

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

Held on February 16, 1998

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the M.S.D. of North Posey County, Poseyville, Indiana, was held in the Board Room at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools on the 16th day of February 1998. The meeting began at the hour of 5:30 p.m. The following Board members were present: Mr. Baehl, Mr. Buecher, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Mauck, and Mr. Seibert. Also present were Ernest W. Rapp, Superintendent, and William H. Bender, school attorney.

At 5:30 p.m., it was the decision of the Board to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of IC5-14-1.5-6.1(2A) for the discussion of strategy with respect to (A) collective bargaining; and IC5-14-1.5-6.(2)(8) initiation of litigation or litigation which is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. The Board adjourned from Executive Session at 6:15 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:18 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Baehl. Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday, January 19, 1998, were submitted to the Board and approved on a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Seibert, and unanimously carried.

CLAIM DOCKET

A copy of the current claim docket was presented to the Board for consideration. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, and unanimously carried, the claim docket was approved by the Board. A copy of the claim docket, as approved by the Board, shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

AGENDA

1997-98 Farm Bureau Indiana Statistical Report

Mr. Rapp introduced Mark Seib, representing the Posey County Farm Bureau. Mr. Seib presented each Board member with a copy of the 1997-98 Farm Bureau Indiana School Statistical Report. This report contains pertinent information about each of the school districts in the State. Mr. Seib also announced the annual Posey County Farm Bureau banquet will be held at Mt. Vernon High School on Wednesday, March 18, 1998, at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Seib invited all of the Board members, school administrators and their spouses to attend.

North Posey Band Boosters Request for Band Field Trip

Mr. Rapp introduced Mrs. Karen Kulenkamp, president of the North Posey Band Boosters, and Mrs. Ida Mossberger, vice-president of the North Posey Band Boosters. Mrs. Kulenkamp asked for Board approval to take the North Posey High School Marching Viking Band to Orlando, Florida, at the expense of the Band Boosters, to march in a parade at Disney World. The trip will take place from May 27 to June 1, 1998. Mr. Rapp asked Mrs. Kulenkamp to provide a certificate of insurance for the trip. She agreed to do so on behalf of the Band Boosters. On a motion by Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion to approve the trip passed unanimously.

Review of Grant Applications

Mr. Rapp introduced Mrs. Harrington, principal of North Posey High School, and Mr. Fisher, assistant principal of North Posey High School, to present to the Board an explanation of the recent school-to-work grants received by North Posey High School. The first grant received was a non-competitive grant for \$5,996 to be used in industrial technology and a "school-to-work" program. The second grant was a competitive grant for \$20,000 to be used in industrial technology and an on-site "school-to-work" program developed by Jason Johnston, industrial technology instructor at North Posey High School. The second grant includes staff development funding. Mrs. Harrington also reported there would be a career fair at North Posey High School on Tuesday, March 10, 1998. This project is being assisted by Mrs. Rebecca Warford, parent of a North Posey High School student. The career fair was an activity identified in the school-to-work grant. Mrs. Harrington presented a letter from GE Plastics of Mt. Vernon establishing a partnership between the Corporation and the school-to-work project at North Posey High School. Mrs. Harrington also informed the Board of a letter she had written to Bristol Myers asking for consideration for twenty (20) computers that the company was offering to schools. Mrs. Harrington also explained that she was pursuing an Eli Lilly grant through the Posey County Foundation for a minimum of \$50,000. Mr. Rapp suggested Mrs. Harrington seek assistance from the SIEC in writing the grant. Mr. Buecher suggested North Elementary and South Terrace Elementary schools work together in writing a grant from Eli Lilly. Copies of the documents presented to the Board shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

1997 ISTEP+

Mr. Rapp presented information received from the Indiana Department of Education comparing the results of the 1997 ISTEP+ statewide by school districts. The MSD of North Posey County did very well in comparison to all the school districts in the State. The third grade scores ranked 127 out of 293 districts, the sixth grade scores ranked 9 out of 293 districts, the eighth grade scores ranked 149 out of 293 districts, and the tenth grade scores ranked 18 out of 293 districts. The tenth grade ISTEP+ included the Graduation Qualifying Exam for the first time. Mr. Rapp praised the work done by the teachers and building administrators on the ISTEP+ test. The students were also commended for their efforts. The Board unanimously agreed.

Youth Enrichment Service

Mr. Rapp introduced Mrs. Frances Seib, school nurse, to explain to the Board a new program established by the United Way of Southwestern Indiana. The program is called the Youth Enrichment Program and serves students ages 10-14. The main objective of this program is drug prevention. The target area is for those families with an income of less than \$35,000. Mrs. Seib stated there is approximately \$20,000 available for Posey County for this type of drug prevention program. Mrs. Seib has agreed to administer the program in our district. A budget must be established to pay for program staff, student activities, transportation costs, snacks, and supplies. Final approval of the budget rests with the United Way of Southwestern Indiana and Mr. Steve Seibert, program director for the United Way of Southwestern Indiana. Mrs. Seib will receive training during a one-day seminar in Bloomington if approval is given to initiate the program. Mrs. Seib also requested permission to use school facilities for the program. Mr. Rapp recommended approval of this Youth Enrichment Program for the District and the designation of Mrs. Seib as the administrative coordinator of the program. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion unanimously passed. A copy of the information approved by the Board shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

Personnel Recommendations

Mr. Rapp recommended the employment of Tonya Beuligmann as a half-time instructional assistant at South Terrace Elementary School to fill in for Kristi Reynolds

while she replaces Rebecca Coleman as a kindergarten teacher while Rebecca is on maternity leave. Mr. Rapp also recommended temporary employment of Tonna Seibert as an instructional assistant at North Elementary for three (3) hours per day for the remainder of the school year. This temporary appointment is needed due to increased student enrollment in the primary/intermediate special education classes. The position will be paid with PL 94-142 Federal funds. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion carried unanimously.

Teacher In-Service Day

Mr. Rapp reported to the Board that the third teacher in-service day will be held on Thursday, February 19, 1998. The program for the elementary school teachers will be presented by Claudia Wheatley of the SIEC. Elementary students will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. High school and junior high school students will be dismissed at 1:00 p.m. The meetings will begin at 1:15 p.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Rapp noted the final in-service day will be on Tuesday, April 21, 1998, and will be used as a final review for PBA in each building.

Snow Makeup Days

Mr. Rapp announced the two days of school missed due to snow will be made up on Monday, February 16, 1998, and Monday, April 13, 1998. The next day designated as a makeup day is Friday, April 10, 1998.

Posey County Spelling Bee

Mr. Rapp noted the recent accomplishment by Hans Schmitz, an eighth grade student at North Posey Junior High School. Hans won his second straight Posey County spelling championship on Monday, February 9, 1998. This year's competition was held in the Mass Learning Center at North Posey Junior High School. Mr. Rapp and the Board publicly congratulated Hans for his achievement.

Student Exchange Program

Mr. Rapp asked Mrs. Harrington to present her request for permission to participate in a student exchange program in 1998-99. Mrs. Harrington explained the program would be a combined effort with Mater Dei High School and students from Osnabruck, Germany. There would be six to eight students from Osnabruck who would spend four weeks at North Posey High School and Mater Dei High School in October of 1998. In return, during the summer of 1999, students from North Posey High School and Mater Dei High School will visit Osnabruck for four weeks. Mr. Rapp recommended this exchange program be approved by the Board. On a motion by Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion unanimously carried. A copy of the letter outlining this exchange program as approved by the Board shall be made a part of the minutes by incorporation.

Professional Leave Requests

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board approve the following requests for professional leave:

Marilyn Rogers – Attend Hoosier Assn. of Science Teachers of America Convention in Indianapolis on February 12-13 (Thurs/Fri)

Judy Phipps – Attend with students as participants in the Business Professionals of America State Conference in Indianapolis on March 8-10 (Sun-Tues)

Charles Mair – Attend the 25th Annual Spring Conference of the Indiana Coaches of Girls' Sports Assn. in Indianapolis on March 9 (Mon)

Carl Gengelbach – Attend the 1998 State Football Clinic in Indianapolis on March 20 (Fri)

Waynette Westerfield and Sherry Grisham – Attend workshop on the library software, Winnebago Circ/Cat System in Louisville on April 17 (Fri)

On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the motion unanimously passed.

Girls' Softball Diamond Lights

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board accept the bid from Mounts Electric of Evansville for a two-phase installation of lights for the new softball field at North Posey High School. The first phase includes setting the poles and installing lighting fixtures for \$16,190. The second phase includes installing the feeder to the softball field for \$11,900. The grand total cost for the project is \$28,090. Money for the project will come from the North Posey Construction Fund. The project is to be completed by April 1, 1998. On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the motion carried by a vote of 4-0. Mr. Baehl abstained from voting. A copy of the bids received on this project as approved by the Board shall be made a part of the official minutes by incorporation.

Mr. Rapp also reported that WIN Energy requested a public advertisement to recognize their donation of six (6) sixty-foot light poles for the lights being installed on the softball field. WIN Energy provides the electrical service to the high school and junior high school. Mr. Rapp will place an ad in the Posey County News thanking Win Energy for their generous donation.

Teacher Resignations

Mr. Rapp announced the resignations of Beverly Kahle as Director of Guidance and Jeff Beavin as an English teacher at North Posey High School effective at the close of the 1997-98 school year. Mr. Rapp's recommendation was reluctantly given to the Board as both of these individuals have served the District well during their tenure. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion unanimously carried.

"A Day at the State House"

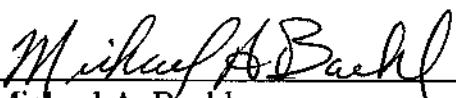
Mr. Rapp gave a brief report on, "A Day at the State House," held on February 11, 1998. Mr. Rapp, Mr. Baehl, Mrs. Mauck, and Mr. Seibert spent the day in Indianapolis at the State House. Unfortunately, neither the House nor the Senate was in session. They did receive a legislative update by the I.S.B.A. Mr. Rapp also noted that he and Mrs. Harrington had written letters to our representatives in both chambers to consider a law establishing three (3) different classifications of diplomas for students being graduated from high school in Indiana.

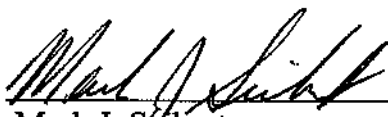
Next Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Rapp set the next regular Board meeting to be held on Monday, March 9, 1998, at 6:15 p.m., preceded by an executive session at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

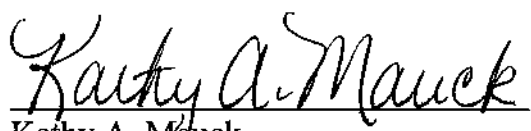
As there was no further school business to come before the Board at this time, President Baehl entertained a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Mr. Buecher, seconded by Mr. Seibert, and unanimously carried. The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:55 p.m.


Michael A. Baehl


Mark J. Seibert


Larry O. Lewis

Timothy K. Buecher


Kathy A. Mauck

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