

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

Held on February 8, 1999

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the MSD of North Posey County, Poseyville, Indiana, was held in the Board Room at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools on the 8th day of February 1999. The meeting began at the hour of 5:30 p.m. The following Board members were present: Michael Baehl, Larry Lewis, Kathy Mauck and Mark Seibert. Also present were Ernest W. Rapp, Superintendent, John D. Wood, Administrative Assistant, 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 IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(2-B) for discussion of strategy with respect to initiation of litigation or litigation which is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing; and/or; IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (8) to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sybert, parents of Michael Sybert, requested permission to appear before the Board of Education on Monday, February 8, 1999 during Executive Session. Mr. Sybert read a prepared statement expressing their concern regarding makeup time for instruction for their son due to the missed time of the instructor, Erin Wilson, due to illness. The number of makeup days is the main question. Mr. and Mrs. Sybert also requested a substitute instructor be employed to cover for the regular instructor when she is absent. Mr. Robert Domizio, Director of Posey County Special Services, and Mrs. Pat Stewart, Speech and Hearing Specialist for Posey County Special Services, were present during the Executive Session. The Board was represented by School Board Attorney, William Bender. The Board adjourned from Executive Session at 6:18 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened for the regular meeting at 6:20 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Lewis. Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday, January 13, 1999, were submitted to the Board and approved on a motion by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, 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. Baehl, seconded by Mr. Seibert, 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

Four Star School and School Improvement Awards

Mr. Rapp praised the efforts of South Terrace Elementary School and North Posey High School for being honored as a "Four Star School". The award is based on the ISTEP+ scores and attendance during the 1997-98 school year. Both schools were ranked in the top 25% in the State. Each school also earned an Indiana Incentive Award given for demonstrating improvement in two of four areas; language arts proficiency score, mathematics proficiency score, ISTEP+ total battery score, and attendance. Both schools improved in the same areas; language arts proficiency score and attendance. For their efforts, South Terrace will receive \$2,647.12 and North Posey High School will receive \$4,923.51. Mr. Rapp publicly congratulated the administration, staff, students and parents of each school for all that they did to earn this high honor.

ISTEP+ Scores Update

Mr. Wood reported that all of the 1998 ISTEP+ scores had been received and were correct. The schools have mailed the test results to all students tested in grades 3, 6, 8, 10, and the grade 11 retests. Each school is currently working on identifying students in need of remediation. Mr. Wood informed the Board there would be a two-week remediation session for the 11th grade students who will be retested March 9-11.

North Posey High School Wrestling Team – PAC & Sectional Champions

Mr. Rapp recognized the accomplishments of the 1998-99 North Posey High School Wrestling Team in winning the Pocket Athletic Conference Championship and the IHSAA Sectional Championship. This is the third conference title and the first sectional title. The team advanced to the Regional and was defeated by Mater Dei. A total of ten wrestlers advanced to the IHSAA Regional Individual Competition at Castle High School. Senior Chad Hoehn will advance to the IHSAA Semi-State at Seymour on Saturday, February 13, 1999. Mr. Rapp congratulated the coaches and wrestlers on their outstanding performances and wished Chad Hoehn good luck at the Semi-State.

District Solo/Ensemble Contest

Mr. Rapp reported to the Board the results of the District Solo/Ensemble Contest recently held at the University of Evansville. North Posey High School band director, Terri Palmer, had thirty-three students receive a first division rating and qualified to go to the State competition in Indianapolis on Saturday, February 20, 1999. North Posey Junior High School band director, Jennifer Schroeder, had twelve students perform solos and thirty students compete in various ensembles earning first place honors. Junior high students do not advance to State competition. Mr. Rapp praised the performances of these students.

Safe Schools Workshop

Mr. Rapp asked the Board for permission to send the building principals and Mr. Wood to an Indiana Department of Education sponsored workshop on Friday, February 19, 1999, at the Jasper Holiday Inn. The program is designated as "A Safe Schools Workshop". On a motion by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mrs. Mauck, the motion unanimously carried.

Get Real About Violence Workshop

Mr. Rapp requested the Board allow a team of staff members to attend a workshop at Mt. Vernon Junior High School on Tuesday, February 23, 1999, entitled, "Get Real About Violence". The program is geared for grades K-9. The following staff members will attend: Kevin Sergesketter, Tim Teel, Kelly Carlton Pfister, Mike Andry, Suzanne Bender, and Sandy Krietenstein. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion unanimously carried.

Junior High Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Team Request

Mr. Rapp explained a request by Bill Centifanto, cross country coach at North Posey High School, to start boys' and girls' cross country as a sport at North Posey Junior High School in the fall of 1999. Mr. Centifanto has discussed the program with Mr. Sergesketter and Mr. Gleim. Both individuals agree with the request and support the beginning of cross country. Mr. Rapp recommended the Board approve the request to begin cross country at the junior high in 1999. On a motion by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion unanimously carried.

Recommendation of Volleyball Coach at North Posey High School

Supporting the recommendations of Mrs. Harrington and Mr. Fisher, Mr. Rapp recommended the employment of Gwen Godsey as the head volleyball coach at North Posey High School for the 1999 season. On a motion duly made by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Second Snow Makeup Day

Mr. Rapp announced the second snow makeup day will be Monday, February 15, 1999, and the third snow makeup day will be on Friday, March 12, 1999.

Professional Leave Requests

Mike Wassmer – Attend Agriculture Education Teacher In-Service Workshop at the Trafalgar FFA Camp – February 12 (Fri)

Darryl Meyer – Attend Hoosier Association of Science Teachers Convention in Indianapolis on February 17-18 (Wed/Thurs)

Kevin Sergesketter – Attend the 1999 Indiana Middle School Education Association State meeting in Indianapolis on February 26 (FRI)

Judy Phipps – Attend the 32nd Annual Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference & Contests in Indianapolis and accompany students who placed at District Contest on March 15 & 16 (Mon/Tues)

Walt Gleim & Steve Fisher – Attend the annual Athletic Directors' convention in Indianapolis – March 22-23 (Mon/Tues)

On a motion by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion to approve the professional leave requests unanimously carried.

Physics Class Annual Field Trip to Chicago

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board grant James Anderson permission to take the physics class from North Posey High School to Chicago on March 11-13. This is an annual trip for this senior-level class. Mrs. Hewig will travel with them as a chaperone. On a motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Baehl, the motion unanimously passed.

Request for Approval of Extracurricular Funds for Curricular Purposes

Mr. Rapp recommended the Board approve a purchase of a 27" TV, VCR, and wall mount by Mr. Sergesketter using extracurricular funds at North Posey Junior High School. The unit will be installed in the Music Department and used for

curricular purposes. The money was raised by students selling coupon books. On a motion by Mrs. Mauck, seconded by Mr. Seibert, the motion unanimously passed.

Donation of Satellite Dish Network System from TDS Telecom

Mr. Rapp informed the Board of the donation of a satellite dish network to North Posey High School by Jim Elles and TDS Telecom. Mr. Rapp recommended the Board accept this generous donation. Mr. Baehl made the motion to accept the satellite dish system as long as it has a channel ratings lock on the control box. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mauck and unanimously passed.

Next Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Rapp announced the next Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 8, 1999, at 6:15 p.m. preceded by an Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Rapp set a tentative date of Tuesday, April 6, 1999, for an Executive Session for the purpose of receiving the annual reports by the building principals. The time will be announced when established.

ADJOURNMENT


As there was no further school business to come before the Board at this time, President Lewis entertained a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Mr. Baehl, seconded by Mr. Seibert, and unanimously carried. The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:30 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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