

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

Held on March 10, 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 March 10, 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

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 6:48 p.m.

Regular Meeting

The Board of Education convened for the regular meeting at 6:57 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 11, 2008, were submitted to the Board. Upon a motion made by Mr. Baehl, and seconded by Mr. Bender, the minutes were approved with a 4 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 Mrs. Mauck, the claim docket was approved. Also, the motion approved payment to VPS Architecture for the completion of their work on the South Terrace Project. Payment of this request was denied in the February 11th Board meeting. The motion passed on a 4 to 0 vote. A copy of the claim docket shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

New Business

North Elementary Student Council gave a presentation to the Board of their accomplishments during the 2007-08 school year. The Student Council is lead by Mrs. Donna Nash. The Student Council had many accomplishments for the year and for their good work, they received the award of Honor Council. This is the 8th year in a row they have received this award.

Mr. Strieter came before the Board to request the addition of Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Biomedical Science curriculum. For the 2008-09 school year, there will be one class added, and over a four-year period, there will be four classes added. Mr. Baehl made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Mr. Wood presented Marilyn Rogers' request to apply for the Posey County Community Foundation Grant to purchase equipment needed for the new classes. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request and Mrs. Mauck seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Mr. Strieter presented a report about securing light for the soccer field at the high school. Many people have been involved in the project and the Board would like to thank Carol Schmidt, Bob Dale, Danny Elpers, Win Energy, and all of the others who worked to make this project happen. Mr. Wood recommended the Board provide corporation financial support for the project. Mrs. Mauck made a motion to pay the difference, \$7,117.09, needed to complete the project and Mr. Baehl seconded the motion. Mr. Bender amended the motion for the corporation to pay the difference to complete the project and it should not exceed \$10,000. Mrs. Mauck seconded the amended motion and the motion carried 4 to 0.

Mr. Camp presented to the Board the current problem with securing cars for drivers' education as they have in past years. There were several options presented to the Board for consideration; stop providing drivers' education, buy two vehicles to support the program and use the cars for employees to check out during the school year, or contract an outside vendor to provide drivers' education. After much discussion, Mr. Baehl made a motion to contract Indiana All-Star to offer drivers' education at a MSD of North Posey location. Mrs. Mauck seconded the motion and the motion carried 4 to 0.

Mr. Camp requested the opportunity to offer summer school at all MSD of North Posey Schools. Traditional requirements will be in place and summer school sign ups will begin. Mrs. Mauck made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Mr. Wood informed the Board of a waiver available through IN-DOE to relieve the district of instructional days missed due to snow. He provided the Board with the March 10, 2008

state guidelines, and will apply for the waiver after April 1, 2008 as required. No action by the board was necessary.

Mr. Wood recommended Barb Heldt be appointed to serve on the Carnegie Library Board for a four-year term. The term will begin May 1, 2008. Mr. Baehl made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Mr. Wood presented a request by Michele Sells to attend the annual two-day Jasper softball tournament that begins April 25, 2008. The tournament will require the NPHS softball team to stay overnight in Jasper. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Baehl seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Mr. Wood and Mr. Camp presented a new policy to the Board to meet the 409A federal regulations. They explained the policy to the Board and stated they would bring it for approval in the April meeting.

Personnel

Mr. Wood asked the Board to accept Norvella Merkis' request to have an unpaid medical leave for the remainder of the school year. She will remain on our medical insurance and pay the full premium. Mrs. Mauck made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Mr. Wood presented Sylvia Baehl's letter of intent to retire as a third grade teacher at South Terrace Elementary School after 32 years of teaching. Her retirement would be effective at the end of the school year. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request for retirement, and Mr. Baehl seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Mr. Wood presented Delores Schweikart's letter of resignation as a half-time night custodian at North Elementary School. Mrs. Schweikart requests to resign at the end of the school year. Mr. Baehl made a motion to approve the request, and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Mr. Wood asked the Board to accept a letter of resignation from Nancy Weiss effective June 1, 2008. Mrs. Weiss is currently a cook at NPHS. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request, and Mr. Baehl seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Professional Leave

Mr. Wood recommended the following professional leave requests be approved. Mrs. Mauck made a motion to approve the requests and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Name	School	Location	Reason/Date
Erica Kissinger	NPHS	Evansville, IN	Environthon Competition on March 11, 2008
Michael Kuhn	NPHS	Indianapolis, IN	IN Football Coaches Assoc. Clinic on March 14, 2008
Linda Crick	NPJHS	Indianapolis, IN	“Response to Intervention” on March 19, 2008
Steve Kavanaugh	NPHS	Indianapolis, IN	“Response to Intervention” on March 19, 2008
Cathy Morrow	STES	Oakland City, IN	Dibels Training by SINE on April 8, 2008
Jodie Rankin	District Office	French Lick, IN	2008 Harmony Spring Leadership Conference on April 17 & 18
Jennifer Lamble	NPHS	French Lick, IN	2008 Harmony Spring Leadership Conference on April 17 & 18
Toni Buecher	STES	Princeton, IN	Dibels Interventions Workshop (Grades 1-3) on April 29, 2008

Reports

Fund Report as of March 3, 2008.
 Addition of Business and Technology Courses at NPHS
 Transportation Report
 STES Construction Report
 2008 ISBA Spring Region Meeting Monday, April 14, 2008
 ISBA/IAPSS Fall Conference September 29 – 30, 2008

Next Board Meeting

The next special Board meeting will be executive session only to discuss personnel. The meeting will be held on April 3, 2008. Executive session will begin at 5:00 p.m.

The date for the next regular scheduled Board meeting has been changed to Thursday, April 17, 2008, with an Executive session to begin at 5:30 p.m. and the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

March 10, 2008

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mr. Bender and carried with a 4 to 0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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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