

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE METROPOLITAN
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABASH COUNTY

A meeting of the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Metropolitan School District of Wabash County, Indiana ("School District"), was held at the Central Office Administration Building, 204 N. 300 W., Wabash, IN, on April 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. (EST), pursuant to notice duly given to all members in accordance with I.C. 20-26-4-1, I.C. 20-26-4-3, I.C. 5-14-1.5 and the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Bowman, who presided. Dr. Sandra Weaver, Superintendent, and Dr. Brian Dawson, Assistant Superintendent, were also present. On call of the roll, the members of the Board were shown to be present as follows: John Gouveia, Matt Driscoll, Troy Baer, and Ryan Rosen. Also present were Lavonne Sparling, Aaron Hyden, Brian Miller, Todd Ward, Zach Chaplin, Cary Hammel, Angela Christopher, and Cheryl Roser, who took the minutes of the meeting.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Curriculum Report:

Todd Ward, teacher at Northfield Jr/Sr High School, and Zach Chaplin, student at Northfield Jr/Sr High School entertained the Board with a guitar and trumpet selection. Mr. Ward is the band director for Northfield and Zach Chaplin is in the Music Appreciation class.

Future Board meetings are scheduled May 8, 2012, May 22, 2012, and June 12, 2012 all at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Office.

Minutes of the Tuesday, April 10, 2012, Regular Meeting were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Ryan Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Claims were approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Troy Baer, and unanimously carried.

Payroll was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Emergency CPF was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Troy Baer, and all voting in favor, with exception of John Gouveia who voted nay.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Joyce Lee, WMAP, Coordinator, effective the end of the 2011-12 school year; Connie Cable, Secretary, Administration Office, effective June 30, 2012 were approved upon a motion made by Troy Baer, a second by Ryan Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the addendum to contract for Troy Andrew, Southwood Jr. High Track, \$1,060.00; Carol Early, Spell Bowl, \$100.00 were approved upon a motion made by Troy Baer, a second by Ryan Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

A very short Board meeting was held for Heartland Career Center recently. The Board voted not to sell the land around them. A reminder, May 10, 2012 is the open house for the Building Trades home and May 23, 2012 is the Certificate Ceremony at Honeywell Center.

Superintendent's Report:

Cary Hammel and Angela Christopher, representatives for the Teacher's Association came to Dr. Weaver with the knowledge that budget cuts were needed which could result in teacher lay-offs. They proposed a Retirement Bridge. This would be a one-time offer to certified staff who may be considering retirement at the end of the 2011-12 school year. The offer is to pay their insurance premiums for up to five years or until they reach Medicare age.

Dr. Weaver and Dr. Dawson have agreed to the proposal with the stipulation that there must be a minimum of ten people to retire. Dr. Dawson stated that if there is not ten who have stated their intent to retire by May 9, 2012, then any of those who have submitted their notice, may choose to rescind their notice. They both stated that even with this proposal they could not guarantee some RIF's will still be needed, but their hope is that this proposal will help the budget issues.

The Board discussed the timeframe of which notification must be turned in and asked that more time be given to allow staff time to get information they need to make the decision. May 16, 2012 was the date the Board felt was adequate time.

The recommendation to approve the Retirement Bridge proposal with May 16, 2012 as the deadline for notification, was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Troy Baer, and unanimously carried.

In other business from the superintendent, Dr. Weaver gave a presentation on the possibility of 1:1 computers for our entire district for the 2012-13 school year and asked for permission to advertise for the 1:1. After the presentation, the Board each discussed the pros and cons of the proposal stating the cost of the project to be a major concern for them.

Permission to advertise was given upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Troy Baer, motion carried with a 4-1 vote taken. Kevin Bowman voted nay.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the appointment of Marsha Jones to the Board of Troyer Memorial Library to complete the term of Richard Kumler who passed away earlier this year. That term began February 1, 2011 and will end January 31, 2015 was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Ryan Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the field trip for Sharp Creek Elementary 5th grade to Chicago, IL, April 20, 2012 was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Ryan Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight field trip for Sharp Creek Elementary 6th grade to Tippecanoe River State Park, May 16-18, 2012 was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Ryan Rosen, and unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

KEVIN BOWMAN, PRESIDENT

MATT DRISCOLL, VICE PRESIDENT

JOHN GOUVEIA, BOARD MEMBER

RYAN ROSEN, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST: _____
TROY BAER, SECRETARY