

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA

Regular Board Meeting, June 08, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

Location: H. Dean Evans Community and Education Center

Present: Mr. Dzwonar, Mr. Kite, Mrs. Spann Roddy and Ms. Harris

Absent: Mr. Turner

Others: Dr. Mervilde, Mrs. Sutton, Mr. Doss, Dr. Ewing, Dr. Farrell, Mr. Licata, Mrs. Reynolds
Mr. Smith, Dr. Woodson, Jamie Alexander, Dana Kaminski, Mike Pomerence, Chad
Wallace, Jessica Feeser, Charlie Geier, Glenda Ritz, Matt Whitt, Dr. Jon Milleman, Dr.
Kevin Brown, Gretchen Becker

Presiding: Mr. Dzwonar, President

Mr. Dzwonar called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Doss led those in attendance with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval Consent Agenda

Dr. Mervilde recommended that the Board approve the Consent Agenda including the following items:

- Approval of the Minutes of the May 26, 2011 Regular Meeting and the May 26 Memorandum of Executive Session.
- Approval of Claims in the amount of \$1,710,682.56.
- Approval of the Human Resources Report containing: Certified Personnel – One Retirement (15); Four Resignations (14), (15), (16), (17); Five Reductions in Force (1), (2), (3), (4), (5); One Maternity Leave (2); and Three New Appointments (9), (10), (11) - Classified Personnel – Fourteen Resignations (116), (117), (118), (119), (120), (121), (122), (123), (124), (125), (126), (127), (128), (129); Four Reductions in Force (1), (2), (3), (4), and an Addendum to the Human Resources Report containing: Two New Appointments (12), (13).
- Approval or Acceptance of Non-competitive Grants, Gifts and Donations: There were no non-competitive grants, gifts or donations presented for the Board's approval.

Ms. Harris moved approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Kite seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Recognitions

Dr. Mervilde introduced Jamie Alexander as the new Assistant Principal at Greenbriar Elementary School. Jamie currently works at the Community and Education Center as a Title I Specialist.

Dr. Woodson introduced Dr. Kevin Brown as the new Director of Human Resources and Dr. Jon Milleman as the new Assistant Superintendent. Both will begin their new positions July 1, 2011.

For the second straight year, the COMPASS students at Allisonville Elementary School participated in the Stock Market Game. This game provides teams of students the opportunity to take \$100,000 dollars to create a stock portfolio and hopefully watch it grow for nine weeks. This game uses real time data from the New York Stock Exchange and requires the students to use newspapers, Google Finance, and other forms of media to track their portfolio.

Allisonville had six teams finish in the top twenty-five with one team finishing in 2nd place. The Stock Market Game tracks the overall performance of participating schools and Allisonville finished 1st in the State ahead of 12 high schools! Team Members from the top team at Allisonville are **Malia Denney, Samantha Downton, Anna Geller, Jackson Porter and Ella Whiteman.**

Superintendent's Announcements

The GED Graduation will be held at Northview Middle School on June 9th at 7:00 p.m.

The District received a letter from International Baccalaureate Headquarters announcing that the Application Candidacy for the Middle Years Program for Eastwood Middle School, Northview Middle School, Westlane Middle School and North Central High School has been accepted. These four schools will be Candidate Schools in the International Baccalaureate Program effective September 1, 2011. This takes the District closer to becoming an International Baccalaureate District. Dr. Mervilde congratulated the entire District Administrative team, especially Allyson Smith and Sarah Fronczek for this major accomplishment.

Dr. Mervilde congratulated Mr. Quandt and Dr. Woodson and the entire faculty and staff at North Central High School. North Central High School placed fifth in the State of Indiana in the Washington Post's High School Challenge, which recognizes the percentage of North Central seniors who are taking AP and IB tests.

Dr. Mervilde thanked the Members of the Board and the community for attending his Retirement Reception that was held on June 2, 2011.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Action Items

1. Approval of the 2010-2011 Negotiated Agreement – Mr. Doss

The Board had received information regarding the 2010-2011 Negotiated Agreement in an Executive Session. Teachers will receive a 2% stipend based on their base pay for the 2010-2011 school year. In addition the evaluation process has been moved out of the contract as a result of legislation passed by the General Assembly. Mr. Doss asked the Board for Approval of 2010-2011 Negotiated Agreement.

Mr. Kite moved approval of the 2010-2011 Negotiated Agreement as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

2. Approval of the 2010-2011 Administrative and Classified Salary, Benefits and Adjustments – Mr. Doss

Mr. Doss recommended that all Classified and Administrative employees receive a 2% stipend based on their current base salary for the 2010-2011 school year. This recommendation is consistent with the 2% stipend previously approved for the teaching staff. The stipend will not constitute a raise for Classified and Administrative staff except for adjustments for some employees. The base salary of this employee group will remain the same base as established in 2008-2009. The adjustments are being employed to deal with changes in job description or responsibilities and to maintain equity among employee groups.

Mr. Kite moved approval of the 2010-2011 Administrative and Classified Salary, Benefits and Adjustments as presented. Ms. Harris seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

3. Recommendation to Adopt a Joint Resolution to Approve the Leasing of Buildings by the School Corporation to the Building Corporation – Mr. Licata

This Resolution will allow the MSD Washington Township to lease two of its school buildings, Harcourt Elementary School and Wyandotte School, to the North Central Campus School Building Corporation. The Building Corporation has already met and approved the Resolution and Lease on Monday, June 6, 2011.

Mr. Kite moved approval to Adopt the Joint Resolution to Approve the Leasing of Buildings by the School Corporation to the Building Corporation as presented. Ms. Harris seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

4. Approval of the Lease Between the School Corporation and the Building Corporation – Mr. Licata

Mr. Licata explained that this Lease goes hand in hand with the Joint Resolution the Board just approved. The Building Corporation has already signed the lease, once signed by the Board, a copy of the lease will be filed with the County Clerk's office and those buildings will be under lease from the school district to the Building Corporation.

Mr. Harris moved approval of the Lease Between the School Corporation and the Building Corporation as presented. Ms. Kite seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Information Items/Board Discussion

1. Refugee Collaboration Committee Report

ENL Coaches Jessica Feeser and Charlie Geier gave the Board a report on an organization they formed called Refugee Collaboration Committee (RCC) in order to support our refugee and ENL families. The idea of the RCC began when Jessica and Charlie were working with community groups that had a passion for the refugee community and were interested in working with schools. They invited 25-30 groups to a meeting and that night they began the RCC and created a Mission Statement. Since the inception in November 2010, the RCC has been successful in identifying needs within our community and finding and coordinating ways to address those needs. Here are some of their accomplishments to date:

- St. Luke's partnership with First Baptist ESL classes
- Community Garden at Nora
- Summer Reading Program Partnership
- Dental Care
- Transportation Assistance
- Clothing and shoe distribution
- Mentoring adult learners in Washington Township
- Developing community awareness of refugees

The Board had questions. Discussion took place. The full report and the discussion can be accessed on the District's website at www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/mini.html

2. Board Discussion and Liaison Reports – Board Members

Ms. Harris participated in the second round of interviews for the Assistant Superintendent and the Director of Human Resources. She also participated in the last hour of the Administrative Retreat. She said it was one of the most interesting processes she had ever seen. A singer and songwriter from Young Audiences worked with the entire group of Administrators and crafted a song that will deliver a message of the District's aspirations for the coming year. A copy of the song will be sent to the Board tomorrow.

Ms. Harris had a question about the GED Graduation. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. at Northview Middle School.

Mrs. Spann Roddy attended Dr. Mervilde's Retirement Reception. She was impressed with all of the legacies Dr. Mervilde left at each school district he has been employed at.

Mr. Kite was also involved in the second round of interviews for the Assistant Superintendent and the Director of Human Resources. He complimented Dr. Woodson on her continued hard work and on her hitting the ground running as the District transitions to her serving as our Superintendent. He also attended Dr. Mervilde's Retirement Reception and said it was a wonderful event.

Mr. Dzwonar thanked Dr. Woodson for the opportunity to participate in the interviews for the Assistant Superintendent and the Director of Human Resources. He said it is always a useful exercise and he encouraged any staff member or parent to avail themselves to the opportunity to participate. He also appreciated being able to participate in the Administrative Retreat.

Mr. Dzwonar attended Dr. Mervilde's Retirement Reception and asked fellow Board Members to forgive him for forgetting to introduce and recognize them when he spoke on behalf of the Board at Dr. Mervilde's Retirement Reception.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Kite moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Ms. Harris seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.