

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

Held January 12, 1977

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 12th day of January, 1977, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock p.m., with Board Members Hall, Eisterhold, Newman, Tenison and Staples present. Also attending were Superintendent Hollen, Administrative Assistant Brenton and Attorney Schuler.

The meeting was called to order by the president who presided. Minutes of the previous meeting of December 20, 1976, were read to the Board and approved as read.

Reorganization

It was called to the attention of the Board that due to the resignation of Mr. P. C. Fletchall, who has been president, it would be necessary that the vacancy be filled. Thereupon, on motion duly made by Hall, seconded by Tenison and unanimously carried, Kenneth O. Eisterhold was elected President of the Board.

Motion was made by Eisterhold and seconded by Hall that Billy D. Staples be elected as vice-president of the Board. A motion was made by Tenison that nominations be closed, which motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

Jack D. Hall will continue as secretary.

Claims

1976 Claims No. 429-467 in the total amount of \$27,531.52, and 1977 Claims No. 5-13 in the total amount of \$2,948.29 were presented to the Board for consideration, and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried were approved by the Board and ordered paid.

Storage Building

Mr. John Hamsley of the P & H Construction Company attended the meeting to discuss problems regarding the inner wall of the storage building. Following a discussion, Mr. Hamsley indicated that P & H Construction Company would furnish sufficient 3/4 inch plywood to place an inner wall 4 feet high in the building, with the installation to be made by the school district. This proposal was accepted by the Board.

Cold Weather Problems

Mr. Hollen reported to the Board that due to the cold weather there had been freezing of plumbing equipment in the old gymnasium, and that it had been necessary to replace much

of the piping, and thereafter it has been necessary to employ the janitor to come when necessary during the night to keep the boiler fired sufficiently high to prevent further freezing.

He further reported that a unit ventilator at the South Terrace Elementary School froze, and this had been replaced. He further reported roof leaks at South Terrace due to the accumulation of snow and its melting.

The Superintendent further stated a break had occurred in the heat exchanger at the high school and this had been repaired by the maintenance staff, and that there was a break in the temperature control piping and efforts were being made to locate and repair this break.

Special Appropriation Hearing

Mr. Hollen reported to the Board that a hearing had been held December 30, 1976, with the State Board of Tax Commissioners at Mt. Vernon to secure approval of the special appropriation of the funds from the Cumulative Building Fund and from the proposed bond issue for the construction of an addition to the South Terrace Elementary School. The hearing officer gave tentative approval to the special appropriation and indicated that formal approval would be coming from the State Board of Tax Commissioners.

Debt Service Obligations

Mr. Hollen reported to the Board that on January 3, 1977, the \$39,000 owed for lease rental of the high school had been paid; that Bond and Interest payment for the General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$14,708 had been paid; and that the sum of \$31,981 had been paid as the balance owed for school busses purchased in 1976.

Drug Abuse - Delinquency Prevention Program

A request had been received by the school district to participate in a county wide program to give instruction in the schools in the district on drug abuse and delinquency prevention. Current proposal was for a total cost of \$16,000 of which the schools in the county would pay 5% or \$800.00 and of which amount our cost would be 36% or approximately \$288.00. Upon motion duly made by Tenison, seconded by Newman and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to participate in this program on a year-to-year basis.

Educable Mentally Retarded

The Superintendent reported to the Board that it had not been possible to secure a licensed replacement in this special education program for the vacancy in the Junior High School, and that he recommended the hiring of Marijon Davis for the second semester to fill this vacancy. Following a discussion, this recommendation was approved.

School Closings

Mr. Hollen indicated that due to the impassible conditions of many of the county roads in the district, it had not been possible to hold school throughout this week, and that he anticipated it would be necessary to dismiss school for additional days. Following a discussion, the Board recommended that this problem be faced on a day-to-day basis and dismissal of school made so long as roads were in such condition as to make transportation of the students dangerous.

Superintendent's Letter

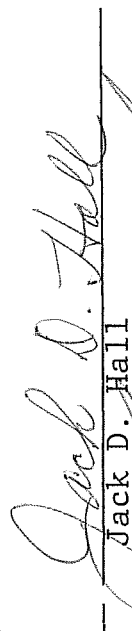
Mr. Hollen presented to the Board his letter of resignation effective June 30, 1977, which resignation was reluctantly accepted by the Board.

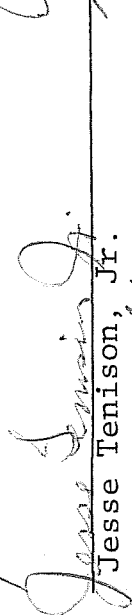
Superintendent's Replacement

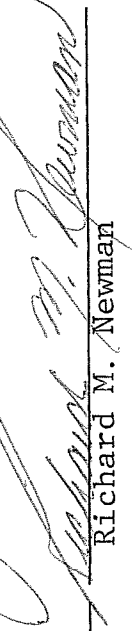
Following a discussion concerning the need to secure a replacement for Mr. Hollen as Superintendent of the school district, upon motion duly made by Staples, seconded by Hall and unanimously carried, the Board determined to seek applications from all qualified applicants for this position.

Following a further discussion of school matters, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 10:20 p.m.


Kenneth O. Eisterhold


Jack D. Hall


Jesse Tenison, Jr.


Richard M. Newman


Billy D. Staples

(BOARD OF EDUCATION)

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Held January 24, 1977

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 24th day of January, 1977, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock p.m., with Board Members Hall, Eisterhold, Newman, Tenison and Staples present. Also attending were Superintendent Hollen, Administrative Assistant Brenton and Attorney Schuler.

The meeting was called to order by the president who presided. Minutes of the previous meeting of January 10, 1977, were read to the Board and approved as read.

Claims

Claims No. 14-28 in the total amount of \$6,194.13 were presented to the Board for consideration, and upon motion duly made by Tenison, seconded by Hall and unanimously carried were approved by the Board and ordered paid.

Tax Control Board

The Superintendent reported to the Board that approval had been given of the Cumulative Building Fund appropriation of \$100,000 for the construction of the addition to the South Terrace Elementary School, and that a hearing had been scheduled for January 27, 1977, before the Tax Control Board at Indianapolis, prior to the approval for the bond issue. He stated that at present our indebtedness equals approximately 12% of the assessed valuation, and that with the proposed bond issue the indebtedness would equal approximately 13% of the assessed valuation, whereas it is generally felt that this ratio is not out of line until it reaches 25%.

Temporary Teacher's Contracts

There was presented to the Board for signature the temporary teaching contract of Mrs. Marijon Davis for Special Education and Mrs. Edna Brumfield for English. These were signed by the Board.

Textbook Adoption

Administrative Assistant Brenton reported to the Board that there would be recommendations made in the future for adoption of textbooks in Driver Education and Health, Agricultural Science, Home Economics, Business, and Music. He stated that the recommendation for adoption would be made by teachers in the various areas from among a list of approved textbooks issued by the State Department of Education. These recommendations would be presented to the Board at a later date.

Financial Report

The Superintendent gave a report to the Board of the 1976 financial condition of the district, showing that there remained an appropriation balance of \$34,086.00 and a cash balance of \$157,731.00. He further reported that the total budget for the year 1976 had been \$1,785,290.00.

Legislative Action

Mr. Hollen presented to the Board for their information two items of proposed legislation which would affect the school district. One of these would increase the amount of State aid by \$43.00 per child, which would bring in an estimated \$77,767.00 of new money, and the other would permit a 5 percent increase of the tax rate freeze of 1973, which would bring in an estimated \$45,000. He further indicated that regardless of what means of increasing State aid was adopted, he felt it would be extremely difficult to find sufficient funds to satisfy NEA in its salary requirements and still operate the school district.

Cold Weather Problems

The Superintendent reported on various problems arising due to the cold weather and informed the Board that in two of the rooms of the North Elementary School, pipes over the ceiling had burst due to the fact that they were not insulated and in a freezing temperature. He reported that the water had been shut off and that these pipes would be repaired and insulated at a later date.

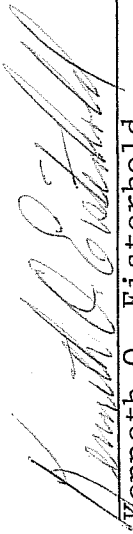
Administrative Vacancy

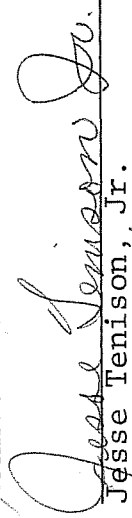
Mr. Hollen reported to the Board on receipt of applications for filling the position of Superintendent upon his retirement on July 1, 1977.

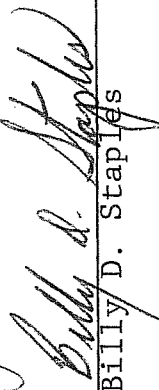
School Closing

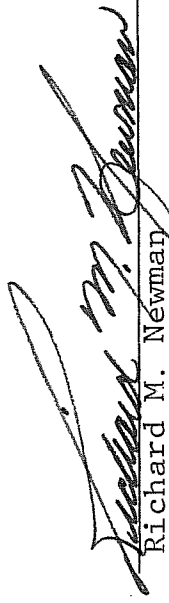
General discussion was had concerning the closing of school due to the inclement weather, and Mr. Hollen reported to the Board that with its approval, he proposed to open school Tuesday, January 25, with the school busses running such routes as could be safely done. Approval was given by the Board.

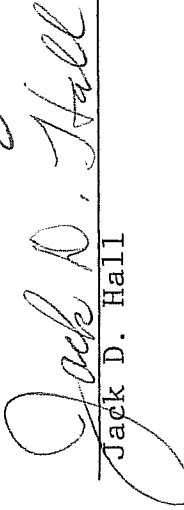
Following a general discussion of school matters, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 9:00 p.m.


Kenneth O. Eisterhold


Jesse Tenison, Jr.


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