

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

**February 8, 2021**

A meeting of the Board of Education of the MSD of North Posey County, Poseyville, Indiana, was held in the library of North Posey Junior High School, on February 8, 2021. The following Board members were present:

- Michael Galvin, Associate Superintendent
- Geoffrey A. Gentil, President
- Gregory U. Schmitt, Vice President
- Amy J. Will, Secretary
- Vincent F. Oakley, Member
- Larry Kahle, Member

**Executive Session**

The Board convened the Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. at North Posey Junior High for the purpose of discussion of the assessment, design, and implementation of school safety and security measures, plans, and systems as well as to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. The Board adjourned Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

**Regular Meeting**

The Board of Education convened for the regular meeting at 6:33 p.m. with President, Geoff Gentil, calling the meeting to order with the initiation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Patron Concerns**

There were no patrons present to address the Board.

**Minutes, Claim Docket and Consent Items**

Mr. Gentil asked the Board for a motion to approve the consent items as listed:

- Minutes of the previous meeting on January 11, 2021.
- Claim Docket for the period January 11, 2021 to February 8, 2021.
- The following FMLA and or personal leave requests:
  - Kim Wassmer: Personal Leave Request to attend family activities for her son either the week of February 8-9, 2021 or March 8-9, 2021.
  - Margaret Camp: FMLA request beginning February 5, 2021 until February 12, 2021 for the purpose of “a serious health condition” that she needs care.
  - Katrina Wagner: FMLA request beginning February 22, 2021 until April 6, 2021 for the purpose of “a serious health condition” that she needs care

- Jenna Deer: FMLA request beginning approximately March 8, 2021 to May 17, 2021 for the purpose “of a birth of a child, or the placement of a child for adoption of foster care.”
- Trudy Stewart: Personal Leave Request to attend a craft show in Tennessee as a vendor April 22-26, 2021. Ms. Stewart had committed to this show prior to being hired full time.
- The following resignations/retirements:
  - Julie Butler: retirement from Physical Education teaching position at North Elementary and South Terrace after 34 years effective at the conclusion of the 2020-2021.
  - Michael Kuhn: retirement from Social Studies teaching position at North Posey High School after 39 years effective at the conclusion of the 2020-2021.
  - Tim Teel: retirement from elementary teaching position at North Elementary after 36 years as an educator; 24 of those years at MSD of North Posey County, effective at the conclusion of the 2020-2021.
  - Madison Aiton: resignation from PE/Health teacher and head volleyball coach for North Posey High School at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year.
  - Audrey Wilson: resignation from the North Posey Junior High School Cheerleading sponsor effective January 22, 2021.
  - Jeremy Schipp: resignation as the assistant boys’ basketball coach at North Posey High School effective immediately.
- The following hiring, transfer, and volunteer requests:
  - Victoria Schaefer and Beth McCutchan to lead the spring high school musical. Dr. Strieter requests they receive the stipends allotted in the master teacher contract for the Sound and Light Technicians.
  - Amber Oakley, Ashley Grimes, Jimmy Scheller, and Missy Singer as Volunteer Assistant Coaches for North Posey High School Girls’ Tennis Team.
- The following purchasing requests:
  - North Posey Junior High School is requesting to purchase a Cybex Leg Extension and Cybex Leg Curl Machine for \$700.00 from the ECA account for the Junior High Fitness Room.
- The following athletic camp and overnight and/or out of state field trip requests:
  - Softball camp for girls ages 6 – 14 on February 22, 24 and March 1 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm each night.
  - Jenifer Neidig to take BPA students to compete in State Competitions in Indianapolis, March 7 – 9, 2021. All costs for the trip, except the substitute costs for Mrs. Neidig, shall be paid with ECA funds and the students. The substitute costs shall be paid from the education fund.
- Pursuant to Indiana Code 5-11-10.5, the corporation and building treasurers request to declare all checks outstanding and unpaid for a period of two (2) years as of December 31, 2020 as canceled.

Mr. Oakley made a motion to approve the consent items as presented and Mr. Schmitt seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0. Mr. Galvin and the Board expressed their gratitude to Mrs.

Butler, Mr. Kuhn, and Mr. Teel for their years of dedication to MSD of North Posey and wished them all the best in their future endeavors.

**New Business**

Mr. Galvin presented a consideration for approving an agreement to use The Stenftenagel Group as the Principal Clerk of the Works for future projects. Scott Stenfenagel was present to answer any questions the Board had. After much discussion, Mr. Kahle made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Schmitt seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 5 to 0 vote.

**Personnel**

**Professional Leave**

Mr. Galvin presented the following professional leave requests:

Name	School	Date/Reason	Location	Approx Cost/Fund
Carrie Farrar Kristina Griffin Rachel Williams	NES	February 18, 2021 SIEC-ILearn Reading/Writing Workshop	Jasper	\$360.00+Sub & Van Use Education Fund
All Administrators	All	June 27-30, 2021 Model Schools Conference	Nashville TN	\$10,320.00 + Van(s) Use Title II/Education/Operation Funds

Upon a motion made by Mr. Schmitt and seconded by Mrs. Will, to approve the professional leave requests with a 5 to 0 vote.

**Reports and Information**

- Fuel Report
- ADM Report (2<sup>nd</sup> Count) – Currently at 1395.6 which is an increase of 5 students over the first count.
- COVID-19 Update
- Good News Report
- Legislative Report – Discussion of HB 1005 -Voucher Program which is currently costing the district \$229,000.00 to fund private and charter schools by the State.

**Next Board Meeting**

There will be a special Executive Session meeting Thursday, February 18, 2021 at the School Board Office beginning at 4:30 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be Monday, March 8, 2021 in the library at North Posey High School. Executive session will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the regular meeting to begin at 6:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Will, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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