

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

*Held on November 10, 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 10th day of November, 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, 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 IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(2A, 2B) for the discussion of strategy with respect to collective bargaining; initiation of litigation or litigation which is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing; and IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(8) to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. The Board adjourned from Executive Session at 6:20 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:25 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Baehl. Minutes of the previous meeting held on October 7, 1997, were submitted to the Board and approved on a motion by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Buecher, 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. Buecher, 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**

**Indiana School Improvement Grant Application**

Mr. Rapp introduced Mr. Teel, principal at North Elementary School, to explain the Indiana School Academic Improvement Program (ISAIP). Mr. Teel identified the purpose of the program is to dramatically increase the ability of individual schools to engage students in more effective and rigorous learning. To do this, schools interested in being designated must undertake long-term, thoughtful discussion and action to initiate change. The overall application must make a convincing argument that the school's change efforts arise from the learning needs of the students. The ISAIP is meant to foster total school community involvement in the change process. Mr. Teel and his committee will complete a grant application and submit it to the Indiana Department of Education for approval. The grant may fund a maximum of \$25,000 to facilitate the expenses of the program. Mr. Teel reported that a grant of \$1,800 has been received to help with expenses associated with the application writing process. Mr. Rapp thanked Mr. Teel for his report and asked him to keep the Board informed of the progress of this project.

**1998 Budget Hearing**

Mr. Rapp presented the Board with a printout of the results of the hearing before the Indiana State Board of Tax commissioners held on Thursday, November 6, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. at the Hovey House in Mt. Vernon. Mr. Rapp informed the Board that the actual tax rate for 1998 will be 4.4185, based on the assessed valuation of \$74,136,753. This rate reflects a decrease of 0.191 from the 1997 rate. A copy of the report on the 1998 budget tax rates and levies shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

### **Volunteer Assistant Basketball Coach at North Posey High School**

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board approve Jimmy Brandenstein as a volunteer assistant boy's basketball coach for the 1997-98 season at North Posey High School. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion unanimously carried.

### **Academic Honors**

Mr. Rapp publicly recognized the recent academic honors achieved by North Posey students. The Spell Bowl teams for North Posey High School and North Posey Junior High won the district competitions and qualified for the state. The North Posey High School team will compete for the state championship on Saturday, November 15, 1997, in Indianapolis. The North Posey Junior High team earned the right to seek their 8th state championship by winning the district competition with a perfect score. They will compete in Indianapolis on Saturday, November 22, 1997, for the state championship. Mr. Rapp and the Board praised these students for their accomplishments and for the positive manner in which they have represented our school/community.

Mr. Rapp announced the results of the Ohio Valley Writers' Guild Youth Writing Contest held on Monday, October 20, 1997, at Red Bank library in Evansville. The contest was open to students in grades 7-12 from four area counties. Students participated by submitting literary works in poetry or fiction. Students from North Posey High School and North Posey Junior High captured all of the prizes awarded in each category. Mr. Rapp and the Board acknowledged this fantastic effort and academic achievement by our students.

Mr. Rapp praised the outstanding performance by the North Posey High School Marching Viking Band at the regional held at Jeffersonville on Saturday, October 18, 1997. The band finished 8th out of nineteen bands at the competition. The top five bands earned the right to compete at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis for the state championship. The band has had a superb marching season and has represented the school/community well. Mr. Rapp and the Board commended Mrs. Palmer and the band on their excellent performance.

### **Credit Card Application**

Mr. Rapp requested permission from the Board to apply for a Citizens Bank Master Card business card for the MSD of North Posey County. Cards will be issued to Mr. Rapp, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Hopf, and Mrs. Kellams. The credit cards will allow school personnel easy access for paying registration fees, making reservations, and charging expenses when attending meetings and conferences. On a motion by Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion unanimously passed.

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

Mr. Rapp informed the Board of the third annual "No TV Week" to be held from November 10-14. The purpose of a TV turn off is to help teachers, parents, and students better understand the role that television plays in their daily lives by allowing them to observe the changes which occur when TV is not available. Students have made posters that are on display at their respective schools and in some of the area businesses that generously donated prizes.

### **Professional Leave Requests**

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board grant professional leave to the following teachers:

- JoBerta Hein - Attend the Family and Consumer Sciences fall 1997 in-service workshop in Terre Haute on November 24, 1997
- Mike Andry and Roger Hunt - Attend the "Living and Learning in the International Community" conference in Indianapolis on December 2, 1997

On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion unanimously carried.

### **Maternity Leave Request**

Mr. Rapp informed the Board that he had received a letter from Lisa Scheller requesting maternity leave. The exact dates for the leave will depend on when her baby is born. On a motion by Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the motion unanimously carried granting maternity leave to Mrs. Scheller.

**Half-Day Schedule Request for Second Semester of 1997-98 School Year**

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board grant permission to Matthew Coon, a senior at North Posey High School, to have a shortened class schedule for the second semester due to personal financial reasons. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Buecher, the motion unanimously passed.

**Veterans' Day Programs**

Mr. Rapp reported to the Board on the Veterans' Day programs planned at each of the schools. North Posey High School and North Posey Junior High will have a joint program at 10:05 a.m. in the high school gym with Congressman John Hostetler as the guest speaker. North Elementary School will honor over 60 veterans in conjunction with Grandparent's Day scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. South Terrace Elementary School will have a special program at 8:30 a.m. with emphasis on recognizing the USS Indianapolis and the role it played in World War II. Mr. Rapp stressed that all of the schools will place a special learning value on the remembrance of our veterans.

**Art Show**

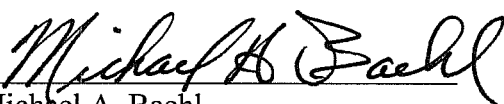
Mr. Rapp announced arrangements for an art show at North Posey High School on Thursday, November 13, 1997, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The show will feature works by Hoosier Salon artist and illustrator, Louis W. Bonsib (1892-1972) and the advanced art students from North Posey High School.

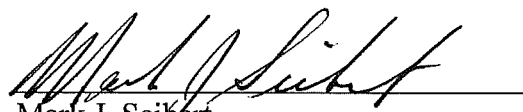
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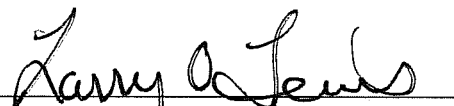
Mr. Rapp set the next regular Board meeting to be held on Monday, December 8, 1997. An executive session will be held at 5:30 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 6:15 p.m.

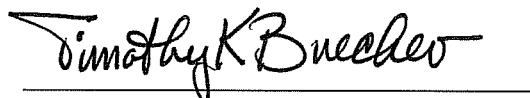
**ADJOURNMENT**

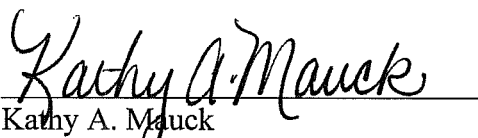
As there was no further school business to come before the Board at this time, President Baehl entertained a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mr. Lewis, and unanimously carried. The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

  
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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