

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

Held March 26, 1984

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 26th day of March, 1984, at the hour of 7:00 o'clock P.M., with Board members Nash, Buecher, Martin and Williams present. Also attending were Superintendent Brenton, Administrative Assistant Rapp, and School Attorney Bender.

At 7:00 P.M. it was the decision of the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and negotiations. The Board secured from Executive Session at 8:20 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Nash, who presided. Minutes of the previous meeting of February 20, 1984 were read to the Board and approved as read.

Claims

General Fund Claims No. 202 - 244 in the amount of \$7,933.56, Transportation Fund Claims No. 39 & 40 in the amount of \$1,864.91, Public Law 94-142 Claims No. 46 - 49 in the amount of \$408.56 were presented to the Board for consideration and upon motion duly made by Martin, seconded by Williams and unanimously carried were approved by the Board and ordered paid.

Bids on School District Insurance

School Attorney Bender opened bids which had been received on the insurance premium for the District which would include liability insurance coverage and umbrella protection for all employees.

Specifications and Bid Offers

Section A, Item C, Bid No. 1 - ALL RISK with \$1,000 deductible plus ALL OTHER SPECIFICATION ITEMS. Annual Premium:

Shrode Agency	\$10,495.00
Bayer Agency	\$12,713.00
Schultheis Agency	\$14,342.00

Section A, Item C, Bid No. 2 - Total if earthquake coverage with 2% deductible is included.

Shrode Agency	\$12,857.00
Bayer Agency	\$13,532.00
Schultheis Agency	\$15,548.00

Section A, Item C, Bid No. 3 - ALL RISK with \$2,500 deductible plus all other specifications items.

Shrode Agency	\$10,247.00
Bayer Agency	\$12,533.00
Schultheis Agency	\$13,988.00

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Section A, Item C, Bid No. 4 - Total if earthquake coverage with 2% deductible is included.

Shrode Agency	\$12,609.00
Bayer Agency	\$13,149.00
Schultheis Agency	\$15,194.00

The Board took the bids under advisement and directed school attorney Bender to review all the bids. A copy of the complete specifications shall be made a part of the minutes by incorporation.

NEA North Posey

John Siders, President of NEA North Posey read a statement requesting that the Board accept binding arbitration as a final solution to settling the Master Contract with NEA North Posey for the 1983-84 school year. A copy of Mr. Siders' statement requesting binding arbitration shall be made a part of the minutes by incorporation.

Update on Negotiations - Ernest Rapp

Mr. Rapp reviewed with the Board the outcome of the post fact-finding bargaining session that was held on March 8, 1984 and reported that Robert Kilroy had been appointed by the Indiana Education Employment Relations Board as a post-fact finding mediator and that a date for mediation would be established in the near future. Mr. Rapp, speaking as the Chief Spokesman for the Board, read a prepared statement explaining the reasons the Board would not agree to binding arbitration as requested by John Siders. A copy of the statement shall be made a part of the minutes by incorporation.

Summer Maintenance and Purchases

Mr. Brenton reviewed with the Board projects and expenditures he felt needed to be made during the summer months. The following is a list of projects the Superintendent presented for the Board's consideration at a later date:

Purchase equipment for the Agriculture Department; repair the roof at South Terrace; install a new freezer and cooler at South Terrace; install new floor tile in the foyer and halls at South Terrace; purchase a new milling machine for the Industrial Arts department; purchase of additional computers for classroom instruction; erect a new storage building for South Terrace; install carpeting in the High School band room; and carpet the doorway entrance at North Elementary.

Requests for Professional Leave

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent the Board approved the requests of Shirley Dunne and Mary Heldt for professional day leave on March 30, 1984 in order to attend a Video Conference entitled "Food and Fitness". The Board also approved Brett Davis' request for a professional day leave on April 9, 1984 in order to speak at a seminar meeting of the Music Education National Conference to be held at Indiana State University.

Request of Pregnancy Leave

Upon motion duly made by Martin, seconded by Buecher, and unanimously carried the Board approved Mary Ann White's request for pregnancy leave effective April 20, 1984 and the employment of Sandra Decker on a temporary contract to assume Mrs. White's teaching assignments for the remainder of the 1983-84 school year.

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Board Member Buecher's Comments

Board member Buecher explained that he felt the employment of a physical education teacher at the Elementary level was long overdue and outlined reasons he felt justified the employment of a physical education teacher for grades K-6 effective with the start of the 1984-85 school year. A motion was then duly made by Buecher that the District employ a physical education teacher for grades K-6 beginning with the 1984-85 school year. There being no second, the motion died.

Request of Donald Thompson

Upon motion duly made by Martin, seconded by Williams and unanimously carried the Board approved Donald Thompson's request to attend the National Association of Elementary School Principals Conference to be held in New Orleans on April 12-16, 1984.

Request to Change Sectional Site

Mr. Brenton explained to the Board that John Wood had written a letter to the I.H.S.A.A. requesting that the Boys Basketball Sectional be moved from Princeton to Gibson Southern due mainly to poor heating and lack of parking facilities. The Board directed that the Superintendent draft a letter to the I.H.S.A.A. to accompany Mr. Wood's letter requesting the sectional site be moved to Gibson Southern.

Basketball Clinic

Upon a motion duly made by Williams, seconded by Buecher and unanimously carried the Board approved the requests of Rick Wilgus and Robert Schnarr for a professional day leave on April 13, 1984 in order to attend a basketball coaches clinic in Chicago.

Transportation

Mr. Rapp reported on the gasoline expenditures for the month of February, 1984 and compared gasoline expenditures and averages thus far for the 1983-84 school year as compared to the same period in the 1982-83 school year.

Request of JoBerta Hein

Upon a motion duly made by Buecher, seconded by Williams, and unanimously carried the Board approved JoBerta Hein's request for a professional day leave on April 27, 1984 in order to attend the Home Economics Association's Annual Meeting in Fort Wayne.

G.E.D. Certificate

Upon a motion duly made by Buecher, seconded by Martin and unanimously carried the Board approved the awarding of a G.E.D. Certificate to Jerry Alan Straw.

Request of Diane Smith

Upon a motion duly made by Buecher, seconded by Williams and unanimously carried, the Board approved Diane Smith's request for a professional day leave on April 12, 1984 in order to attend the Central States Speech Association Convention in Chicago.

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Request of Rick Wilgus

Mr. Brenton read a letter received from Rick Wilgus, explaining that the National Federation of Baseball had banned the use of metal cleats in High School games but the I.H.S.A.A., which governs all high schools in Indiana, states that metal cleats may be worn. It was school attorney Bender's opinion that the school district would be on safe legal grounds if they followed the guidelines set forth by the I.H.S.A.A. Following Bender's opinion on the matter the Board approved Mr. Wilgus' request for players to wear metal cleats in High School baseball contests.

Following no further discussion of school matters, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 10:05 P.M.


James W. Nash


Steven L. Martin


Jack D. Hall


Ned O. Williams

Timothy K. Buecher

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