

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

Held on January 14, 2008

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 January 14, 2008. 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 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:37 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 December 10, 2007, were submitted to the Board. Upon a motion made by Mr. Baehl, and seconded by Mr. Bender, 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. Bill Bender, School Board Attorney, was asked to preside over the 2008 elections. Mr. Steve Bender made a motion for all Board officers to remain in their current position, Larry Lewis as President, Mike Baehl as Vice President, and Kathy Mauck as Secretary. In addition, the Board will retain William Bender as the Corporation Attorney and Carol Lupfer as Corporation Treasurer. The 2008 Board of Finance will also remain the same as 2007 with Steve Bender as President and Mark Seibert as Treasurer. Mr. Seibert seconded the motion and the motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood presented conflict of interest statements for Mr. Baehl, Mr. Bender, and Mr. Wood to sign for the 2008 year. All three signed the statements and a copy of the statements will be incorporated in the minutes.

Mr. Wood and Mr. Camp presented to the Board the option to renew the current bank loan or to advertise for bids for a new bank loan. Mr. Baehl made a motion to advertise for bids for an emergency temporary bank loan for up to \$2,500,000 for the year 2008. The bids should include both fixed and variable rates. The Board would like to examine both options. Mr. Seibert seconded the motion and the motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood asked the Board to approve Rebecca Nottingham to serve on the Poseyville Carnegie Public Library Board. This is a four-year term and fulfills the MSD of North Posey County schools' obligation of appointment to the library board. Mr. Baehl made a motion to approve the request and Mrs. Mauck seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Camp presented to the Board the Language Arts Textbook Adoption Committees for approval. This group will be reviewing the books to be adopted for use during the next six (6) years. Mrs. Mauck made a motion to approve the committees and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0. A list of the committees will be made part of the minutes by incorporation.

Mr. Wood presented proposed school calendars for the 2008-09 and the 2009-10 school year. The teachers and administrators have reviewed the calendars. Mr. Wood asked the Board to approve the calendars as presented. After some discussion about snow days and the start date of the school year, Mr. Baehl made a motion to approve the calendars as listed. Mr. Bender seconded the motion and the motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood asked the Board to give permission to apply for the IN-DOE, Division of Exceptional Learners High Ability Service Grant. The grant will be for \$31,572.00. Mrs. Mauck made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood and Mr. Camp discussed with the Board IRS regulation concerning benefits such as uniforms, cell phones, and meals. There was much discussion about these benefits, and Mr. Baehl made a motion to table any action until a later date. Mr. Bender seconded the motion and the motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood presented a list of weight equipment submitted by Mr. Strieter to be declared surplus. The equipment will be moved to the vocational department to be used as scrap metal. Mr. Baehl made a motion to approve the request; Mrs. Mauck seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0. The list will be made part of the minutes by incorporation.

Mr. Strieter also submitted a request to use ECA funds to purchase weight equipment totaling \$1,495.00. Mr. Baehl made a motion to approve the request; Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0. The ECA form will be made part of the minutes by incorporation.

Personnel

Mr. Wood presented Janice Williams' resignation letter effective January 1, 2008. Mrs. Mauck made a motion to approve her resignation, and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood presented Jeff O'Risky's resignation as elementary wrestling coach effective December 20, 2007. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request, and Mr. Baehl seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood presented Rob Deter's recommendation to have Brock Wenderoth and Ben Whittaker as volunteer assistant wrestling coaches for the North Posey Junior High School 2008 season. Mr. Wood also presented Michelle Sells' recommendation for Mike Clem and Joel Schmitt to be volunteer coaches for the high school 2008 softball season. Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the requests, and Mrs. Mauck seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood presented Mr. Teel's request to hire Christine Fulton for the remainder of the school year. She will fill the fourth grade teacher position vacancy created by Janice Williams' resignation. Mr. Baehl made a motion to approve the request, and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Camp presented a recommendation to hire Leslie Thomas as a temporary speech, language pathologist assistant. She will be supervised by Pat Stewart. This is a temporary position to be filled during Nora Merkis' absence due to illness. Mr. Baehl made a motion to approve the request, Mr. Bender seconded. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood presented Mr. Deter's request to hire Jeff Will and Jack Lowe to replace the position vacated by Mr. O'Risky. The stipend will be split equally between the two. Mr. Baehl made a motion to approve the request, Mr. Seibert seconded. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Professional Leave

Mr. Wood recommended the following professional leave requests to be approved. Mrs. Mauck made a motion to approve the requests as listed, and Mr. Seibert seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

1. Christopher Barker requests a day of professional leave to attend the IHSBCA State Clinic in Indianapolis on January 17, 2008.
2. Hollye Schillinger requests a day of professional leave on January 18, 2008 to attend a STEM Follow Up Discussion at USI.
3. Tonya Beuligman and Kelly Carlton request a professional leave day on January 18, 2008 to attend the IN-DOE LAS LINKS Training at Jasper High School.
4. The following teachers request a professional day to attend the annual SIEC Textbook Fair on February 6, 2008 in Jasper: NPHS – Michael Drummond, Pat Hewig, Erin Koester, Michele Sells, Diana Smith, and Debra Whitfield; NPJHS – Linda Reising and Erica Thomas; NES – Ron Bassinger, Lisa Brandenstein, and Brian Wilson; STES – Kevin Gengelbach, Donna McGinness, and Staci Voegel. A total of 14 teachers are scheduled to attend this English/Language Arts book fair.
5. Darryl Meyer has been asked to serve as a presenter at the 2008 Hoosier Association of Science Teachers State Convention in Indianapolis on February 6 – 8, 2008. He requests three professional leave days to attend this convention.
6. Jennifer Neidig request a day of professional leave to attend The Awards for Excellence sponsored by the IN-DOE in Indianapolis on February 12, 2008. Jennifer will be taking Jessica Lingafelter, the current IN-BPA president, to this state meeting. This is a big honor for Jessica.
7. Kristina Deters and Pam Schmitt are requesting a professional day to attend "Using Video-Conferencing/Distance Learning to Embrace Classroom Instruction" hosted by the SIEC in Jasper on February 13, 2008.
8. Linda Crick, Carolyn Gilliam, Shari Luebbe, and John Spencer are requesting a professional day to attend a workshop entitled "Motivating Challenging and Disruptive Students (Proven Ways to Motivate in an Inclusion Classroom)" in Evansville on February 14, 2008 at the Holiday Inn.

9. Linda Crick, Linda Reising, Pam Schmitt, John Spencer, and Brent Winstead request a professional day to attend the Indiana Middle Level Education Association State Conference in Indy on February 25, 2008.
10. John Spencer requests to attend the Special Education IEP training sponsored by Posey County Special Services at Mt. Vernon Junior High School on January 23, 2008.

Reports

Mr. Camp presented the transportation report.

Mr. Camp presented the ISTEP scores.

Mr. Wood presented a legislative bulletin.

Mr. Wood provided the Board with 2008 school board candidate information.

Next Board Meeting

The next regular scheduled Board meeting is Monday, February 11, 2008, with an Executive session to begin at 5:30 p.m. and the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Mr. Baehl made a motion to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. and Mrs. Mauck seconded. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Larry O. Lewis, President

Stephen H. Bender, Board Member

Michael A. Baehl, Vice-President

Mark J. Seibert, Board Member

Kathy A. Mauck, Secretary

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