

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

Held on January 13, 1999

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the MSD of North Posey County, Poseyville, Indiana, was held in the Board Room at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools on the 13th day of January 1999. The meeting began at the hour of 5:45 p.m. The following Board members were present: Michael Baehl, Stephen Bender, Larry Lewis, Kathy Mauck and Mark Seibert. Also present were Ernest W. Rapp, Superintendent, and John D. Wood, Administrative Assistant.

At 5:45 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-B) for discussion of strategy with respect to initiation of litigation or litigation which is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing; and/or; IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (8) to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. The Board adjourned from Executive Session at 6:37 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:38 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Baehl. Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday, December 14, 1998 were submitted to the Board and approved on a motion by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Seibert, and unanimously carried.

CLAIM DOCKET

There was no claim docket for this meeting.

AGENDA

Oath of Office

Mr. Rapp asked William Bender, School Board Attorney, to administer the official Oath of Office to newly elected Board members Stephen Bender, Kathy Mauck, and Mark Seibert. These individuals begin their four-year term of office with this first meeting in January.

Election of Board Officers for 1999-00

Mr. Rapp requested William Bender, School Board Attorney, to conduct the official election of officers for the 1999-00 year. The following members were elected:

- President – Larry Lewis
- Vice-President – Michael Baehl
- Secretary – Kathy Mauck

Mr. Rapp asked the Board to reappoint the following individuals:

- Treasurer – Eudora Hopf
- School Board Attorney – William Bender

On a motion by Mr. Stephen Bender, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion unanimously carried. Mr. William Bender turned the meeting over to newly elected president Larry Lewis.

Board of Finance

Mr. Rapp requested the Board establish a Board of Finance for the 1999-00 year. The State Board of Accounts requires the Board to establish a Board of Finance between the dates of January 1 and January 31 by electing one member as president and one member as secretary. Mr. Lewis appointed Mark Seibert to serve as president and Stephen Bender to serve as secretary.

Conflict of Interest Statements

Mr. Rapp asked specific Board members and administrators to sign a Conflict of Interest Statement for the 1999-00 year. Copies of the statements will be submitted to the State Board of Accounts and the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Posey County. The Board members signing the Conflict of Interest Statement were Michael Baehl, Stephen Bender, and Larry Lewis. The two administrators were Ernest Rapp and John Wood.

Adoption of the 1999-00 School Calendar

Mr. Rapp presented a 1999-00 school year calendar for Board approval. He reported the calendar was developed through discussions with building administrators and a committee of teachers representing the NEA North Posey. He announced the first day for school for students would be Tuesday, August 17, 1999 and the final scheduled day would be Tuesday, May 23, 2000. On a motion by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mr. Bender, the motion to approve the calendar unanimously carried. A copy of the calendar as approved by the Board shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

1999 Summer School Classes

Mr. Rapp requested the Board grant permission to begin making preliminary plans for 1999 summer school classes. On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the motion unanimously passed.

School Bus Bid Recommendation

Mr. Wood recommended the Board accept the bid from Nix Bus Sales, Inc. to purchase three (3) 1999 66-passenger conventional school buses. The total bid was \$145,370.25 for three (3) complete buses. A trade-in allowance for three (3) buses of \$11,000 was offered, making the final cost \$134,370.25. Mr. Wood explained this reflects a 3% increase in cost from 1998. Nix Bus Sales, Inc. submitted the only bid. On a motion by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mr. Bender, the motion unanimously passed. A copy of the bid sheet as approved by the Board shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

School Bus Driver Certification Class

Mr. Wood announced that Peter Baxter, Director of School Traffic Safety for the Indiana Department of Education will present a three-day pre-service school bus driver training course at North Posey Junior High School. The class will begin on Wednesday, January 20, 1999, and conclude on Friday, January 22, 1999. Mr. Wood stated that Mr. Baxter enjoys coming to our school district to teach this course.

ISTEP+ Test Results

Mr. Wood reported to the Board on the recently received results of the 1998 ISTEP+ tests for grades 3, 6, 8, and 10. Mr. Wood stated the results being presented were not effected by the error in scoring discovered by the Department of Education. The results given to the Board show how our students scored on the test in relation to the standards set by the Department of Education for English/language arts and mathematics. Mr. Wood also discussed the results on the students who were re-tested on the ISTEP+ Graduation Qualifying Examination. A copy of the results of the 1998 ISTEP+ as submitted to the Board shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

Professional Leave Requests

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board grant the following requests for professional leave:

Diane Smith – Attend Indiana University Annual Speech Invitational in Bloomington on January 15 & 16 (Fri/Sat)

Lana Kraft, Terri Frantz and Roberta Adamson – Attend Computer Educators' Conference in Indianapolis on January 21-22 (Thurs/Fri)

JoBerta Campbell – Attend Family and Consumer Sciences Statewide In-service Workshop at Purdue Memorial Union on February 2 (Tues)

Marilyn Rogers – Attend the Hoosier Association of Science Teachers of America Convention in Indianapolis on February 18 & 19 (Thurs/Fri)

Carl Gengelbach – Attend the 1999 State Football Clinic in Indianapolis on March 19 (Fri)

On a motion made by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Bender, the motion unanimously passed.

Teacher Retirement

Mr. Rapp informed the Board he had received a letter from Suzanne Hammelman announcing her plans to retire as a second grade teacher at North Elementary School at the conclusion of the 1999-00 school year. Mr. Rapp recommended the Board accept this letter of retirement. A motion was made by Mr. Bender to accept Mrs. Hammelman's retirement according to the reasons and conditions of her retirement explained in her letter. Said motion was seconded by Mr. Baehl and passed unanimously. A copy of the letter of retirement submitted by Mrs. Suzanne Hammelman as approved by the Board shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

Five Year Technology Plan Grant Final Approval

Mr. Wood reported to the Board that the Five Year Technology Plan was finally approved by the Department of Education on Thursday, December 17, 1998. Completion and approval of this technology plan entitles the school district to a grant of \$166,600 to be used to implement the plan. The actual check was received on Wednesday, January 13, 1999. Mr. Rapp thanked Mr. Wood, Mrs. Mauck, and the rest of the committee who worked so diligently to complete this plan.

Indiana State Board of Accounts Audit

Mr. Rapp informed the Board the State Board of Accounts completed their audit of all of the school district's financial records. A very fine report was received and everything was in good order.

Request for Waiver

Mr. Rapp requested permission from the Board to request a waiver from the Indiana Department of Education for makeup days during the 1998-99 school year if it is necessary. Dr. Suellen Reed, State Superintendent, issued a statement regarding makeup days for missing school due to the bad winter weather this school year. Mr. Rapp will only ask for the waiver if needed and will follow the guidelines established by Dr. Reed. The Board gave their approval to submit a snow day waiver request if it is necessary to miss more than five days of school due to inclement weather. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the motion unanimously carried.

Next Board Meeting

Mr. Rapp set the date for the next regular Board meeting for Monday, February 8, 1999 at 6:15 p.m., with an Executive Session at 5:45 p.m.

Soccer Re-Vote

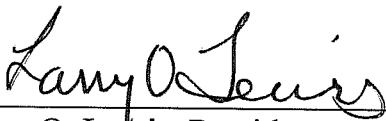
Mrs. Mauck requested a re-vote on the motion passed at the December 14, 1998 meeting establishing the starting of boys' and girls' junior varsity soccer at North Posey High School during the 1999 season. Mrs. Mauck's request was based on her belief the vote did not follow the correct parliamentary procedure established by Robert's Rules of Order. Mr. Bender made a motion to conduct a re-vote and to vote on the original motion containing the approved procedures outlined to initiate the sport because proper parliamentary procedure was not followed initially. Said motion was seconded by Mrs. Mauck and unanimously carried. President Lewis repeated the original motion and asked for a roll call vote by members in alphabetical order. Voting on the motion:

- Mr. Baehl – NO
- Mr. Bender – YES
- Mrs. Mauck – NO
- Mr. Seibert – YES

The results were two YES and two NO votes. President Lewis voted YES to break the tie. The motion passed 3-2.

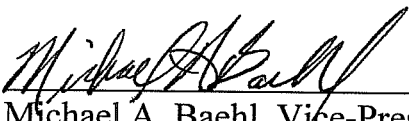
ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further school business to come before the Board at this time, President Lewis entertained a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Baehl, and unanimously carried. The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

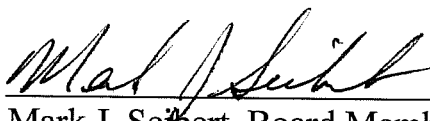


Larry O. Lewis, President

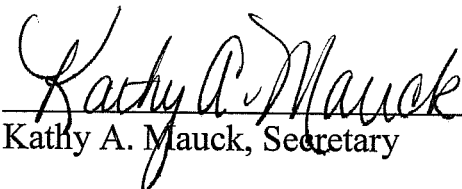
Stephen H. Bender, Board Member



Michael A. Baehl, Vice-President



Mark J. Seibert, Board Member



Kathy A. Mauck, Secretary

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