

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

**Held on November 12, 2007**

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 November 12, 2007. The meeting was scheduled to begin 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 job performance and evaluation of individual employees. The Board adjourned Executive Session at 6:38 p.m.

**Regular Meeting**

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:42 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 October 8, 2007, were submitted to the Board. Upon a motion made by Mr. Baehl, and seconded by Mr. Seibert, the minutes were approved with a 5 to 0 vote.

**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. Seibert, the claim docket was approved on 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 asked the Board to refinance the 2002 North Posey Multi-School Building Bonds. This refinancing would cause neither additional payments nor any increase in payments. The lower interest rate would generate over \$100,000 at no cost to the taxpayers. This money could be used in construction or remodeling projects. After a lengthy discussion and several questions, Mr. Baehl made a motion not to refinance the bond and to table the request. Mr. Bender seconded the motion and the motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood discussed the option of entering into a multi-year contract with TDS for the Centrex phone lines. A multi-year contract would reduce the cost of the system by \$10,000 over a 5-year period. There were several questions raised regarding the Telephony System in conjunction with the computer system. If we decide to change to the Telephony System, could we get out of the contract? Due to that question, and several others, Mr. Baehl made a motion to table the request until we have the answers.

Mr. Wood discussed with the Board current issues with the Babe Ruth program that currently uses the facilities at North Posey High School. After some discussion, Mr. Wood asked the Board to require the Babe Ruth organization to form a Board of Control, elect officers, and establish a set of by-laws or constitution in exchange for continued use of our facility free of charge. Further, the newly formed Board of Control shall provide the MSD of North Posey County School Board with a complete financial statement each year, as it requires all other groups that use the facility. The Board of Control would include at least 5 to 7 elected officers. The election of these officers should be conducted in an open, publicized meeting. This charter is to be assembled by March 1, 2008, and should use the Poseyville Youth Club as its example to follow in creating the Board. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request, and Mr. Baehl seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood asked the Board to approve the goals for expenditures for the 2007-08 school year. This is a requirement according to IC21-10-3-4. Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the request, and Mrs. Mauck seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0. A copy of the goals will be made part of the minutes by incorporation.

Mr. Wood presented Eric Long's request to approach the Poseyville Town Board to request permission to place a 2-foot dish on the fire station tower. This will significantly improve our wireless communication connection to North Elementary, the Bus Garage, and Central Office. Bart Wenderoth has volunteered his services to install and align the dish. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request, and Mr. Baehl seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood and Mr. Camp asked the Board to approve the use of a Confidentiality Agreement for specific employees that may access confidential student records. This

would include administrators, secretaries, counselors, nurses, and computer technology employees. This agreement will cover the school corporation if an employee violates the Family Educational Act of 1974. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request, and Mr. Baehl seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood asked the Board to pass a resolution to recognize Amy Motz as the agent for the MSD of North Posey for the Public Employees Retirement Fund (PERF). PERF requires an agent be fully authorized and empowered to act on behalf of the School District to accept pension liability pursuant to IC 5-10.2-3-1 and further execute and deliver documents related to PERF of Indiana. Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the request, and Mr. Baehl seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0. A copy of the resolution will be made part of the minutes by incorporation.

### **Personnel**

Mr. Wood asked the Board to approve the request from Mike Swartzentruber, High School baseball coach, to allow Danny Embry and Chris Barker to split the assistant baseball coach stipend for the 2008 season. Danny Embry will coach the JV team. Mr. Baehl made a motion to approve the request, and Mrs. Mauck seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood presented Kelly Carlton's request to hire Zach Voegel as the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball coach for the 2007-08 season at South Terrace. Mr. Baehl made a motion to approve the request, and Mr. Seibert seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood asked the Board to accept Crystal Foltz resignation as the Carnegie Library Board member effective immediately. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request, and Mr. Baehl seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

### **Professional Leave**

Rebecca Coleman, Matt Gantner, and Leesa Kuhn request a day of professional leave to attend "Response to Intervention", training sponsored by SINE, on November 20, 2007 in Evansville. Mr. Wood recommended approval.

Tonja Beuligmann requests a professional day to attend the ESL Roundtable meeting hosted by SIEC on November 20, 2007 in Jasper. In addition, Carl Joe Gengelbach requests a professional day to attend the IFCA All-State Selection Board Meeting on Friday, November 30, 2007, and Patty Seibert and Julie Butler request a professional day to attend a Coordinated School Health Regional Workshop Advisory Council Meeting in Evansville Wednesday, November 14, 2007. Mr. Wood recommended approval. Mr. Baehl made a motion to approve all requests, and Mr. Seibert seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

## **Reports**

MRSA

Property Tax Relief

Transportation Department

South Terrace Phase II

## **Next Board Meeting**

The next regular scheduled Board meeting is Monday, December 10, 2007, with an Executive session to begin at 5:30 p.m. and the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bender and seconded by Mr. Baehl. The motion carried with a 5 to 0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 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

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