

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Education  
of the  
Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana  
*Held on February 12, 2001***

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2001. The meeting began at the hour of 5:30 p.m. The following Board members were present: Larry Lewis, Kathy Mauck, Michael Baehl, Mark Seibert, and Stephen Bender. 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 6:15 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:17 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Larry Lewis. Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday, January 15, 2001, were submitted to the Board and approved on a motion by Mr. Baehl, 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. Bender, 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**

**Elementary Student Council**

Mr. Rapp introduced Mrs. Donna Nash and Mrs. Donna McGinnis, co-sponsors of the newly formed Student Council at North Elementary School. Mrs. Nash asked each Student Council member present to introduce him/herself. Ryan Schmitt, president of the Student Council, acted as the master of ceremonies for the Council. Each student explained their duties as an officer and/or described the activities and projects conducted during this school year. Students present were: Ryan Schmitt, Kelsey Schapker, Rachel Seibert, Jeremy Wagner, Sarah Garris, Flint Rasure, Aaron Like, and Neely Koester. At the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Rapp praised the students for their efforts and encouraged each of them to continue working very hard in leadership activities like the Student Council. He thanked Mrs. Nash, Mrs. McGinnis and the students for bringing their message to the Board.

### **Indiana School Improvement Award & Four Star School Awards**

Mr. Rapp announced that the Indiana Department of Education has named South Terrace Elementary School and North Posey Junior High School Four Star Schools. Mr. Rapp explained that to be designated a Four Star School, a school must rank in the top 25% of all schools in the State in each of the four areas that are measured in the Indiana School Incentive Awards Program. The four areas are ISTEP+ total battery score, language arts proficiency score, mathematics proficiency score, and attendance rate. The Four Star Awards for this school year were based on student performance during the 1999-2000 school year. North Posey Junior High School will also receive an Incentive Monetary Award in the amount of \$1,803.69. A school must improve in at least two of the four areas over the previous year's scores in order to receive a monetary award. A copy of the results of the Indiana School Incentive Awards Program as presented to the Board shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

### **Remodeling, Renovating and Updating Facilities Discussion**

Mr. Rapp opened up the meeting for discussion with the Board regarding the future needs to remodel, renovate and/or update physical facilities throughout the school district. Mr. Rapp addressed a list of ten (10) projects he felt needed attention. The Board discussed these concerns. Each Board member then expressed areas of concern and/or projects that they felt needed to be addressed. There was a lengthy discussion of these topics. The Board also discussed the costs of the projects and the impact they might have on the tax rate. Mr. Rapp suggested each Board member develop a list of their top five (5) project priorities and bring the list to the March Board meeting. Mr. Rapp concluded that at the March meeting a consensus might be reached as to the top five projects. Mr. Rapp would then consult an architect to get a cost estimate for the completion of these top projects. Then the Board would have to decide if and how the Board would finance such projects.

### **Retirement of Custodian at North Elementary**

Mr. Rapp asked the Board to accept the letter of retirement received from Jim Schweikart, Sr. effective June 15, 2001. Mr. Schweikart has served as a custodian at North Elementary School for the past 18 years. On a motion by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the Board unanimously accepted Mr. Schweikart's retirement letter.

### **Retirement of Secretary at North Posey Junior High**

Mr. Rapp asked the Board to accept the letter of retirement received from Mrs. Jo Hamman. She has served as the first and only secretary at North Posey Junior High School for the past 31 years. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the Board unanimously accepted Mrs. Hamman's retirement letter.

### **Recommendation of New Secretary at North Posey Junior High**

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board approve the recommendation from Mr. Kevin Sergesketter, principal of North Posey Junior High School, to employ Mrs. Judy Baehl as the new secretary at North Posey Junior High School for the 2001-2002 school year. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the Board approved the motion by a vote of 4-0-1. Mr. Baehl elected to abstain.

### **North Posey High School Wrestling and Girls' Basketball Teams - PAC**

Mr. Rapp recognized the accomplishments of the North Posey High School girls' basketball team and the wrestling team for winning Pocket Athletic Championships for the 2000-2001 season. This is the third championship in a row for the wrestling team. Mr. Rapp congratulated the players and their coaches for an outstanding season.

### **District Solo/Ensemble Contest**

Mr. Rapp recognized the outstanding performances by students at North Posey Junior High School in the District Solo/Ensemble Contest held on Saturday, January 27, 2001, at the University of Evansville. There were six (6) students that earned a Division 1 rating with their solos and thirteen (13) students earned a Division 1 rating with their participation in an ensemble. Instrumental music students from North Posey High School also participated in the District Solo/Ensemble Contest. A total of 39 students received a Division 1 rating and qualified for State Competition in Indianapolis on Saturday, February 17, 2001. Mr. Rapp commended all of these students on their outstanding performances and congratulated them, along with their instructors, on a job well done.

### **New Bus Driver**

Mr. Wood recommended the Board employ Mrs. Wendy Paul as a full time school bus driver for the remainder of the school year. On a motion by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the motion unanimously carried.

### **Annual Field Trip to Chicago Request**

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board approve the request by Mr. James Anderson to take the physics class from North Posey High School to Chicago, IL to visit the Museum of Science and Industry, Shedd Aquarium, Sears Tower, Adler Planetarium, Fermi Lab, the Art Institute, and the Museum of Natural History. The trip will be March 15-17, 2001. The Board is asked to pay the expenses incurred by Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Hewig, as they will be chaperoning the trip. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the Board unanimously passed the motion granting permission to Mr. Anderson to take the trip.

### **Ivy Tech Evening Class Schedule**

Mr. Rapp presented the Board with a proposed schedule of classes to be offered at North Posey High School through Ivy Tech State College in Evansville. These classes are predominately for adults, but some will be for high school credit as well. The proposal calls for the classes to be offered during the 2001-2002 school year. A copy of the class schedule proposal as received by the Board, shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

### **Coaching Recommendations**

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board approve the following extracurricular coaching assignments for the spring sports listed:

North Posey Junior High School Track Coaches - Shannon Higginson and Jeremy Villines

North Posey High School Volunteer Tennis Coach – Mandy Berglund

North Posey High School Volunteer Baseball Coach – Justin Schmitt

On a motion by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the motion to approve the coaching recommendations unanimously passed.

### **Requests for Professional Leave**

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board approve the following professional leave requests:

Jenifer Neidig – Attend the Business Education Clinic at Indiana State University in Terre Haute - March 2 (Fri)

Charles Mair & Michele Brown – Attend the Indiana Coaches of Girls' Sports Association Clinic in Indianapolis – March 5 (Mon)

Carl Gengelbach – Attend the 2001 State Football Clinic in Indianapolis on March 16 (Fri)

On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the motion to approve the professional leave requests unanimously carried.

### **Request Permission to Purchase Equipment from Extracurricular Funds**

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board approve the request received from Mr. Kevin Sergesketter to use extracurricular funds at North Posey Junior High School to purchase equipment for the Industrial Technology Department. The total amount of the purchase will be \$1,250.00. On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the Board unanimously passed the motion.

### **2001-2002 School Calendar**

Mr. Rapp asked the Board to adopt the 2001-2002 school calendar developed by Mr. Rapp, with input from James Anderson and a committee of teachers representing the NEA-North Posey. On a motion by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the 2001-2002 school calendar was unanimously adopted by the Board. A copy of the 2001-2002 school calendar as approved by the Board shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

### **New Corporation Treasurer Recommendation**

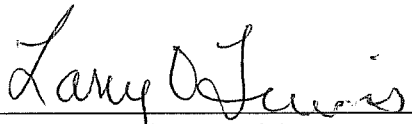
Mr. Wood recommended the Board employ Mrs. Shannon Gengelbach as the new School Corporation Treasurer. Further, Mr. Wood recommended Mrs. Gengelbach begin her employment on Monday, March 5, 2001 so that she can work with Mrs. Hopf to learn as much as she can before Mrs. Hopf retires in June. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Bender, the motion unanimously carried.

### **Next Board Meeting**

Mr. Rapp set the next regular school board meeting for Monday, March 12, 2001 at 6:15 p.m. An executive session will be held at 5:30 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

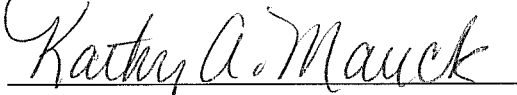
As there was no further school business to come before the Board at this time, President Lewis entertained a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mr. Seibert and unanimously carried. The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



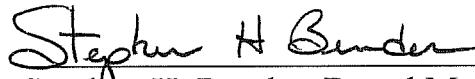
Larry O. Lewis, President



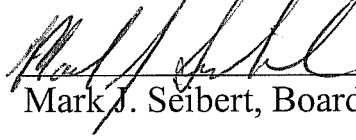
Michael A. Baehl, Vice-President



Kathy A. Mauck, Secretary



Stephen H. Bender, Board Member



Mark J. Seibert, Board Member

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