

**Minutes – Meeting of the
Board of Education of the
Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana
August 9, 2021**

A meeting of the Board of Education of the MSD of North Posey County, Poseyville, Indiana, was held in the Metropolitan School District of North Posey Conference Room, on August 9, 2021.

The following Board members were present:

- Michael Galvin, Superintendent
- Michelle Walden, Assistant 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. in the Metropolitan School District of North Posey Conference Room to discuss the assessment of upcoming security plans, prospects for commercial projects agents, and to receive information about prospective employees. The Board adjourned Executive Session at 6:41 p.m.

Regular Meeting

The Board of Education convened for the regular meeting at 6:50 p.m. with President, Geoff Gentil, calling the meeting to order with the initiation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Patron Concerns

Lance Buecher and Melissa Alexander both addressed the Board regarding their concerns about the current COVID-19 policy in regards to masks and quarantine procedures.

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 July 12, 2021.
- Claim Docket for the period July 12, 2021 to August 9, 2021.
- The following resignations/retirements:
 - Resignations
 - Dr. Scott Strieter: North Posey High School Principal
 - Sarah Kanet: North Posey Junior High and North Posey High School Special Education Teacher
 - Taylor Wassmer: North Posey High School Guidance Counselor
 - Jana Young: Metropolitan School District of North Posey Speech-Language Pathologist

- Jamie Wade: South Terrace Elementary School Instructional Assistant
 - Audrey Wilson: North Posey Junior High English Teacher
 - Kayla Sanford: North Elementary Girls' Basketball Coach
- The following transfer, hiring and volunteer requests:
 - Hiring & Volunteer
 - Robin Bretz: North Posey High School Guidance Counselor
 - Charlene Wiethop: North Posey Junior High School Art Teacher
 - Joan Livers: South Terrace Instructional Assistant
 - Missy Wilson: South Terrace Part-time Instructional Assistant
 - Meredith Morton: North Posey Junior High Custodian
 - Scott LaMar: MSD of North Posey Bus Driver
 - Jon Mason: MSD of North Posey Bus Driver
 - Kiersten Williams: North Elementary Food Service
 - Morgan Daly: North Posey High School Girls' Golf Coach
 - Erin Koester, Jimmy Scheller, James White: North Posey High School Boys' Tennis Volunteer Assistant Coaches
 - Amy Hallam: South Terrace 5th & 6th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach
 - Michael Galvin: 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach
 - Kayla Sanford: North Posey Junior/Senior High Special Education Teacher in the Life Skills Room
 - Gayla Schapker: Long Term Substitute in the special education department while the search continues for a full-time teacher for the position
 - Amy Stevens: Long Term Substitute in the special education classroom until Haley Elpers is able to complete her maternity leave and begin as a teacher in that position
 - North Posey High School ECA Recommendations:
 - Michelle Parrish: Assistant Athletic Director 50% Split
 - Thomas "Rusty" Seymour: Yearbook Sponsor
 - Natalie Macaulay: Co-HOSA Sponsor with 50% Split
 - Heather Morlan: Junior Class Sponsor
 - History Club: Mark Kirkman
 - Kayla Sanford: JV Girls' Basketball Coach
 - Transfer
 - Mindy Brandenstein: Transfer from her current cook position at North Posey High School to the Head Cook position
- Additional Requests
 - Ongoing contract with Curriculum Associates for i-Ready Assessments. The contract cost is \$45,600.00 and is paid from the Department of Education Formative Assessment Grant and the Early Intervention Grant.

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to approve the consent items as presented and Mrs. Will seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

New Business

Mr. Galvin presented for consideration the two options of policy for Electronic Participation by School Board Members in School Board Meetings. Mr. Oakley made a motion to approve the second option of the policy and Mr. Schmitt seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 5 to 0 vote.

Mr. Galvin presented for consideration the contract from Curriculum Associates for the Toolbox. The contract cost is \$5,610.00 and will be paid through ESSER III grant to assist teachers in improving student skills on the i-Ready assessments. 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.

Mr. Galvin presented for consideration the request from Food Service to increase the adult prices to \$2.50 for breakfast and \$4.60 for lunch. These increases are required due to the approval of the waiver for free breakfasts and lunches for our students. Mrs. Will made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Kahle seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 5 to 0 vote.

Mrs. Walden presented to the Board for consideration the additional request from Food Service to increase the extra entrée with meal purchase and the entrée only purchase by \$0.25. This would make the cost of the extra entrée with meal purchase \$1.75 and the entrée only purchase \$2.00. Mrs. Will made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Kahle seconded it. After much discussion, the motion was opposed with a 0 to 5 vote. Upon a motion by Mr. Schmitt and seconded by Mr. Kahle, the Board asked Mrs. Walden to collect further information and they would reconsider during the September meeting.

Mr. Galvin presented for consideration the contract to secure an Architectural Firm for development of recommendations for facility improvements for the 2024 bond. Mr. Oakley made a motion to table the request and Mr. Schmitt seconded the motion. The motion was tabled for the September meeting.

Mr. Galvin presented an overview explanation of 2022 Budget. He then asked the Board permission to publish the 2022 Budget on Gateway. Mrs. Will made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Oakley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 5 to 0 vote.

Reports and Information

- COVID-19 Update
- 2021-2022 Back to School Update

Next Board Meeting

The next Regular Board meeting will be Monday, September 13, 2021 in the Metropolitan School District of North Posey Conference Room. Executive session will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the regular meeting to begin at 6:30 p.m. The September meeting will also be the Budget Hearing for the 2022 Budget.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Schmitt, seconded by Mrs. Will. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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