

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

Held on August 12, 1997

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 12th day of August, 1997. The meeting began at the hour of 5:30 p.m. The following Board members were present: Mr. Baehl, Mr. Buecher, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Mauck, and Mr. Seibert. Also present were Ernest W. Rapp, Superintendent, and John D. Wood, Administrative Assistant.

At 5:30 p.m., it was the decision of the Board to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(2)(A): discussion of strategy with respect to collective bargaining; and IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(8): to discuss job performance evaluations of individual employees. The Board adjourned from Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 7:05 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Baehl. Minutes of the previous meeting held on July 14, 1997, was submitted to the Board and approved on a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Lewis, 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 Mrs. Mauck, 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

Update on North Posey Jr/Sr High Sewage Plant

Mr. Rapp introduced Patrick Beamon of Certified Environmental Services, Inc. Mr. Beamon gave a detailed report on the work recently completed on the sewage plant at North Posey Jr/Sr High School. Everything was completed according to state specifications established by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. The improvements should also reduce overall maintenance costs and operation time by the maintenance staff. Mr. Beamon informed the Board that he will be donating an electrical blower system to assist with the operation of the sewage plant. The Board thanked Mr. Beamon and commended him for a job well done.

Permission to Advertise the 1998 Budget

Mr. Rapp explained to the Board the 1998 Budget projections that will be advertised. Using an assessed valuation of \$73,000,000, the tax rate for the General Fund will be advertised at 2.6660, the Debt Service at 0.7873, Transportation at 0.6737, Capital Projects at 0.6009, and Special Education/Pre-School at 0.0100. The total tax rate to be advertised will be 4.7379. Mr. Rapp requested permission to advertise the 1998 Budget. The public hearing for the budget will be held on Monday, September 8, 1997, at 6:30 p.m. The Board will meet on Thursday, September 18, 1997, at 6:30 p.m. to officially adopt the 1998 Budget. On a motion by Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion unanimously carried. A copy of the 1998 Budget, as approved by the Board for advertisement, is on file in the Superintendent's office.

Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach at North Posey High School for the 1997-98 School Year

Mr. Rapp recommended the hiring of Robin Tepool as the assistant girls' basketball coach for North Posey High School for the 1997-98 school year. On a motion duly made by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion unanimously passed.

Choral Director at North Posey High School for 1997-98

Mr. Rapp explained to the Board the need to employ a vocal music teacher/choral director at North Posey High School to relieve Mrs. Palmer of that assignment. Mr. Rapp recommended to the Board the hiring of Todd Lamkin to fill this position for the 1997-98 school year. Mr. Lamkin will teach one period each day and be the choral director. On a motion by Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion was unanimously carried.

Volunteer Assistant Football Coaches for the 1997 Season

Mr. Rapp recommended to the Board the following individuals to serve as volunteer football coaches:

- Sean Fisher - North Posey High School
- Cory Huffine, Tim Mauck, Andy Nottingham, Pete Straub - North Posey Jr. High

On motion by Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion unanimously carried.

New School Bus Driver for 1997-98 School Year

Mr. Wood recommended to the Board the hiring of George Dillon as a school bus driver for the 1997-98 school year. Mr. Dillon will be assigned bus #10 and drive the route vacated by Judy Christmas. On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the motion unanimously carried.

Scheduled Early Release Days for Students for 1997-98 School Year

Mr. Rapp announced to the Board the early release days for the 1997-98 school year. Parent/teacher conferences will cause school to be dismissed at 11:00 and 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 16 and Friday, October 17, 1997. Four (4) in-service days for teachers will be held on the following days: Wednesday, October 1, 1997; Tuesday, November 18, 1997; Thursday, February 19, 1998; Tuesday, April 21, 1998. The in-service days will be used to facilitate the requirements established by the Performance-Based Accreditation Action Plan established by each school. Early release times for the in-service days will be 12:30 and 1:00 p.m.

New Board Policies for Adoption

Mr. Rapp reviewed four (4) new policies required by recent legislation. The policies recommended for approval are:

- Criminal History Information Policy
- Administration of Medication at School Policy
- Disposal of Textbooks Policy
- Disclosure of Student Lists Policy

On a motion by Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion unanimously carried. A copy of the policies, as approved by the Board, shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

Outstanding School Board Award for 1996-97 School Year

Mr. Rapp acknowledged the Board receiving the Outstanding School Board Award for the 1996-97 school year from the Indiana School Boards Association. President Mike Baehl received a letter recognizing the accomplishment. A copy of the letter shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

Professional Leave Request

Mr. Rapp recommended the granting of professional leave to Mrs. Linda Reising to attend the State Academic Coaches' Conference on Monday, September 22, 1997, in Indianapolis. Mrs. Reising will be a presenter at this meeting. On a motion by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion unanimously carried.

Pre-School/Kindergarten Instructional Assistant at North Elementary

Mr. Rapp recommended the employment of Kay Rudolph as an instructional assistant at North Elementary School in pre-school in the morning and kindergarten in the afternoon for the 1997-98 school year. On a motion by Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the motion carried.

Third Annual "No TV Week"

Mr. Rapp announced that the third annual "No TV Week" will be held during the week of November 10-14, 1997. The schools will again be committed to this project.

Annual Indiana State Police Bus Safety Inspection

Mr. Wood reported a very successful school bus inspection was conducted by the Indiana State Police on Friday, July 25, 1997. All school buses and vans used to transport students by the MSD of North Posey County were approved for the 1997-98 school year. Mr. Wood informed the Board he will be attending a post bus inspection meeting on Thursday, September 18, 1997,

at the Jasper Holiday Inn. Mr. Wood praised the outstanding "team work" effort put forth by Jerry Straw and Billy Hopf in their preparation of the transportation fleet for inspection.

Instructional Assistant for 1997-98 School Year

Mr. Rapp reported to the Board that Chris Schmitz has requested a long-term disability due to her illness and will not be able to continue as an instructional assistant at South Terrace Elementary and North Posey High School. Mr. Rapp recommended Eda Jung be assigned to fill this position. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion unanimously carried.

Teacher Orientation Day Schedule

Mr. Rapp reviewed the agenda for Teacher Orientation Day, scheduled for Thursday, August 14, 1997. The morning will begin with a complete breakfast buffet in the cafeteria at North Posey High School sponsored by the school corporation. All Board members are invited to attend. The keynote speaker will be Mr. Bob Park from Taffy, KY.

Resignation of Melissa Wilm and Recommendation of Occupational Therapist

Mr. Rapp announced to the Board that he had received the resignation of Melissa Wilm as the occupational therapist for the Posey County Special Services. Mr. Rapp concurred with the recommendation of Mr. Domizio to employ Carol Chesley to fill this position for the 1997-98 school year. On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the motion unanimously passed.

Shortened Schedule Request

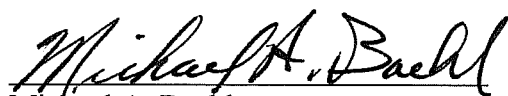
Mr. Rapp recommended the Board grant permission for Kimberly Hoehn to attend North Posey High School on a shortened schedule for the 1997-98 school year. On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the motion unanimously passed.

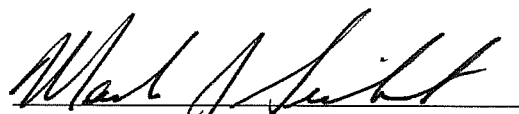
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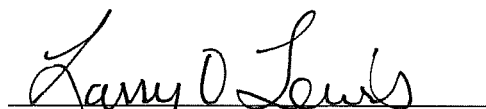
Mr. Rapp announced the next regular Board meeting will be held on Monday, September 8, 1997, at 6:30 p.m. A public hearing on the 1998 Budget will be conducted prior to the meeting. On September 18, 1997, the Board will meet to officially adopt the 1998 Budget. A regular Board meeting will follow. The regular Board meeting for October will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 1997, at 6:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

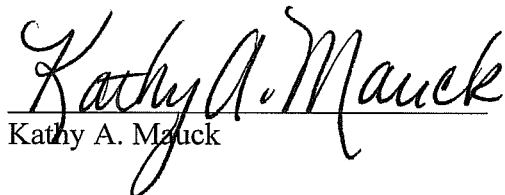
As there was no further school business to come before the Board at this time, President Baehl entertained a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Lewis, and unanimously carried. The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:31 p.m.


Michael A. Baehl


Mark J. Seibert


Larry O. Lewis

Timothy K. Buecher


Kathy A. Mauck

**Board of Education
M.S.D. of North Posey County**

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