

# **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana**

*Held on November 18, 1996*

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the M.S.D. of North Posey County, Poseyville, Indiana, was held in the Board Room at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools on the 18th day of November, 1996. The meeting began at the hour of 5:40 p.m. The following Board members were present: Mr. Baehl, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Buecher, Mr. Seibert, and Mrs. Mauck. Also present were Ernest W. Rapp, Superintendent, John D. Wood, Administrative Assistant, and William H. Bender, school attorney.

At 5:40 p.m., it was the decision of the Board to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel according to Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(8). The Board adjourned from Executive Session at 6:25 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:26 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Baehl, who asked that a moment of silence be observed by the Board for all loved ones and friends of the Board of Education recently deceased. Minutes of the previous meeting held on October 22, 1996, were submitted to the Board and approved on a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mrs. Mauck and unanimously carried.

## **CLAIM DOCKET**

A copy of the current claim docket was presented to the Board for consideration. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Seibert, and unanimously carried, the claim docket was approved by the Board. A copy of the claim docket, as approved by the Board, shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

## **AGENDA**

### **North Posey Youth Soccer League Report**

Mr. Rapp asked that the report by Mr. Keith Batteiger be given at this time. Mr. Batteiger shared the past summer's success of the Youth Soccer League. He reported the girls' team, composed of girls from grades 6-8, finished second in a 14 team tournament in Evansville. The same team finished third in league competition. The trophy won by the girls' team was presented to the school corporation to display in the Central Office. Mr. Holmstrom presented a sample of the survey to be used for grades 6-11 to help determine a desire for soccer teams at these grade levels. Mr. Rapp asked that Mr. Holmstrom and Mr. Batteiger meet with Mr. Fisher to review the survey before it is issued to the student body. Mr. Batteiger provided the Board with a drawing for the design and improvement of the playing field located at North Elementary to accommodate soccer. Mr. Batteiger had consulted with Mr. Martin of Martin's Farm Drainage on the project. Estimated cost to complete the grading, fill work, drainage, and landscaping was \$6,000. Mr. Batteiger committed \$2,000 from the youth soccer program to help finance the project. Mr. Baehl recommended to the Board that action on this proposal be tabled until the next Board meeting to allow sufficient time for the Board to study the project. The Board agreed by acclamation.

### **Establishment of the Byron A. Brenton Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Marilyn Klenck, Director of the Community Foundation Alliance, Inc., and Ken Mackey, representing the Posey County Community Foundation, explained to the Board how the Community Foundation operates and can assist in the establishment of a memorial scholarship fund. Mrs. Klenck presented a rough draft of a document to establish the Byron A. Brenton Memorial Scholarship Fund. All gifts to the Fund will be tax deductible. The Community Foundation will take care of all the legal work and administration of the Fund. The news releases will also be handled by the Foundation office. The criteria for the scholarship award will be established by a committee of school personnel and the Brenton family. The Board discussed making the scholarship memorialize both Byron and Lila Brenton. On a motion by Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the Board unanimously passed the motion to establish the Byron and Lila Brenton Memorial Scholarship Fund. By acclamation, the Board agreed to transfer the money currently in the North Posey High School Scholarship Fund to the newly-formed Byron and Lila Brenton Memorial Scholarship Fund. The amount of the transfer was \$4,718.43. Anyone interested in making a contribution to the Byron and Lila Brenton Memorial Scholarship Fund may do so by contacting

Mrs. Marilyn Klenck, Director; Community Foundation Alliance, Inc.; 123 N.W. Fourth Street, Suite 216; Evansville, IN 47708-1709. Phone 812-429-1191.

### **Success of Blue Ribbon Parenting and the New Construction at North Posey Jr. High School**

Mr. Rapp introduced Mr. Sergesketter to report on the Blue Ribbon Parenting Night and to give a brief update on the construction at the junior high. Mr. Sergesketter reported the Blue Ribbon Parenting Night was held on Thursday, November 14, 1996. There were eight (8) topics available for parents to choose three to attend. Each session was 30 minutes. Attendance at this year's activity was very low with only 35-40 in attendance.

Mr. Sergesketter reported on the results of the Junior High Spell Bowl Team. The team scored a perfect score of 72 at Perry Heights School on Tuesday, October 22, 1996, and qualified for the State. Only two (2) schools out of 264 competing schools earned a perfect score at the District level. State final competition will be held on Saturday, November 22, 1996, at Belzer Middle School in Indianapolis. Mr. Sergesketter informed the Board that NPJHS will be going for their 7th State title.

Mr. Sergesketter shared with the Board that the Indiana Music Educators Association has selected two (2) NPJHS students to the State Honor Choir. Representing NPJHS are Alison Piechocki and Geffon Patterson. The State Honor Choir will perform at the IMEA State Convention in January at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis.

Mr. Sergesketter announced to the Board that NPJHS has purchased two (2) light poles and a turn-of-the-century clock and pole for the new interior garden area of the junior high at a cost of \$1,200. Also, the junior high has purchased a new 30' flag pole for the school. Funds for these purchases came from student activity sales.

Mr. Sergesketter reported briefly on the progress of the construction project. The only delay is due to the inability to get steel tie bars and roof decking for the structure. This is a manufacturing delay. He stated that all other work is on schedule. The next progress meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, 1996, at 9:00 a.m. in the library.

### **"No TV Week" Report**

Mr. Rapp introduced Mrs. Janet Spahn to give a report on the second annual "No TV Week" project held during the week of November 11-16. Mrs. Spahn reported that the media coverage for this year's project was outstanding! She commended the generosity of the community for providing numerous prizes for the participating students. Mrs. Spahn announced the grand prize will be a \$50 United States Savings Bond, to be awarded to a student at each of the schools. Mr. Rapp praised Mrs. Spahn's efforts and thanked her for a job well done.

### **Academic Recognition**

North Posey Junior High School and North Posey High School students bring academic recognition to the M.S.D. of North Posey County. Mr. Rapp announced to the Board that various groups from the junior high and the high school have done an outstanding job this fall and have represented our school/community well. Mr. Rapp individually praised the following:

North Posey Junior High Spell Bowl Team - 1st place (perfect score) at the District level, competing for a 7th State title on November 22

North Posey High School Spell Bowl Team - 1st place at District level, 1st division at the regional level

North Posey High School Marching Viking Band - 1st division at the District level, 1st division at the regional level

North Posey High School Future Farmers of America - Selected as one of the "Top Ten" chapters in the State

### **Request to Compete in State FFA Contest at Purdue**

Request from Mike Wassmer for approval for the FFA to compete in the State FFA Forestry and Crops Contest at Purdue University on Saturday, December 14, 1996. Mr. Rapp recommended that Mr. Wassmer be granted permission to take the FFA Forestry and Crops teams to Purdue on Saturday, December 14, 1996, for the State competition. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

**Recommendation for Volunteer Girls' Assistant Basketball Coach at NPHS**

Mr. Rapp recommended the assignment of Melissa Stockton as a volunteer coach for the girls' basketball team at North Posey High School for the 1996-97 season. Letters from Mrs. Harrington, Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Mair were presented to support this assignment. On a motion by Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion unanimously passed.

**Permission to Advertise for Bids on School Buses**

Mr. Wood requested permission from the Board to advertise for bids on two (2) 66-passenger school buses to be purchased in 1997. Mr. Wood informed the Board that only two (2) buses required replacement at this time. On a motion by Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion carried unanimously.

**Adoption of Resolution to Transfer Appropriations**

Mr. Wood proposed to the Board a resolution to transfer appropriations from account 11100 to account 16100 Remediation in the amount of \$35,610. The 1995 General Assembly established a grant program to provide funds to school districts for the purpose of remediating students who fall below state proficiency standards and for providing preventive remediation for students who are at risk of falling below these standards. Statute provides that each school corporation is required to provide a 50% match of the funds provided by the State. The M.S.D. of North Posey County's grant from the State is \$23,740. Thus, our 50% match will be \$11,870. In order to receive the full State Remediation/Preventive Remediation Grant, the school district's 1997 budget must include appropriations for remediation programs that equal the total program eligibility. Thus, it is necessary to adopt the resolution. On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the motion to adopt the resolution passed unanimously.

**Professional Leave Requests**

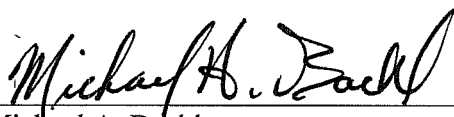
Mr. Rapp recommended to the Board the approval of professional leave requests for Mr. James Anderson and Mr. Patrick Rose, math teachers at North Posey High School, to attend a workshop entitled, "Geometry for All Students" on December 4-5, 1996, in Louisville, KY. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion carried unanimously.

**Next Board Meeting**

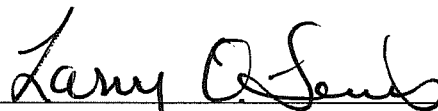
Mr. Rapp requested the Board set Monday, December 16, 1996, for the next regular Board meeting. An executive session will be held at 5:30 p.m. (if needed), followed by the regular meeting at 6:15 p.m. The Board agreed by acclamation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

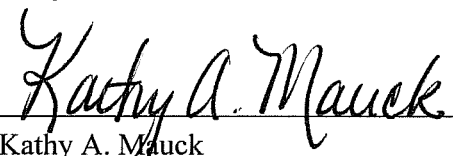
As there was no further school business to come before the Board at this time, President Baehl entertained a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, and unanimously carried. The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

  
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