

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

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

Location: H. Dean Evans Community and Education Center

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

Absent: None

Others: Dr. Mervilde, Mrs. Sutton, Dr. Ewing, Dr. Farrell, Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. Smith, Dr. Woodson, Christina Call

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

Ms. Harris read the mission statement aloud.

Approval Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of the Minutes of the February 23, 2011 Regular Meeting and the March 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 2011 Memoranda of Special Session
- Approval of Claims in the amount of \$3,343,498.19.
- Approval of the Human Resources Report containing: Certified Personnel – Two Resignations (7), (8); and One Medical Leave (1). - Classified Personnel – Two New Appointments (103), (104); Three Resignations (104), (105), (106); and One Termination (5).
- Approval or Acceptance of Non-competitive Grants, Gifts and Donations: There were no non-competitive grants and one donation presented for the Board's approval. While at the National Conference for Teachers in Math, Eastwood Math Department Chair Bob Longsinger, won a \$10,000 grand prize from Casio. Casio representative Beth Chill was at the Board meeting to present the prize to Mr. Longsinger which includes - \$5,000 worth of calculators and \$5,000 for student scholarships.

Mr. Kite moved approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Ms. Harris seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Recognitions

Former North Central High School student Mallory Hammel was recognized by the Board. On February 10, 2011 an elementary student from a neighboring school district left his school without permission. School personnel and police began a search for the student. Mallory who is a volunteer at St. Vincent Hospital was at work that day and happened to notice a small child sitting in a children's play area alone and knew something was unusual about the situation and reported it to her assistant. They went to the boy and asked him where his family was and he replied that he had run away from home. Mallory and her assistant contacted the nurses who contacted hospital social workers. As it turns out this was the missing boy that was being searched for. Mallory's quick and decisive actions

played a major role in the child being found and safely returned to his family. Mallory also volunteers at the Community and Education Center and in the District's Transportation offices once a week.

Superintendent's Announcements

Congratulations to Doug Mitchell and the North Central High School Mens Basketball Team for advancing to Regionals. They will play Pike Township at Hinkle Fieldhouse on Saturday, March 12th at 10:00 a.m. in the first round.

The Great North Run will be held on Saturday, March 12th on the North Central High School Campus. The event will not only feature a walk/run but will also include a Fitness Fair.

Two Board Members will participate in the Fox Hill Associate Principal interviews on Monday, March 14th.

AdvancEd will be at the J. Everett Light Career Center for two days next week for an Accreditation visit.

On Friday March 18th, Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher, Carl Erskine will be at Spring Mill Elementary School to talk to students about his career and his friendship with Jackie Robinson. Spring Mill students have been studying Jackie Robinson this semester.

Comments from the Public

Christine Call spoke to the Board about her concerns with the Balanced Calendar. Mrs. Call's comments can be heard on the District's website at www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/mini.html

Information Items/Board Discussion

1. Data Dashboard Update – Dr. Woodson

Dr. Woodson presented the Board with the first draft of data dashboards for each school as a part of our quality assurance process. The objective is to provide a quick glance to leaders on key data to monitor progress of each school's improvement plan goals. The Board had questions. Discussion took place. The full discussion can be heard on the District's website at www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/mini.html

2. Construction Update – Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith gave a brief update on Phase II HVAC replacement, which includes Allisonville, Nora and Northview. The scope of the work is replacing existing fire tube traditional boilers with high efficiency low temperature condensing boilers. These boilers have been operating since late fall, early winter. The work will also include replacing current chillers with high efficiency chillers that will be coming on line in all of the above mentioned schools by the end of March or mid April. Building automation systems will replace the controls that monitor and operate the boilers and chillers, going from pneumatic controls to full digital controls. The Board had questions. Discussion took place. The full report and discussion can be accessed on the District's website at www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/mini.html

3. Board Discussion and Liaison Reports – Board Members

Ms. Harris stated that all five Board Members attended all three Public Forums to gather input from stakeholders on the qualities they would like to see in our next Superintendent. Ms. Harris was glad all five members made the commitment to be at all of the meetings. She and her family have attended the Great North Run for the past three years, but are unable to attend this year due to prior commitments. This past weekend she attended the Artistic Talented Exhibit. This year's theme was about recycling and making art out of things that would normally be thrown away. Students made some fabulous artwork.

Mr. Kite agreed with Ms. Harris about the Public Forums. He said the input received at the meetings was valuable. He attended a rally at the State House on Saturday, March 5th where the ISTA and a number of other groups attended. Mr. Kite said there was a wonderful collection of presentations given at the rally.

Mr. Dzwonar informed the Board that he did share the Resolution the Board passed at the February 23, 2011 School Board Meeting with State Legislators who represent Washington Township School District. He also shared with the Board an email he received from Senator Schneider and provided them with hard copies of documents he received from Representative Cindy Noe on HB1002 and HB1003 as well as a hard copy of the school proposed funding formula. A press release and the Resolution were also sent to the media and the Resolution is also on the District's home page at www.msdt.k12.in.us.

Ms. Harris has shared the link on the website with another school district. That district appreciated the fact that our Board Resolution was broader and more specific than other samples they had seen. Parents in other school districts have also said they have printed the Resolution off in order to share with their school boards.

Mr. Dzwonar told those in attendance that it is very important for as many parents and patrons as possible to communicate with their State Legislators to let them know that they appreciate a strong school district and urge them to not hurt or harm the ability of school districts to offer the best education possible to all children in our community in whatever legislation they pass.

Ms. Harris is not going to be in town for the next Education Committee Legislative Hearing at the Statehouse. She will forward information to Parent Council.

Mr. Dzwonar met with the Superintendent's Cabinet on Monday morning to give them an update on the Superintendent's search process and to share with them that the Board would be very interested in hearing their perspectives on the Superintendent's Search process and the qualities the Board should look for in the next Superintendent. Mr. Dzwonar asked the Board if they would like to use the end of the meeting to hear from any member of the Cabinet interested in providing their input. After discussion it was decided that the Board do so.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Kite moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Ms. Harris seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.