

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

Held February 6, 1978

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 6th day of February, 1978, 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, Administrative Assistant Rapp, and School Attorney Johnson.

The meeting was called to order by President Eisterhold who presided. Minutes of the previous meeting of January 23, 1978, were read to the Board and approved as read.

Claims

Claims No. 49-82 in the amount of \$11,377.84 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.

Athletic Lighting

The Superintendent read a letter addressed to President Eisterhold in which School Attorney Johnson stated he had examined the bid form, the bid bond, and the lease with option to purchase forms submitted by Cundiff Electric, and found them all to be in proper order with no impediment in the way of proceeding with the acceptance and signing of the forms. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the bid and signed the lease with option to purchase.

South Terrace Addition

Mr. Brenton reported to the Board that workers were beginning to install carpeting and cabinets in the new South Terrace Addition and that the completion date now appeared to be March 1, 1978. The Board approved Mr. Brenton's request to order a 24" x 32" aluminum dedication plaque at a cost of \$290.

Transportation Report

Mr. Brenton informed the Board that he had received notification from the Department of Public Instruction stating the M.S.D. of North Posey would be reimbursed for snow removal expenses between 11:45 a.m. Friday, January 27, 1978, to 11:45 a.m., Wednesday, February 1, 1978.

Mr. Rapp reported to the Board that the garage crew would begin installation of CB radios in the busses in the near future.

Upon recommendation by Mr. Rapp, the Board directed that advertisement be made for bids for three 60-passenger busses with three used busses to be traded in; such new busses to have standard transmission and power steering. Bids will be opened March 13, 1978.

Negotiation Report

Attorney Johnson informed the Board that the first negotiation session for the 1978-79 contract year would be held with NEA North Posey on February 13, 1978. The Board formally appointed Mr. Brenton, Mr. Rapp, and Mr. Johnson as their representatives for negotiating the 1978-79 contract.

Language Arts Textbooks

Administrative Assistant Rapp reported to the Board that there would be recommendations made in the future for adoption of Language Arts textbooks. He stated that the recommendation would be made by a teacher-parent committee 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.

Cumulative Building Fund

Superintendent Brenton asked the Board to consider raising the Cumulative Building Fund rate from .25 to .50 and further advised the Board that approval would be necessary at the next meeting date, February 27, 1978.

Break-in of Old Poseyville Gym

Mr. Brenton reported that vandals had broken the windshields out of Bus 22 over the weekend and broken into the old Poseyville Gym, stealing a salamander. The Board directed Mr. Brenton to purchase a new salamander to replace the one that had been stolen.

Letter of Appreciation

A letter was received and read to the Board from Wallace Graves, President of the University of Evansville, and Thornton Patberg, Vice-President in charge of Student Affairs, thanking Mr. Brenton for his letter of sympathy in regard to the tragedy that recently struck the University and thirty-nine families.

Second Semester Schedule

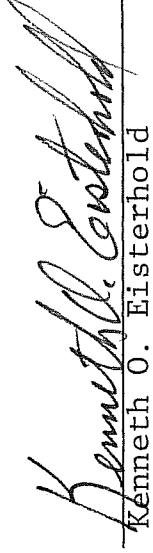
Upon request of John Wood, the Board approved the following schedule for the second semester:

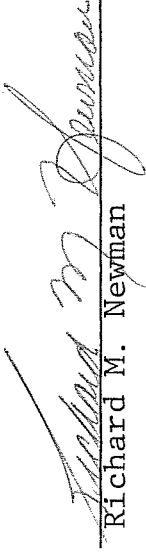
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	<u>End Date</u>		<u>End Date</u>		<u>Days</u>	
4th	2-24-78		3-03-78			25
5th	4-14-78		4-14-78			24
6th	5-25-78		5-25-78			29

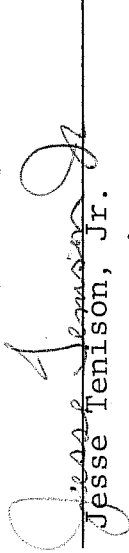
Request of Shirley Dunne

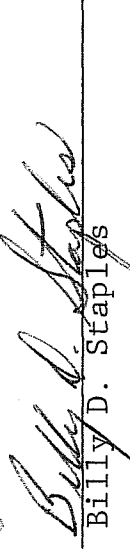
Mr. Brenton read a letter from Shirley Dunne requesting Board approval for a school-sponsored trip to Chicago on Monday, March 20, 1978, the first day of the spring vacation. The trip would include a tour of the Furniture Mart and possibly the Apparel Mart and the Museum of Science and Industry. The Board approved Mrs. Dunne's request recommending that there be one chaperon for each fifteen students.

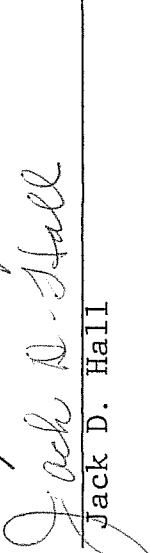
Following a further discussion of school matters, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 9:30 p.m.


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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 27th day of February, 1978, 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, Administrative Assistant Rapp, and School Attorney Johnson.

The meeting was called to order by President Eisterhold who presided. Minutes of the previous meeting of February 6, 1978, were read to the Board and approved as read.

Claims

Claims No. 84-142 in the amount of \$19,704.54 and No. 143-144 in the Construction Fund in the amount of \$24,869.00 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.

South Terrace Addition

The Superintendent reported to the Board that the South Terrace Addition was near completion and that a punch card inspection of the facility would be made in the near future with Wally Given. Upon the recommendation of President Eisterhold it was the Board's decision to make an inspection tour of the new facility following the next regularly scheduled meeting on March 13, 1978.

Negotiations

Attorney Johnson informed the Board that the first negotiation session with NEA North Posey would be on March 13, 1978 at 4:00 p.m.

Energy Crisis Update

Mr. Brenton explained to the Board the method used by REMC in determining the 50% cutback quota necessary at the Jr.-Sr. High School and how Public Service Indiana had arrived at the 50% cutback quota at North Elementary. The Superintendent further informed the Board that the 50% cutback quota was being made at the Jr.-Sr. High School but not at North Elementary. It was the Board's decision to use the Posey County Civil Defense Unit's portable generator at North Elementary if forced to close school for failure to meet the 50% cutback quota.

Cumulative Building Fund

A discussion was had relating to the cumulative building fund rate which expires in 1978. It was the decision of the

Board to re-establish the Cumulative Building Fund, in order to have additional funds available to provide improvement and remodeling of present classroom facilities and new construction, and upon motion duly made by Staples, seconded by Hall and unanimously carried, the Board voted to establish a Cumulative Building Fund of \$.50 per \$100.00 assessed valuation for a period of five years, commencing with taxes to be levied in the year 1978, payable in 1979, and annually thereafter for a period not to exceed five years.

Lease Agreement--Cundiff Electric

The Board signed a document submitted by Cundiff Electric waiving the first least-rental payment of \$8,365.00 from the time the agreement was executed to the completion of the installation of the athletic lighting at the High School.

Mrs. Dunne's Letter

The Superintendent read a letter to the Board from Mrs. Dunne expressing her thanks for the Board's approval of her request for a educational field trip to Chicago, however, she regretfully informed the Board that the trip had to be cancelled due to the fact such a tour could only be arranged for students considering a career in merchandising.

H. A. Grant Proposal

Mr. Brenton read a letter Wally Given had received from H. A. Grant Plumbing stating that the lift pumps moved from North Elementary for use at the sewage treatment facility at South Terrace Elementary were inoperable, and the estimated cost to furnish and install new parts would be \$2,800, and it should be understood that there may be more expenses involved if the system failed to operate after these parts were installed. The Superintendent further informed the Board that Wally Given estimated the approximate cost of a new system similar to this to be \$10,000. The Board instructed Mr. Brenton to further check with Wally Given concerning the lift pumps and make a follow-up report on the next meeting date.

Agricultural Advisory Committee

Mr. Brenton informed the Board that the Agricultural Advisory Committee had been functioning and met with Mr. Burgess. The Superintendent further informed the Board that he would make a committee report to the Board on the next meeting date.

Transportation Report

Mr. Rapp reported that all the CB radio equipment for the transportation fleet had been received and that installation would begin when time permitted. He further reported he was concerned with the conditions of the county roads and the daily bus maintenance required, resulting from the severe winter weather.

Letter of Appreciation

Mr. Brenton read a letter of appreciation from Ralph Schuler expressing his thanks to the Board for the two plaques and the many fond memories cherished through years of association with the Board.

Summer Maintenance

Mr. Brenton informed the Board that he had checked with Robert Smith and the building principals concerning summer maintenance, and that various rooms and hallways required painting. He further reported that the High School gymnasium and auditorium needed new roofs and that he was in the process of collecting cost estimates.

Summer School 1978

It was reported that approximately 150 students had signed up for summer Driver Education classes and that six teaching applications had been received to date.

Attendance Policy

Upon recommendation from Attorney Johnson, the Board adopted for use the letters sent to parents after a student has missed seven and ten days of school.

Insurance

It was reported that various insurance agencies have been contacted concerning liability insurance, and that premium proposals would be presented to the Board prior to April 14, 1978, the annual renewal date.

Snow Removal Reimbursement

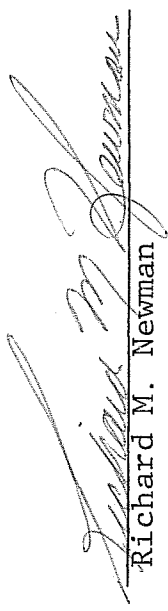
Mr. Rapp explained to the Board the guidelines for applying for federal reimbursement for snow removal expenses under the Disaster Relief Act Amendments of 1974. The Board authorized Milton M. Mitnick to execute for and in behalf of the Metropolitan School District of North Posey their application and file it in the appropriate state office for the purpose of obtaining certain Federal Financing Assistance under the Disaster Relief Act Amendments of 1974 (Public Law 288, 93rd Congress).

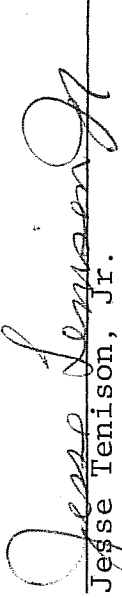
John D. Wood's Letter

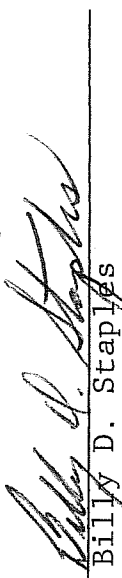
A letter to the Board from John D. Wood was read expressing his appreciation for their approval of his request to attend the NASSP Convention in Anaheim, California.

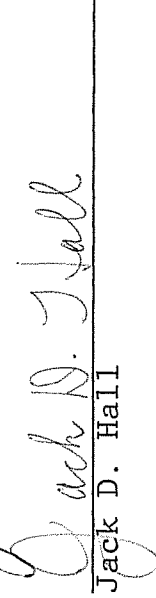
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