

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

Held on July 12, 2004

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the MSD of North Posey County, Poseyville, Indiana, was held in the boardroom at the office of the Superintendent of Schools on July 12, 2004. The meeting began at 5:30 p.m. The following Board members were present:

- John Wood, Superintendent
- Todd Camp, Assistant Superintendent
- Mike Baehl, Vice-President
- Kathy Mauck, Secretary
- Mark Seibert, Board Member
- Steve Bender, Board Member

Executive Session

The Board convened the Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of IC 5- 14- 1.5- 6.1 (2a) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining: and (9) to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. The Board adjourned Executive Session at 6:56 p.m.

Regular Meeting

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 7:02 p.m. with Board Vice-President Mike Baehl calling the meeting to order with the initiation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the previous meeting, held on June 17, 2004 were submitted to the Board and approved on a motion by Mrs. Mauck, Mr. Seibert seconded and unanimously carried.

Claim Docket

A copy of the current claim docket was presented to the Board for consideration. Upon a motion made by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the claim docket was approved by the Board with a 4 to 0 vote. A copy of the claim docket shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

NEW BUSINESS

Patrons Concerns

Beth Bender addressed the Board in the matter of transportation cuts. She would like for there to be a stop gap solution and would like for us to look at other alternatives at a later date.

James Kutney addressed the Board as a representative from St. Philip. He thanked the Board and hoped that the relationship would continue to be a good one between St. Philip School and the North Posey Board of Education.

Father Mann addressed the Board in the matter of transportation cuts. He said that he felt that he had developed a good relationship with Mr. Wood and Mr. Camp. He felt that they could come to a resolution regarding the transportation cuts.

Leanne Schmitt addressed the Board in the matter of the transportation cuts. She asked that we make no changes this year and look at the entire transportation operation and make changes next year. She made suggestions of other routes to cut and not hers, if any changes were made.

Transportation Recommendations

Mr. Camp made the following recommendations in regard to transportation to the Board in order to offset the \$177,000 cuts to the Transportation Fund. These cuts were due the loss of state support and the frozen levy.

1. Cut route #13.
2. Consolidate MSD of North Posey students to three buses in the same area. Bus#3, #23, and #7.
3. Reduce by one bus driver – Marcia Farrar – route #8.
4. Attempt to create a St. Wendel/St. Philip route. St. Wendel and St. Philip would pay for the cost of the route. The term of the route would be for one year and MSD of North Posey County would set the route. Costs would be based on employee salaries, employee benefits, gas, maintenance, and vehicle insurance. Bus depreciation would not be factored in.
5. Allow bus # 20 to remain an extended route to pick up St. Wendel students.
6. Move Leanne Schmitt to route #8.
7. Look at cutting another route after the 2004-2005 school year.
8. Move salaries of four employees to the General Fund to create an immediate savings and then return them as soon as it is safe in the Transportation Fund.

Mr. Camp made these recommendations and stated the cuts must be made or in 2005-06 the Transportation Department will not be able to operate within the budget.

Mr. Bender made a motion to accept these recommendations as listed, Mrs. Mauck seconded, and the motion carried with a 3 to 1 vote.

Mrs. Crick and Mrs. Tooley presented to the Board the Careers curriculum that is going to be required in the 2004-2005 school year. The Careers curriculum keeps us in line with P16, PL221, No Child Left Behind and North Posey High School's affiliation with High Schools That Work. An explanation was also given of Core 40, Core 44, and the Academic Honors Diploma. No action was necessary.

Mr. Wood recommended the Board approve the six (6) In-Service days for the 2004-2005 school year. The days are:

Wednesday, September 1, 2004

Thursday, October 7, 2004

Tuesday, November 9, 2004

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Thursday, March 3, 2005

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the recommendation, Mr. Bender approved the recommendation, motion carried with a 4 to 0 vote.

Mr. Wood requested to amend the Tax Neutrality Resolution for the SB 199 bonds. The Tax Neutrality Resolution passed on April 12, 2004. We would like to neutralize the taxes by reducing CPF by 6 cents and Bus Replacement by 5 cents. Mrs. Mauck made a motion to pass the amendment to the Tax Neutrality Resolution, Mr. Seibert seconded, and the motion carried with a 4 to 0 vote.

Mr. Wood made a request to replace classroom carpeting at North Elementary in eight rooms and to add carpet to two rooms. After reviewing two quotes, he is recommending that Lockwood's be given the project in the amount of \$20,865.28. Mrs. Mauck made a motion to approve the request, Mr. Bender seconded, the motion carried with a 4 to 0 vote.

Mr. Wood recommended the Board approve Mrs. Crick's request to spend \$7,000 of ECA money for new computers at North Posey High School. Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the request, Mr. Bender seconded, the motion carried with a 4 to 0 vote.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Wood recommended that the Board accept these resignations:

Jennifer Collins as cheer coach

Bill Centifanto as English Department chair

Mrs. Mauck made a motion to accept these resignations, Mr. Seibert seconded, and the motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Mr. Wood recommended the Board approve Mrs. Nalin's request for another year of medical leave for the 2004-2005 school year. Mr. Bender made a motion that we approve, Mr. Seibert seconded, and the motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Mr. Wood recommended the Board approve Beth Centifanto's maternity leave for the second year, 2004-2005. Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve, Mrs. Mauck seconded, the motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Mr. Wood made a motion to approve Jeff May as girls' tennis coach for the 2004-2005 school year, Michelle Sells as English Department Chair for the 2004-2005 school year, and Tara Gehlhausen as girls' 7th and 8th grade volleyball coach. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve, Mrs. Mauck seconded, the motion carried with a 4 to 0 vote.

Reports to the Board

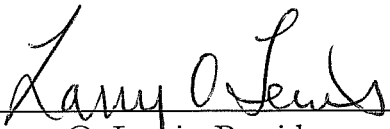
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Next Board Meeting

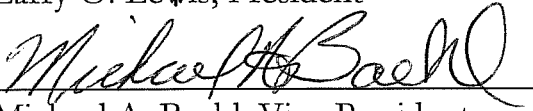
The next Board meeting will be held on August 9, 2004 with an Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. A special meeting will be held on August 30, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. to conduct a budget hearing for 2005.

Adjournment

Mr. Seibert made a motion that we adjourn, Mrs. Mauck seconded. The motion carried with a 4 to 0 vote. Adjournment took place at 8:18 p.m.



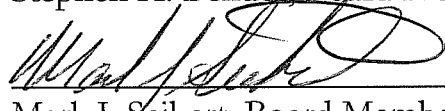
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