

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Education  
of the  
Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana  
*Held on April 16, 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 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 6:20 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:25 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Larry Lewis. Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday, March 12, 2001 and Thursday, April 5, 2001, were submitted to the Board and approved on a motion by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Baehl, 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. 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**

**Personnel Recommendations for 2001-02 – Certified and Non-certified Staff –  
Approval of Student Handbooks**

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board approve all of the recommendations presented by him, Mr. Wood, Mr. Van Hoosier, Mr. Sergesketter, Miss Carlton, and Mr. Teel, for the continued employment of certified and non-certified personnel for the 2001-2002 school year. Also, Mr. Rapp asked the Board to approve the Student Handbooks submitted to the Board on April 5, 2001 for use during the 2001-2002 school year at each of the respective buildings. The motion to approve the recommendation made by Mr. Rapp was made by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Seibert. Prior to voting on the motion, Mr. Baehl amended the motion to include that the Board of Education of the MSD of North Posey County nonrenew the teaching contract of the following nonpermanent teacher: Kathleen Schronce. Mr. Bender seconded the amendment to the original motion. Prior to voting on the amended motion, Mr. Seibert made a second amendment to include that the Board of Education of the MSD of North Posey County nonrenew the contract as boys'

varsity basketball coach for the 2001-2002 school year of the following permanent teacher: Rick Wilgus. Mrs. Mauck seconded the second amendment to the original motion. Prior to voting on the twice amended motion, Mrs. Mauck made a third amendment to the original motion to include that the Board of Education of the MSD of North Posey County nonrenew the contract as principal at North Posey High School of the following administrator: Jay Van Hoosier. The third amendment to the original motion did not receive a second. President Lewis asked the Board to vote on the first amendment to the original motion, the nonrenewal of the teaching contract of the nonpermanent teacher: Kathleen Schronce. The amendment to the original motion passed by a 5-0 unanimous vote by the Board. President Lewis asked the Board to vote on the second amendment to the original motion, the nonrenewal of the contract as boys' varsity basketball coach at North Posey High School for the 2001-2002 school year of the following permanent teacher: Rick Wilgus. The amendment to the original motion passed by 4-1 vote by the Board. Voting in favor of the amendment was Mr. Baehl, Mr. Bender, Mrs. Mauck, and Mr. Seibert. Voting against the amendment was Mr. Lewis. President Lewis asked the Board to vote on the original motion to accept the recommendation made by Mr. Rapp to reemploy all certified and non-certified personnel and to approve the student handbooks for each school for the 2001-2002 school year. The Board unanimously approved the motion by a vote of 5-0.

### **Soccer Field Request**

Mr. Rapp introduced Mr. Terry Schroeder representing the North Posey Youth Soccer Club and the North Posey High School soccer team parents. Mr. Schroeder asked the Board to consider the construction of a new regulation soccer field on the property owned by the School Corporation to the west of the junior high school. Mr. Rapp pointed out that this property is currently utilized by the North Posey High School FFA as a test plot. Mr. Schroeder offered that he had talked to Mr. Mike Wassmer, the vocational agriculture teacher and FFA advisor, about the field and that Mr. Wassmer was not against giving up the field as a test plot. Mr. Wassmer stated that he knew that was going to happen sooner or later. Mr. Schroeder also talked with Mr. Sergesketter, principal of North Posey Junior High School, and Mr. Gleim, activity director, about the layout of the field. Mr. Schroeder felt a new field at this proposed location would allow patrons and players to utilize rest room facilities at the north end of the junior high building. The current field being used at North Elementary School does not have restroom facilities. Mr. Schroeder feels the boys' and girls' soccer teams should have a soccer field on the North Posey High School property like the baseball, softball, football, and other athletic teams. Mr. Schroeder estimated the construction costs for a new soccer field would be approximately \$6,450. This cost would include the grading of the land, tile drainage and seeding. The Board asked questions regarding the proposed soccer field. Mr. Rapp suggested the Board take the proposal for the construction of a new soccer field under advisement.

### **Cheer Coach Recommendation**

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board employ Jennifer Rogers as the cheer coach at North Posey High School for the 2001-2002 school year. On a motion by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, motion to employ Jennifer Rogers as cheer coach unanimously carried.

### **Future Remodeling and Renovation of Facilities Plans**

Mr. Rapp opened the discussion of the future plans for remodeling and renovation of facilities in the District. Mr. Rapp introduced Mr. Scott Veazey and Mr. Tom Durkin from Veazey, Parrott, Durkin, and Shoulders, an architectural and engineering firm in Evansville. Mr. Rapp asked Mr. Durkin for the estimated costs of installing a two-pipe HVAC system in North Posey High School and a section of North Posey Jr. High School. Mr. Durkin reported an estimated cost to be between \$2 million and \$2.5 million for the project. This project would include new boilers, a chiller, room units, piping, electrical, and controls in the high school. The junior high section would require piping, room units, electrical, and controls. Mr. Veazey discussed improvements to the existing auditorium and the remodeling and construction of a new addition to the music department at North Posey High School. The cost for this project was estimated to be \$3.5 million. Improvements and repairs to the roof at South Terrace Elementary School and North Posey High School were estimated to be \$250,000 to \$300,000. Mr. Rapp thanked Mr. Veazey and Mr. Durkin for their report to the Board. Mr. Rapp suggested the Board take the estimated financial cost of the proposed projects under advisement until the May 10<sup>th</sup> regular Board meeting.

### **Resignation of Carl Buchanan**

Mr. Wood asked the Board to accept the resignation of Mr. Carl Buchanan as a school bus driver effective May 25, 2001. On a motion by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion unanimously passed.

### **Recommendation of Extra-Duty Positions for 2001-02**

Mr. Rapp recommended the employment of Mr. Bill Centifanto as the English Department chair and the academic team language arts coach at North Posey High School for the 2001-2001 school year. Also included in Mr. Rapp's recommendation is the employment of Mrs. Linda Sprouls and Mrs. Teresa Welch as Spell Bowl coaches at North Posey Jr. High School for the 2001-2002 school year. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion unanimously passed.

### **Reading Textbook Adoption Recommendations**

Mr. Wood recommended the Board accept the recommendation of the elementary principals and the parent/teacher committee to adopt the reading textbook series from McGraw-Hill Publishing Company. The reading textbooks will be used in grades K-6 for the next six (6) years. On a motion by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the motion unanimously carried.

### **Teacher In-Service Days**

Mr. Wood asked the Board to approve a schedule for "Early Release Days" for the 2001-2002 school year. The early release days will be used for the new P.L. 221 plan required by the Indiana Department of Education. The plan must be completed by June 30, 2002. The five (5) early release days are:

Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Wednesday, November 7, 2001

Thursday, January 17, 2002

Wednesday, February 13, 2002

Tuesday, April 16, 2002

Mr. Wood also asked for approval of two (2) early dismissal days for Parent/Teacher Conferences. These two days are:

Thursday, October 18, 2001

Friday, October 19, 2001

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

### **Summer School**

Mr. Wood reported on the tentative 2001 summer school schedule. A total of eleven (11) classes will be offered. Nine (9) elementary and two (2) high school classes are planned. Enrollment for the classes began in each building on Monday April 9, 2001. The deadline for enrollment is Friday, May 4, 2001.

### **FFA Sponsor Request**

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board grant a professional leave of absence to Mike Wassmer, vocational agriculture teacher and FFA advisor at North Posey High School, in order to accompany the FFA members to the Indiana State FFA Convention at Purdue University held on June 18-21, 2001. On a motion by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the motion unanimously carried.

### **Professional Leave**

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

Linda Reising – Chaperone Raelyn Reidford to Indianapolis to accept an award for being named a state winner in the “Dare to Dream II” contest sponsored by Governor O’Bannon – April 23 (Mon)

JoBerta Campbell – Attend the State Consumer Sciences Professional Development Conference in Indianapolis on May 1 (Tues)

Darryl Meyer - Chaperone members of High School Envirothon Team to state contest in Indianapolis on May 9 (Wed)

Jenifer Neidig – Chaperone Amanda Staples to the National BPA Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California on May 9-13

On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the motion to approve the professional leave requests unanimously passed.

### **Bids for Bread & Milk**

Mr. Wood asked the Board for permission to advertise for bids on bread and milk products for the school lunch program for the 2001-2002 school year. Mrs. Nancy Dougan, Food Service Director, will handle the process for the School District. On a motion by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the motion unanimously carried.

### **Salute to Student/Faculty Success**

Mr. Rapp paid tribute to the many successes by students and faculty at North Posey Jr. High School and North Posey High School. The following honors were recognized:

#### North Posey Junior High

Cyber Life Class – Wins traveling trophy Academic Bowl at South Spencer

#### North Posey High School

PAC Academic Bowl Champions – 6th Year in a Row

Winter Guard – 6th Place in State Competition at Center Grove

Envirothon Team – 1st Place in District

Amanda Staples – Qualified for BPA National Contest in Anaheim, CA

Governor O’Bannon & the Indiana Arts Commission Recognition – David Rodenberg

**Resignation of Mark Parker**

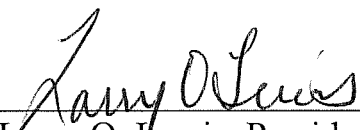
Mr. Rapp recommended the Board accept the resignation of Mark Parker as the Computer Technology Coordinator for the School District effective Thursday, May 31, 2001. On a motion by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mr. Bender, the motion unanimously carried.

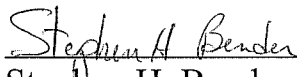
**Next Board Meeting**

Mr. Rapp set the next regular meeting of the Board for Thursday, May 10, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. The Board will convene in executive session at 5:15 p.m. where they will specifically conduct a Board self-evaluation with Mr. Noel Baker from the Indiana School Board Association office in Indianapolis.

**Adjournment**

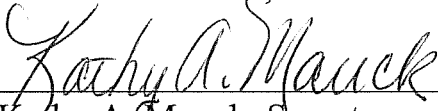
As there was no further school business to come before the Board at this time, President Lewis entertained a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mr. Seibert, and unanimously carried. The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

  
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Larry O. Lewis, President

  
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Stephen H. Bender, Board Member

  
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Michael A. Baehl, Vice-President

  
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Mark J. Seibert, Board Member

  
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Kathy A. Mauck, Secretary

**Board of Education**  
**MSD of North Posey County**