

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

April 11, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Education of the MSD of North Posey County, Poseyville, Indiana, was held in the library of North Posey High School/North Posey Junior High School, on April 11, 2022. 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

Regular Meeting

The Board of Education convened for the regular meeting at 6:30 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 meetings on March 14, 2022.
- Claim Docket for the period March 14, 2022 to April 11, 2022.
- The following FMLA and or personal leave requests:
 - Jaylyn Boots: FMLA request from approximately May 6, 2022 – August 8, 2022 for the birth of a child, or the placement of a child for adoption or foster care.
- The following resignations/retirements:
 - Sandra Junge: Resignation at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year as the Speech Therapist. Mrs. Junge has served MSD of North Posey for the past 10 years.
 - Pamela Spahn: Retirement at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year as an instructional assistant. Mrs. Spahn has served the district for 20 years.
 - Staci Voegel: Resignation as the North Posey Junior High 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach. Mrs. Voegel has coached North Posey girls since 1989.
- The following hiring, transfer, and volunteer requests:
 - Amanda Merkley: School Psychologist for the District effective August 1, 2022. Mrs. Merkley will start at \$56,000.00 and will have 191 days in her contract.

- Travis Douglas: Maintenance Assistant Position at South Terrace Elementary School effective May 2, 2022. Mr. Douglas will start at \$20.95/hour.
- Billie Roberts: Evening Custodian at South Terrace Elementary School effective May 2, 2022. Ms. Roberts will start at \$16.74/hour.
- Aubrey Coyle: Long Term Substitute for Jaylyn Boots at South Terrace Elementary School
- Jon Mason: Long Term Substitute for Marlee Sims at North Posey Junior High School while Ms. Sims is covering Shanna Kelly's maternity leave.
- The following athletic camp and overnight and/or out of state field trip requests:
 - BPA: Mrs. Schickel to take three (3) students to the National BPA Contest in Dallas, TX on May 4-8, 2022
- The following school requests
 - Mr. Steve Kavanaugh is requesting permission to remove the broken courtyard fountain.

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

New Business

Randy Thornburg, County Commissioner, was present to update the Board on the Broadband installation and the Blairsville/Wadesville Sewer Project by Posey County. He indicated that the sewer project should be up and running in approximately 14 months. Mr. Thornburg indicated that the Broadband project is projected to be completed in the next two (2) years. No action needed by the Board.

Mr. Galvin presented for consideration the Affinity Debit Card three (3) year Agreement with Crane Federal Credit Union. Mr. Schmitt made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Kahle seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 5 to 0 vote.

Mr. Fisher was present to seek approval for course additions for the 2022-2023 school year. Courses included are a dual credit option, Quantitative Reasoning. The remaining course additions are directly related to the Career & Technical Education/Next-Level Pathways of Study changes from the IDOE. Mr. Oakley made a motion to approve the additions and Mrs. Will seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 5 to 0 vote.

Mr. Galvin presented for consideration the Physical Therapy rates from Easterseals Rehabilitation Center for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Schmitt made a motion to approve the rates and Mr. Kahle 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
Brittany Butrum	NES/STES	Access = April 25-May 9 DOE Workshop	Virtual	\$150.00 High Ability Grant
Rochelle Belt Haley Elpers Amber Oakley	NES	April 26, 2022 SIEC Number Sense w/ iLearn in Mind	Jasper	\$360.00+Sub & Van Costs Education Fund
Michael Galvin Michelle Walden	CO	May 2, 2022 IAPSS Spring District InService	Jasper	Use of Van Only Operation Fund
Jayne Bender Michael Galvin Lori Lingafelter Carol Lupfer Amy Motz Michelle Walden	CO	May 4 – 6, 2022 IASBO Annual Conference	French Lick	\$4,080.00 + Van Use Operation Fund

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

Reports and Information

- Good News Report
- Steve Kavanaugh – JHS Update

Next Board Meeting

The next Regular Board meeting will be Monday, May 9, 2022 in the library at North Posey High School/North Posey Junior High School. Executive session will begin at 5:30 p.m., if needed, 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 7:36 p.m.

Geoffrey A. Gentil, President

Gregory U. Schmitt, Vice President

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Vincent F. Oakley, Member

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