

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Board of Education
of the
Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana
*Held on May 8, 2000***

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 8th day of April 2000. The meeting began at the hour of 5:30 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 5:30 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-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 6:25 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Lewis. Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday, April 10, 2000, were submitted to the Board and approved on a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Bender, 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. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Bender, 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 Band Booster Committee Concerns

Mr. Rapp introduced Mr. Michael Tyner, spokesperson for the North Posey High School Band Boosters, who addressed the Board regarding needed improvements to the high school band room. Mr. Tyner indicated three (3) areas of concern to be (1) the fire alarm cannot be heard in the band room when the band is practicing; (2) the size of the current band room in the high school is too small to accommodate the increasing student enrollment; and (3) questioned whether the junior high music room could be used for high school band class, since the room appears to be larger and is tiered. Mr. Tyner volunteered the services of band boosters who are certified electricians to assist with any wiring required to solve the fire alarm problem. In conclusion, Mr. Tyner informed the Board that the Band Boosters want to be of help to the Board in addressing these concerns. The Board thanked him for sharing the concerns of the Band Boosters regarding the problems with the high school band room. President Lewis advised Mr. Tyner that the Board would take the concerns under advisement.

Hoosier Academic Super Bowl Competition

Mr. Rapp shared with the Board the recent successful accomplishments of the academic teams from North Posey High School and North Posey Junior High School. On Tuesday, April 18, the NPHS Academic Team competed in the Hoosier Academic Super Bowl at North High School in Evansville. The Fine Arts, Math, Interdisciplinary, Science, and English teams all received a first place in Class 3 schools. The Fine Arts and Math team scores were high enough to qualify for State competition. On Saturday, May 6, the Fine Arts and Math teams participated in State competition in Indianapolis. The Math team finished in 4th place just a single point behind the team champion. The Fine Arts team finished in 1st place in Class 3 and scored the highest team score (24 out of 25) for all competitors. Mr. Rapp praised the outstanding performance by both teams. He publicly complimented the teams and their coaches for a job well done!

The North Posey Junior High Academic Super Bowl team participated in the Hoosier Academic Super Bowl on Saturday, April 29 at Helfrich Park Middle School in Evansville. The NPJHS team participated in Class 3. They finished with a first place in science, social studies, and mathematics and second place in English and interdisciplinary competition. When the final results were tabulated at the State office, NPJHS finished in the top ten in each of the five areas of competition and were first in the State in science among a total of 48 middle schools. Mr. Rapp publicly expressed how very proud he was of the accomplishments of the NPJHS Academic teams and their coaches.

Summer School

Mr. Wood reported to the Board on the present schedule for summer school. Classes will begin on Monday, June 5 and conclude on Friday, June 30. There will be classes at North Posey High School, North Elementary and South Terrace Elementary School. A special "Jump Start" program for incoming 3rd, 6th, and 10th grade students will be offered from July 31 through August 11. This class is designed to help these students prepare for the ISTEP+. Mr. Wood also informed the Board of the dates and times for the summer camps being offered. A complete list of summer school classes and summer camps shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

Purchase from Extracurricular Funds

Mr. Rapp presented the Board a request from Mr. Kevin Sergesketter, principal of North Posey Junior High School, to purchase audio and video equipment to be used in the classrooms of Mr. May, Mrs. Russler, Mrs. Kraft, and Mrs. Frantz. Mr. Sergesketter will use extracurricular funds to make the purchases. The total amount of the purchases is \$1,831.00. On a motion by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion granting Mr. Sergesketter permission to use extracurricular funds to purchase classroom equipment unanimously passed. A copy of the list and placement of purchases as approved by the Board shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

Resignation of Assistant Principal at North Posey High School

Mr. Rapp asked the Board to accept the resignation of Mr. Steve Fisher, assistant principal at North Posey High School, effective at the end of his 1999-2000 contract. On a motion by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion to accept the resignation was unanimously passed.

Request for Professional Leave

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board approve the request by Mr. Michael Wassmer, FFA advisor at North Posey High School, to chaperon 12 members of the North Posey FFA on an overnight trip to Purdue University on Friday, May 19, 2000. The students will be participating in State judging competition. On a motion by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the motion approving Mr. Wassmer's request was unanimously passed.

Special Education Teacher Recommendation

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board approve the hiring of Mrs. Chandra Gauer as a special education teacher at North Elementary School for the 2000-2001 school year. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the motion unanimously carried.

Request for Pregnancy Leave

Mr. Rapp asked the Board to approve a request for pregnancy leave for Mrs. Kelly Stone, director of guidance at North Posey High School for the first semester of the 2000-2001 school year. On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the motion to grant the pregnancy leave unanimously passed.

District School Bus Driver Annual Safety Meeting

Mr. Wood announced to the Board the 2000 Annual Safety Meeting would be held at North Posey Junior High School Mass Learning Center on Friday, June 2 from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Mr. Pete Baxter, director of the Division of School Traffic Safety and Emergency Planning for the Indiana Department of Education, will be the presenter. All school bus drivers must attend the safety meeting to maintain their Indiana certification. School bus drivers from school districts in Gibson and Posey Counties are scheduled to attend this meeting.

GE Earth Day Winners

Mr. Rapp reported to the Board on the recent student winners in the General Electric "Earth Day" contests. The following students won award in the respective categories:

Lauren Nix – Grade 2 – North Elementary School – Poster Contest

Emily Bretz – Grade 6 – South Terrace Elementary School – Essay Contest

Abigail Coon – Grade 8 – North Posey Jr. High School

Nick Hargrave – Grade 8 – North Posey Jr. High School

Mr. Rapp publicly congratulated these students on their accomplishments. Mr. Rapp also recognized the efforts of South Terrace Elementary School for being one of six schools in the county to have 100% participation in the GE "Earth Day" activities. They will receive a \$200 monetary award from General Electric. Mr. Rapp congratulated the students and faculty for doing such a fine job.

2001 Budget Workshop

Mr. Rapp announced to the Board that he would be attending the 2001 Budget Workshop, sponsored by the Division of School Finance and Educational Information. The meeting will be held at Indianapolis Pike High School on Tuesday, June 13, 2000 at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Rapp will receive all of the necessary budget forms and any changes in the budget process.

Stock Market Game

Mr. Rapp announced to the Board that the Stock Market Team at North Elementary School, coached by Mr. Rick LeGrange, finished in first place out of all of the elementary schools in Region 7. Members of this 6th grade team are Kelly Clem, Jake Voegel, Ashley O’Neal, Brandon Koester, and Leah Reising. Mr. Rapp publicly congratulated the team and Mr. LeGrange on their outstanding performance in this activity.

Teacher Retirement

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board accept the letter of retirement received from Mr. David E. Hunter as a science teacher at North Posey Junior High School at the conclusion of the 1999-2000 school year. Mr. Hunter has taught for the MSD of North Posey County for 34 years. Further, Mr. Rapp recommended the assignment of Mrs. Pamela Schmitt as the science teacher at North Posey Junior High School for the 2000-2001 school year. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the motion on the recommendation presented by Mr. Rapp was unanimously passed by the Board.

Next Board Meeting

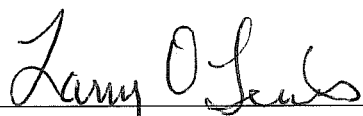
Mr. Rapp asked the Board to schedule the next regular Board meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2000, due to a conflict in his travel to Indianapolis on Monday, June 12 to attend the 2000 State Budget Meeting. The meeting on June 14 will begin at 6:15 p.m. An executive session will be held at 5:30 p.m.

Commencement

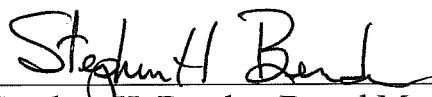
Mr. Rapp announced the plans for the Class of 2000 Commencement Exercises on Friday, May 26, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. He asked all Board members must be there at 6:30 p.m. for a picture taking session.

Adjournment

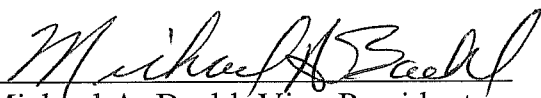
As there was no further business to come before the Board at this time, President Lewis entertained a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mr. Bender and unanimously passed. The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



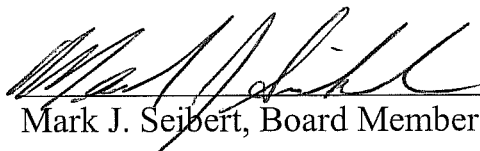
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Mark J. Seibert, Board Member



Kathy A. Mauck, Secretary

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