

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

Held on March 14, 2005

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 March 14, 2005. The meeting began at 5:30 p.m. The following Board members were present:

- John Wood, Superintendent
- Todd Camp, Assistant Superintendent
- Larry Lewis, President
- Mike Baehl, Vice-President
- Kathy Mauck, Secretary
- Steve Bender, Board Member
- Mark Seibert, 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 (9) to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. The Board adjourned Executive Session at 6:35 p.m.

Regular Meeting

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:48 p.m. with Board President, Larry Lewis calling the meeting to order with the initiation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the previous meeting held on February 14, 2005 were submitted to the Board and approved on a motion by Mr. Seibert, 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 made by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the claim docket was approved by the Board with a 5 to 0 vote. A copy of the claim docket shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

New Business

Mr. Wood congratulated the Board on achieving the Exemplary Board designation for the second consecutive year.

Mr. Lewis, School Board President, opened the only bid for an emergency line of credit up to 2.5 million dollars. The bid was received from Fifth Third Bank. The bank loan, line of credit, bid was for a 3.84% fixed interest rate. Mr. Baehl made a motion to accept the emergency line of credit to use if needed due to a cash flow problem, Mrs. Mauck seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5 to 0 vote.

Bob Dale, North Posey High School soccer coach, presented to the Board the alternative proposal for the soccer field, the Board asked for in the February meeting. Mr. Dale and representatives from the Youth Soccer Club presented a presentation to the Board their proposal to complete the construction of a soccer field. Also, provide support for the FFA program for the use of the farm land the soccer field will take over. After much discussion about the limited or no funds of the corporation can be used during the project and offsetting the loss of farm land of the FFA by participating in the FFA fruit sales and possible donating money from concessions. The total amount to be recovered each year should range between \$800 to \$1000 dollars Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the construction of the field, Mr. Baehl seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Kim Wassmer presented to the Board concerns for next years fourth grade class only having two sections. She believes with the number of special need children two section would be setting the student up for failure. Mrs. Wassmer thanked the Board for their work and efforts to provide quality education during the times of cut backs. Mr. Wood explained that we were currently looking at staffing with the principals and her concerns were an issue we were looking at, but at this time no decisions have been made.

Mr. Wood presented to the Board Scott Schmitt's, North Posey High School Band Director, request to take the marching band to Chicago to perform June 21 thru June 24. The trip would be at no cost to the corporation. Mrs. Mauck made a motion to approve the request, and Mr. Baehl seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood presented Michelle Sells' request to take the high school softball team to Jasper to compete in a two day tournament. Mr. Wood recommended approval. Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the trip, Mr. Baehl seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood requested the Board appoint Mrs. Susan Henze as the MSD of North Posey County representative to the Indiana Cooperative Services Authority (INCOLSA). Mrs. Adamson is retiring and the corporation librarian is usually appointed. A copy of this

document will be made part of the minutes by incorporation. Mr. Baehl made a motion to make the appointment, Mr. Seibert seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5 to 0 vote.

Mr. Camp presented to the Board the results of the bus bids that were opened on March 3, 2005. Mr. Camp recommended the Board accept the low bid from Nix's Bus Sales for two type 'C' buses and one replacement type 'C' bus and one type 'A' bus. All buses will be equipped as the specifications were established and with the special equipment requested. A copy of the two bids will be made part of the minutes by incorporation. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request, Mr. Baehl seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5 to 0 vote.

Mr. Camp asked the Board to approve all textbook adoption committee's book selection for the science and health classes in the corporation. All books are approved by the committee and the state. A copy of the book lists will be made part of the minutes by incorporation. Mr. Baehl made a motion to approve the textbook list, Mrs. Mauck seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5 to 0 vote.

Mr. Camp asked the Board to approve these classes listed as possible summer school offerings; English, Algebra, Government, Band, Supervised Agricultural Experience, and Drivers Education. Student enrollment will be taken and a final determination of each class will be based on the final enrollment numbers. Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the request, Mr. Baehl seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5 to 0 vote.

Mr. Wood reported information on the final budget and the latest legislation news. The information consisted of the 2005 shortfall and HB1001 updates. No action was necessary on this information.

Mr. Wood asked the Board to approve the donation and erecting of an 80 ft. tower at South Terrace Elementary for the purpose of connecting South Terrace to the High School's (T- One) drop for the internet. The tower was donated because of the efforts of Bart Wenderoth and Electronic Research, Inc., Chandler IN. The estimated value of the donation is 16,680.00. Mr. Baehl made a motion to approve the request, Mr. Seibert seconded the motion.

Mr. Wood asked the Board to approve the use of the baseball facility by the Cincinnati Reds to hold tryouts for the local community. Mr. Swartzentruber has organized the event. Mrs. Mauck made a motion to approve the request, Mr. Seibert seconded the motion.

Personnel

Mr. Wood asked the Board to accept these personnel requests.

Resignation:

Eric Long has submitted his resignation as the sound/light technician at NPHS. I recommend acceptance of his resignation.

Volunteer Assistant Coaches Requests:

Brandon Barrett has been recommended by Jeff May to serve as an un-paid volunteer assistant girls' tennis coach at NPHS for the 2005 season.

Brian Schmidt and Adam House have been recommended by Patrick Rose to serve as un-paid volunteer assistant coaches at NPHS for the golf team in the 2005 season.

Larry Schmitt has been recommended by Michele Sells to serve as an un-paid volunteer assistant softball coach for the 2005 season.

Jared Reyher has been recommended by Mike Swartzentruber to serve as an un-paid volunteer assistant baseball coach for the 2005 season.

Mr. Bender made a motion to accept these requests, Mr. Baehl seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Professional Leave

Mr. Wood asked the Board to accept these professional leave requests. He explained all professional leave expenses will be paid from grant money and not the General Fund.

Linda Crick, Rob Deters, Erica Hubster, Michael Kuhn, Jenifer Neidig, Scott Strieter, Tracy Stroud, Susie Tooley, and Debra Whitfield request permission to attend the Career Majors Institute on March 15-16, 2005 in Indianapolis.

JoBerta Campbell requests permission to attend the 2005 State FACS Professional Development Conference in Indianapolis on April 19, 2005.

Sylvia Baehl requests permission to attend the "Six Traits Writing Workshop" on April 28-29, 2005 at the Warrick County School Corporation Office.

Jody Jenkins requests permission to attend a conference titled "How Does Your Engine Run" in Skokie, IL on April 8-9, 2005.

Jim Anderson requests permission to take a professional day to take his physics and calculus class on a field trip to Crane Navel Base on April 8, 2005.

Patricia Hewig requests professional leave June 26-July 1, 2005 to attend the Advance Placement Summer Institute at Western Kentucky University.

Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the requests, Mr. Baehl seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5 to 0 vote.

Reports and Information

ISTEP report on 9th and 10th grade results

Handout on the budget

Fuel and Transportation Report

Calendars

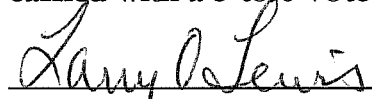
Next Board Meeting

Monday, April 7, 2005 is a Special Executive Session to hear annually building Principal Reports. The Executive Session will start at 4pm. All principals will give their report for the year and provide personnel requests for the 2005-06 school year.


Monday, April 11, 2005 is a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Executive session will begin at 5:30 p.m. We will have to make final decisions on Reduction In Force (RIF) at this meeting. All employees affected must be notified on or before May 1, 2005.

Adjournment


Mr. Seibert made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5 to 0 vote. The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:42 p.m.



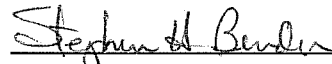
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