

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

Held April 18, 1994

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the M.S.D. of North Posey County, Indiana, was held in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools on the 18th day of April, 1994 at the hour of 5:30 P.M., with Board Members Saxe, Buecher, Lewis, Baehl, and Schmitt present. Also attending were Superintendent Brenton and Administrative Assistant Rapp.

At 5:30 P.M. it was the decision of the Board to go in to an Executive Session to discuss personnel recommendations for certified and non-certified employees for the 1994-95 school year. The Board secured from Executive Session at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Saxe, who presided. Minutes of the previous meeting of March 7, 1994 were read to the Board and approved as read.

Claims

A copy of the claim docket was presented to the Board for their consideration and upon a motion made by Buecher, seconded by Schmitt, and unanimously carried, the claim docket was approved. A copy of the approved claim docket shall be made a part of the minutes by incorporation.

Resignation of Donald L. Thompson

Mr. Brenton informed the Board that Donald Thompson, Principal of South Terrace Elem. School the past twenty-four years, had submitted a letter to him indicating his plans to retire at the end of the 1993-94 school year. He further explained that Mr. Thompson had served the district very well over the past twenty-four years. On a motion made by Buecher, seconded by Baehl, and unanimously carried, the Board reluctantly accepted Mr. Thompson's resignation and retirement as Principal at South Terrace Elem. School. The Board adopted and signed a Resolution of Appreciation to Mr. Thompson which shall be made a part of the minutes by incorporation.

Presentation by Johnson Controls Representatives

Mike Persinger and Mark Meyer, representing Johnson Controls, reviewed an energy saving project proposal with the Board and also the financial details of the project. They explained three options that were available for financing the refunding of the project. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Baehl, seconded by Schmitt and unanimously carried the Board gave their approval of the project and tabled the decision on the method of financing it until the next regular meeting on May 9 once information on interest rates was secured from local banking institutions.

Recommendation of Certified and Non-Certified Staff

Superintendent Brenton made recommendations for employment of certified and non-certified personnel for the 1994-95 school year. On a motion made by Buecher, seconded by Lewis and unanimously carried, the Board approved the recommendations and a reduction in force of two teachers with the least experience and one half-time and four full time instructional aides. The Board directed the Superintendent to review the budget and to do everything possible to find a way to reduce the class sizes of the 6th grade at North Elementary for the 1994-95 school year. Superintendent Brenton stated he hoped to find funding available that would allow the return of all teachers and instructional aides for the 1994-95 school year. He further stated he would know more about funds available for the 1994-95 school year by June 30, 1994.

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Textbook Adoption Committee

Mr. Rapp informed the Board that recommendations on the adoption of textbooks for Agriculture, Art, Business, Home Economics, Industrial Arts, and Music classes would be made to the Board at the regularly scheduled meeting on May 9, 1994. Mr. Rapp presented the Board with a copy of the Teacher/Parent Textbook Committee which shall be made a part of the minutes by incorporation.

Early Kindergarten Admission Procedure

Following a discussion concerning amending the policy for early admission to kindergarten, on a motion made by Buecher, seconded by Baehl, and unanimously carried, the Board approved a new amended policy for early admission to kindergarten. A copy of the amended policy shall be made a part of the minutes by incorporation.

Public Employment Retirement Fund

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion made by Baehl, seconded by Lewis and unanimously carried, the Board approved the submission of a request that the following positions be added to the Public Employment Retirement Fund:

Food Service Director - Nancy Dougan
Computer Coordinator - Kathy George and Leesa Kuhn
A.V. Coordinator - Connie Lockyear

Participation for these positions would begin January, 1995.

Request of North Posey High School Band - Terri Palmer

Mr. Brenton read a letter to the Board stating that the North Posey H.S. Band has been invited by the Independence Day Parade Association to represent the State of Indiana in the National Independence Day Parade in Washington D.C. on July 4, 1994. Mrs. Palmer, the band director, was present and presented the Board with a copy of an itinerary for the trip which she had received from Lifestyle Tours. Mrs. Palmer requested permission from the Board to begin fund raising for the Washington trip. She explained that it would cost \$245.00 per band member and that the fund raising committee would keep each band members cost at \$40.00. She further explained that she would make sure that the cost of the trip would not cut into the present band budget projected for the 1994-95 school year. On a motion made by Baehl, seconded by Buecher, and unanimously carried, the Board gave their permission for the Band Boosters committee to begin raising funds for financing the trip to Washington, D.C. The Board also gave their unanimous approval to Mrs. Palmer's request for the band to attend band camp at Eastern Illinois University from July 24 - July 29, 1994.

Adoption of 1994-95 School Calendar

On a motion made by Baehl, seconded by Buecher, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 1994-95 school calendar as recommended by Mr. Rapp and Mr. Brenton. A copy of the calendar shall be made a part of the minutes by incorporation.

Nick Krohn - Eagle Scout Project Approved

The Board gave their unanimous approval to Nick Krohn's Eagle Scout project at South Terrace Elementary School.

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Request to Advertise for Bids on Gasoline

On a motion made by Schmitt, seconded by Baehl, and unanimously carried, the Board approved Mr. Rapp's request to advertise for bids on gasoline for the 1994-95 school year (July 1, 1994 - June 30, 1995).

Approval to Drill Well - Indiana Dept. of Environmental Management

Mr. Brenton informed the Board that he had received written permission from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to drill a new well at North Posey High School and he assured the Board the district would comply with all guidelines for drilling the new well.

Surplus Equipment - Heavy Stage

On a motion made by Buecher, seconded by Lewis, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Superintendent's request to declare an old wooden stage at North Posey High School to be surplus equipment and sold at a cost of \$1.00.

Board Meeting - May 9th, 1994

The Board set their next meeting date on May 9th, 1994 with an Executive Session at 5:30 P.M. and the regular meeting to begin at 6:15 P.M.

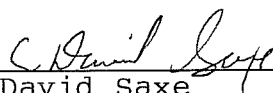
Request of Kelly Carlton

On a motion made by Buecher, seconded by Baehl, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the request of Kelly Carlton, President of NEA North Posey, that John Siders and Lisa Koester be granted professional leave on April 23, 1994 in order to attend an ISTA conference on educational matters in Indianapolis.

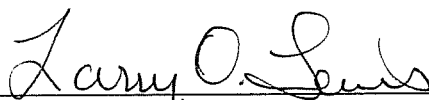
Patron's Concern

Patty Seibert was present to request that the Board consider the employment of a full time nurse at North Elementary for the 1994-95 school year and explained she was concerned about liability and child welfare. It was the decision of the Board to take Mrs. Seibert's request under advisement.

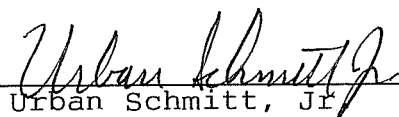
As there was no further school business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.


C. David Saxe


Timothy K. Buecher


Larry O. Lewis


Michael A. Baehl


Urban Schmitt, Jr.