.E.E.R.B.

In the absence of Mr. Schuler, Mr. Hollen read a prepared letter by Mr. Schuler to the I.E.E.R.B. which had been requested to schools still in the negotiating process. After hearing the contents of the letter, Mr. Hollen was instructed to mail same to I.E.E.R.B.

TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS

Mr. Hollen presented to the Board for consideration the final adoption recommendations for textbooks for the period of 1976-1981 in the Science area. After hearing the recommended list of texts as presented by committees of teachers, parents and administrators, the Board adopted the recommendations and ordered the DPI to be so informed.

MR. KENNETT'S PAY

Mr. Hollen explained to the Board that Mr. James Kennett, Industrial Arts Teacher, has been called to duty by the military and that the Board would continue to pay Mr. Kennett for days away as it is covered by Statute to that effect.

SOUTH TERRACE SPECIFICATIONS

After due discussion of the specifications as submitted for an addition to the South Terrace School, the Board approved the specifications with no corrections. Mr. Hollen was instructed to contact Architects soon so that the plans may continue.

ADMINISTRATIVE and NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PAY FOR 1976-77

Superintendent Hollen brought to the attention of the Board Administrative and Non-Instructional salaries which they might wish to consider as to pay increases for both for the 1976-77 school year. Comparative information sheets were given to the Board for study and hoped by the next Board meeting on June 14, 1976 they would be able to give some decision on the matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION BY THE BOARD

At this time the Board went into executive session to hear the report of Mr. Wilson on his discussion with the protest group. Mr. Wilson explained that the group was very unhappy that the Board would not re-employ Mrs. Meriwether for the 1976-77 school year. Various questions pertaining to Mrs. Meriwether's ability, handling of children, etc, came from the group. At the end of the discussion in executive session, the Board then went into regular session to continue business at hand.

MINUTES OF APRIL 26TH RESCINDED, IN PART

It was pointed out by members of the Board that there probably was a legal error in the minutes of April 26th, 1976 in that on "Motion made by Hall, seconded by Fletchall, and carried 4 - 1 to re-employ all bus drivers with the exception of Mrs. Lela Meriwether." After discussion of the matter, upon motion by Hall, seconded by Staples, and carried 3-1, with member Tenison voting in the negative, recommendation to re-employ all bus drivers for 1976-77 school year with the exception of Mrs. Meriwether. By Board authority the minutes (in part) of April 26th meeting are hereby rescinded.

BUS DRIVERS BREAKFAST

Board members were extended an invitation to attend the Bus Drivers breakfast which will be held on May 28th at 7:00 a.m. at the North Elem. school cafeteria.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATIONS UPDATE

Superintendent Hollen gave a report to the Board as to administrative applications received to date. After hearing letters read from various applicants and reviewing credentials which had been forwarded to Mr. Hollen, no action by the Board was taken at this time.

As no further business was to come before the Board, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

Jack D. Hall

Anneth Estrell

Jess Jensen Jr.

Billy D. Staples

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