

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

Held on May 12, 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 May 12, 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 6:50 p.m.

Regular Meeting

The Board of Education convened for the regular meeting at 7:12 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 April 17, 2008, were submitted to the Board. A request was made to amend the minutes from the March 10, 2008 meeting. The section regarding the financial assistance of the Project Lead the Way Biomedical Science curriculum was unclear. This has been corrected. Upon a motion made by Mr. Baehl, and seconded by Mr. Bender, the minutes and the amendment were approved with a 5 to 0 vote.

Claim Docket

A copy of the claim docket for the period of April 17, 2008 to May 12, 2008 was presented to the Board for consideration. Upon a motion made by Mr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the claim docket was approved with a 5 to 0 vote. A copy of

the approved claim docket shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

New Business

Martha Caine of the “Tobacco Free Posey County” organization made a presentation to the Board of the various services her organization can provide to the schools.

Mr. Wood asked the Board to open a public hearing for the Acceptable User Policy (AUP). The hearing was opened at 7:15 and no one was present for or against the AUP. The hearing was closed at 8:20.

Mr. Wood presented the requests from Kelly Carlton, principal at South Terrace; Scott Strieter, Principal at the High School; and Linda Crick, principal at the Junior High to spend ECA funds for technology equipment. Mrs. Mauck made a motion to approve the requests and Mr. Baehl seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0. A copy of the requests will be made part of the minutes by incorporation.

Mr. Wood presented Scott Schmitt’s request to use the facilities for band camp during July 21 to July 25, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day. Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood asked the Board to table the requests to approve the NEA agreement and the request for a salary increase for the non-certified and administrative staff until the NEA/North Posey official vote. Mr. Baehl made a motion to table the requests and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Camp presented the information on the mower quotes and the information on the demo test. After some discussion, Mr. Camp requested the Board purchase the Exmark Front Runner for \$9,958.40. There was additional discussion about switching to a Kohler engine instead of the Briggs engine. Mr. Baehl made a motion to purchase the Exmark, but only after further research of the engine. If the Kohler engine has a comparable horsepower to the Briggs, and is less than the quotes for the mower with the Briggs engine, the motion is to purchase the mower with the Kohler engine. Mr. Bender seconded the motion and the motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Camp explained the IRS regulations on fringe benefits and the policy and procedures that need to be in place to comply with them. After review of the information, Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the procedures and Mr. Baehl seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0. The policy and procedures will be made part of the minutes by incorporation.

Mr. Wood presented the request from Mr. Strieter to allow Virgil Ferguson and six student athletes from the class of 2009 or 2010 to attend the IHSAA Student Leadership Conference, June 16 and 17, 2008 in Carmel, IN. Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the request and Mrs. Mauck seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Camp requested the Board approve summer school classes at all four locations. The High School summer school classes will be May 27 through June 23. The Junior High and Elementary classes will be July 28 through August 7. All classes offered will meet the requirements for state reimbursement. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request and Mrs. Mauck seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood presented a unified request from the teachers and administration to move from six-week grading periods to nine-week grading periods beginning the 2008-2009 school year. The Harmony software, currently in use within the school district, allows parents to monitor students' grades on a regular basis so there is not a great need to issue report cards every six weeks. Mr. Bender made a motion to approve the request for the upcoming school year and Mr. Seibert seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0. Copies of the calendar are in the Board office and will be posted on the school web site.

Mr. Wood presented a request from Mr. Strieter and Mr. Ferguson to start a girls' golf program at North Posey High School for the 2008-2009 school year. There has been sufficient interest expressed from students for the sport. Mr. Baehl made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Seibert seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood requested the Board accept Venita Nottingham's resignation from the Poseyville Carnegie Library Board; she has served on the Board 13 years. Mr. Baehl made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Seibert seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0. The Board will need to make a new appointment to the Carnegie Board.

Mr. Wood presented Mike Wassmer's request to attend the FFA convention June 16-19th. There will be two students competing, Bryan Seibert and Anthony Seibert, in the state contest. Mrs. Mauck made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Bender seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Wood received a quote from Pavement Sealing Company to seal and re-line the parking lots at all buildings for \$45,999. He asked the Board for permission to complete this project over the summer. Mr. Baehl made a motion to approve the request and Mrs. Mauck seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Personnel

Mr. Wood presented Laurie Price's resignation as a high school special education teacher due to her husband's transfer and Jennifer Neidig's resignation as Junior High Volleyball coach. Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the requests and Mrs. Mauck seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Professional Leave Requests

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

Name	School	Location	Reason/Date
Susan Roberts	NPHS	Indianapolis, IN	ISTAR training on May 23, 2008
Linda Crick	NPJHS	Evansville, IN	Collaborative Teaching Conference on June 14, 2008
Shari Luebbe	NPJHS	Evansville, IN	Collaborative Teaching Conference on June 14, 2008
Erica Thomas	NPJHS	Evansville, IN	Collaborative Teaching Conference on June 14, 2008
Julie Koester	STES	Indianapolis, IN	Summer Nurses' Conference on July 21-24, 2008

Reports

Enrollment history and projections

Professional leave report

Discussion on a possible special session for teachers' master contract and hiring

Next Board Meeting

The date for the next regular scheduled Board meeting will be June 9, 2008 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, seconded by Mr. Baehl, and carried with a 5 to 0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 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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