

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

Held November 14, 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 14th day of November, 1977, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock p.m., with Board Members Eisterhold, Newman, Hall, Staples and Tenison present. Also attending were Superintendent Brenton and Administrative Assistant Rapp.

The meeting was called to order by President Eisterhold who presided. Minutes of the previous meeting of October 24, 1977, were read to the Board and approved as read.

Claims No. 350-406 in the amount of \$30,130.75 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.

Additional Appropriation

Superintendent Brenton explained to the Board that it was necessary to consider an additional appropriation of more money in the Debt Service Fund than was appropriated in the original budget for the current year. Following a discussion, it was determined that an emergency did in fact exist, and it was necessary that the following money be appropriated over and above that appropriated in the original budget for the current year.

Thereupon, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Education directed that notice be given to the taxpayers of the following emergency appropriation:

Account No. 1300 - Debt Service	\$4,055.14
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The President of the Board directed that taxpayers be advised that a hearing would be held on said emergency appropriation in the office of the Superintendent of schools on the 28th day of November, 1977, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock p.m. (CST).

Speech Conference

A request was received from Diane Smith to be permitted to take thirteen high school students to a speech conference at Purdue University on November 18 and 19. Approval of the request was given by the Board.

Scoliosis Screening

Mr. Brenton explained to the Board that students in the school district would be screened for scoliosis once all the guideline procedures for the screening process had been completed. It was pointed out to the Board that the screening would be done by the school nurse, building principals and physical education teachers.

North Posey County in Title IV-B Federal money. The Board authorized the Superintendent to file an application for the grant.

Public Law 94-142

Mr. Rapp advised the Board that he had attended a meeting in Seymour, Indiana, concerning implementation of Public Law 94-142, which was established to guarantee non-discrimination on the basis of handicap to all students. Mr. Rapp further informed the Board that the School District would receive \$5,318.00 in Federal money for the remainder of the 1977-78 school year and approximately \$5,000 the following school year once the Local Educational Agency had met the priorities established under Public Law 94-142.

Transportation Report

Mr. Rapp reported to the Board that the new school buses were in and would be delivered once final dealer preparations were completed. It was further reported that a CB radio had been purchased for the Special Education car.

State Vocational Education Program Evaluation

Mr. Rapp informed the Board that the Indiana State Board of Vocational and Technical Education plans to initiate an Instructional Program Evaluation System under the requirements of Indiana Public Law 227, and Title II Education Amendments which require evaluation of all vocational programs by 1982. Mr. Rapp reported that he had contacted Phil Mann, Coordinator of Education, inquiring about the possibilities of the M.S.D. North Posey County being among the twenty pilot schools selected to be evaluated during the 1977-78 school year.

FFA Corn Plot

The Superintendent reported to the Board that Steve Bender would pick the FFA corn plot as soon as weather permitted, and that he had contacted Steve Blankenberger concerning completion of the drainage project once the corn had been harvested.

Washington Trip

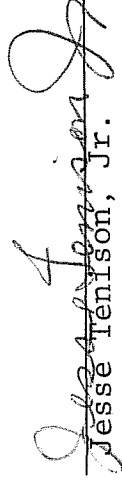
Upon checking a parental consent form prepared by the school attorney for the student one-day trip to Washington, D.C., the Board approved Mr. Pittman's request for North Posey High School students to take the trip via World Airway. It was the decision of the Board that parental consent forms be used in the future for all student trips outside the State of Indiana.

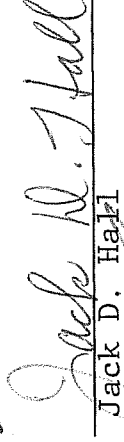
ISBA Meeting

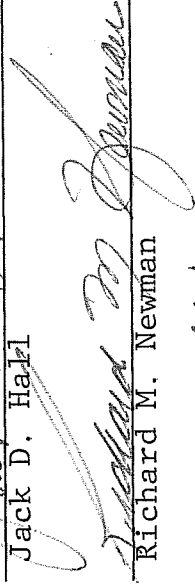
The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Members of the Board of Education made plans to attend the Indiana School Board Association meeting to be held at Princeton on the evening of November 16, 1977.

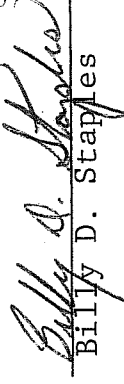
Following a further discussion of school matters, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 10:00 p.m.


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Attendance Policy

The Superintendent informed the Board that the new attendance policy initiated at the high school had been working beautifully except for a few minor discrepancies which could be adjusted at the end of the semester when further evaluation would be made. He further informed the Board that two students were over the 10 day quota in absenteeism and would be denied credit in their classes for the first semester.

ISBA Dues

The Board approved the payment of \$890.00 dues for 1978 to the Indiana School Board Association.

Handicap Law 94-142

Administrative Assistant Rapp explained to the Board that the District would not apply for financial assistance available under Public Law 94-142 at the present time, because it was not possible to meet all the stringent guidelines established. It was pointed out that the District plans to comply with the standards of Public Law 94-142 by the start of the 1978-79 school year.

Transportation Report

Mr. Rapp reported to the Board that Herman Becker had resigned his bus route and that he had issued a temporary contract to Betty Johnson for the remainder of the month of November. It was also reported that three new buses had been delivered and the initial downpayment of 10 percent or \$3,659.17 had been paid, and that the remaining balance of \$33,230.23 would be paid to Farmers Bank and Trust Company on January 9, 1977.

GED Diploma

Mr. Brenton submitted the GED diploma of Juanita Ann Boyles Goldman to the Board for signature.

South Terrace Addition

Mr. Brenton read a letter he had received from Mr. Wally Givens which projected the completion date of the South Terrace Addition to be January 30, 1978, instead of the original completion date of January 1, 1978. President Eisterhold instructed Mr. Brenton to further investigate the reasons for the delay of the completion and the possibility of completing the addition as originally scheduled.

FFA

Mr. Brenton informed the Board that Mr. Burgess, the FFA chapter adviser, had reported favorably on the trip to the FFA National Convention in Kansas City. The Superintendent informed the Board that Mr. Burgess had requested that the Board pay Nix Motor Sales \$100.00 for the rental fee on the cars used on the trip. The Board requested that Mr. Burgess submit an itemized financial statement of the FFA Chapter Treasury before passing judgment on this request. Mr. Brenton further reported

that wheat had been planted on the FFA farm plot since the corn was harvested, and that the FFA Judging Team placed 33rd out of 48 schools in the State Soil Judging Contest.

Budget Hearing

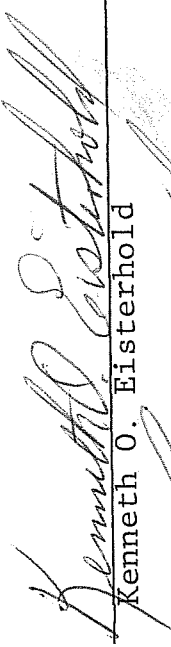
The Superintendent reported to the Board that the hearing on the district's budget before the State Board of Tax Commissioners had been held on November 7, 1977, and the rate set as follows:

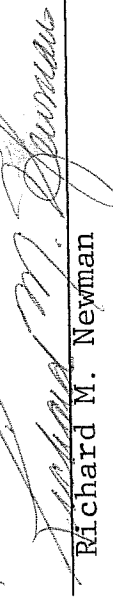
General Fund	\$3.41
Debt Service Fund	.70
Cumulative Building Fund	.25
Total	\$4.36

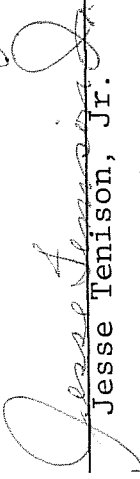
Resignation of James Pittman

Mr. Brenton presented to the Board the letter of resignation of James Pittman as High School Principal at a date to be agreed upon by the Board. The Board reluctantly accepted Mr. Pittman's resignation and set the effective date as December 22, 1977.

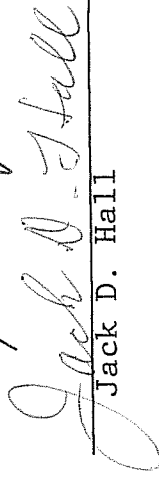
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Held November 28, 1977

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 28th day of November, 1977, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock p.m., with Board Members Eisterhold, Newman, Hall, Staples and Tenison present. Also attending were Superintendent Brenton and Administrative Assistant Rapp.

The meeting was called to order by President Eisterhold who presided. Minutes of the previous meeting of November 14, 1977, were read to the Board and approved as read.

Claims No. 409-440 in the amount of \$9,183.54 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.

Additional Appropriation

The president called the attention of the Board to the fact that this was the time advertised for hearing on the proposed emergency appropriation in the amount of \$4,055.14 into Account No. 1300 - Debt Service. There were no remonstrances against the proposed emergency appropriation and following a discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was determined by the Board that such a need did exist, and an additional appropriation in the amount of \$4,055.14 in Account No. 1300 - Debt Service was made by the Board. The Superintendent was instructed to forward the necessary copies of the resolution and of the proofs of publication to the Auditor of Posey County for additional hearing before the State Board of Tax Commissioners.

FFA Financial Report

Mr. Brenton reported that the FFA Chapter would submit a complete financial statement to the Board at the next regular meeting on December 12, 1977.

Board Meeting

Upon agreement, the Board determined to meet for a second December meeting on December 19, 1977, instead of the normally scheduled meeting date.

Erbacher Retirement

Mr. Brenton advised the Board that Martha Erbacher had verbally informed him that she planned to retire from teaching at the end of the first semester on January 13, 1977. Mr. Brenton advised the Board that he would secure an official written resignation in the near future.

Indiana Employment Security Act

After a discussion, it was determined by the Board that the school district not elect to come under the Indiana Employment Security Act requiring that the district pay 1% of the first \$6,000.00 paid to each employee into this fund. The Board determined that it would be in the best interest of the district to "self insure" and elected to come under the applicable provision of the law, which would require the Board to reimburse the Indiana Employment Security Division for any amount of unemployment insurance which that Board has paid to a discharged employee of the district. This election was made necessary by the new Employment Security Act which becomes effective January 1, 1978.

Indiana Insurance Company

Mr. Brenton informed the Board that a check in the amount of \$3,807.00 had been received from the Indiana Insurance Company in payment for damages to the sewer plant at the high school and losses due to vandalism at the South Terrace Elementary School. The Board was further informed that an investigation is underway as to the possibility of securing a new insurance carrier.

Russler Replacement

Mr. Brenton reported to the Board that Lee Ann McHugh had been issued a temporary teaching contract beginning January 16, 1978, and continuing through May 26, 1978, to fulfill the mathematics position at the Junior High School created by the maternity leave of Sydney Russler.

Pittman Appreciation Dinner

Mr. Brenton extended an invitation to Board Members to attend an appreciation dinner to be given for James Pittman at the High School at 6:30 p.m. on December 17, 1977.

Transportation

Mr. Rapp informed the Board that buses were able to make their routes with little difficulty on Monday, November 27, 1977, following the first winter snowfall. Mr. Rapp further informed the Board of the difficulty in finding substitute bus drivers when necessary.

Harper Farming Agreement

The Superintendent informed the Board that he would make a report at the next regular meeting concerning the farming agreement established in the past with Gene Harper on approximately 2 acres of school property west of the North Elementary School.

State Fire Marshal

A letter from the Indiana State Fire Marshal was read to the Board, giving results of the inspection of the various schools in the district. The Superintendent informed the Board

that he would respond to the letter informing the State Fire Marshal's office that every effort would be made to comply with his recommendations once the budget permitted.

Gymnasium Roof

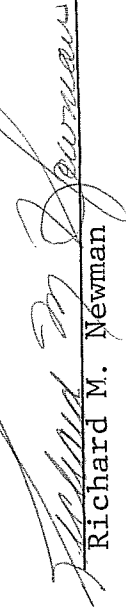
Mr. Brenton informed the Board that Robert Smith had reported to him that the roof at the high school gymnasium would have to be replaced in the near future. The Board advised the Superintendent to check with various roofing companies concerning the condition of the gymnasium roof and to secure estimated costs of replacement.

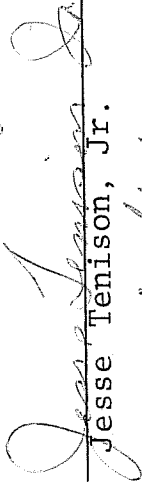
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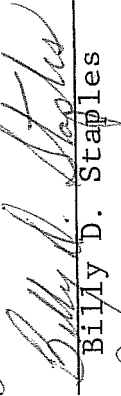
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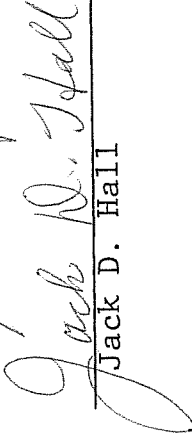
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