

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

Regular Meeting, November 10, 2010 - 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, Mr. Licata, Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. Smith, Dr. Woodson, Allyson Smith, Chris Wood, Tina Merriweather, Linda Lawrence, Matt Kaiser, Jaleesa Jones, Jasmine James, Sierra Nance, Lauraine Garrett, Holly Solomon, Dannielle Yelder, Sharon Yelder, Karlencia Johnson, Victor Newsome, Loretta Conner

Mr. Dzwonar called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:10 pm with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Doss.

Mr. Dzwonar stated that the meeting was starting late due to the Executive Session running a little long.

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 October 26, 2010 Regular Minutes
- Approval of Claims in the amount of \$2,630,979.06
- Approval of the Human Resources Report containing: Certified Personnel –One Maternity Leave (12); One Retirement (4); and One Resignation (4). - Classified Personnel – Eight New Appointments (58), (59), (60) (61), (62), (63), (64), (65); and Four Resignations (92), (93), (94), (95).
- Approval or Acceptance of Non-competitive Grants, Gifts and Donations: There were no non-competitive grants or donations presented for the Board's approval.

Mr. Kite moved approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Recognitions

The Board recognized **Jaleesa Jones, Dannielle Yelder, Jasmine James Karlencia Johnson and Sierra Nance**. These five young women all students at North Central High School participated in the Miss Circle City Classic Pageant. Jaleesa Jones was crowned Miss Circle City Classic 2010 and Sierra Nance was the second runner up of the pageant.

Contestants are nominated by their counselors, teachers and administrators. They are also evaluated on their academic achievements as well as school and community activities.

Participation in the Pageant requires that the young women attend several meetings and practices. Some of the workshops and activities they participated in included: confidence building seminars, informal lectures, dance rehearsals and public speaking.

Allyson Smith, International Baccalaureate Coordinator for PYP and MYP, was also recognized by the Board for being named one of Indy's Best and Brightest by Junior Achievement of Central Indiana. This program selects 100 finalists in 10 categories based upon professional accomplishments and leadership qualities. All finalists must work within the Indianapolis area and be under 40 years of age.

Superintendent's Announcements

Today Dr. Mervilde had the opportunity to sit in on the International Baccalaureate training in the Inquiry Method of teaching. The great part about the training was that it was led by Washington Township teachers.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Andrew Compton, the young man who was killed in Louisville, Kentucky. His mother worked for Washington Township as a teacher at Eastwood for a period of time and Andrew was a Carmel High School student who participated in the Hospitality Program at the J. Everett Light Career Center.

Dr. Bennett will be at Crooked Creek Elementary School on Thursday, November 11, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. for a special ceremony. Tomorrow is also Veterans Day.

Getsy Peeler, Assistant Principal at Spring Mill and Judy Fraps, 1997 Teacher of the Year for the State of Indiana and Master Teacher in the District will be retiring at the end of the semester.

A sculpture that was commissioned in 2005 for the 50th Anniversary of the District is ready to be placed on the grounds at the Community and Education Center. The Washington Township Schools Foundation raised money to pay for the sculpture. Students in the welding classes at the J. Everett Light Career Center worked on the sculpture. A private donor has come forth to pay the cost of the installation. The Administration is seeking approval from the City and the Nora Community Council to install the sculpture. The Board will be given a final recommendation to install the sculpture on the East side of the Community and Education Center at the November 23, 2010 School Board Meeting.

Congratulations to North Central High School for another great Open House on Sunday, November 7, 2010. The North Central High School Drama Department will put on a fall production of Beauty and the Beast, November 18-20, 2010 in the auditorium. There will be a special reception hosted by the Foundation for retired employees on opening night of Beauty and the Beast.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Action Items

1. Approval and Sale of General Obligation Bonds – Mr. Licata

Mr. Licata reported that on November 9, 2010 in the Offices of Therber and Brock bids were received for the sale of the \$2 million General Obligation Bond for Washington Township. The low bidder was City Securities Corporation with a net interest cost of 1.24%. Mr. Licata recommended that City Securities be awarded the bid for the sale of the General Obligation Bond. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

Ms. Harris moved approval to award the bid of the sale of the General Obligation Bond as presented. Mr. Kite seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Mr. Licata noted that the next item on the Agenda was actually two separate agreements. Mr. Dzwonar asked the Board to consider amending the Agenda to reflect the two separate agreements, adding a third Action Item to the Agenda.

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

2. Approval of the Business Associate Agreement – Mr. Licata

Mr. Licata informed the Board that the first Agreement is an On Site Clinic Business Associate Agreement between Anthem and the School District. Anthem is the insurance health provider for administrators and classified staff in the District. Work Place is going to be the new company that operates and manages the clinic for the District. A contract with Work Place will be coming to the Board for approval at a later date. This Business Associate Agreement is an extension of the existing relationship with Washington Township Schools and Anthem. This Agreement will allow them to handle the claims data of those employees who choose to use the clinic.

Mr. Kite moved approval of the Business Associate Agreement as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

3. Approval of On Site Clinic Data Services Agreement – Mr. Licata

This Agreement acknowledges that Anthem will accept and process claims through the clinic, recording employee visits and treatments that they receive in order to provide a comprehensive data file. The Board had questions. Discussion took place. Counsel has reviewed both Agreements.

Mr. Kite moved approval of the On Site Clinic Data Services Agreement as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Information Items/Board Discussion

1. Report on World Language MYP Options for 2011–2012 – Dr. Woodson

Dr. Woodson and all three middle school principals gave the Board a comprehensive report on World Language Options for the 2011-2012 school year. 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/minu/html

2. Board Discussion and Liaison Reports – Board Members

Mrs. Spann Roddy shared that she and Mr. Turner have been working on policy updates with Dr. Woodson. They have gone through the first section of the 2000 series and are beginning to work on the second section. The first section of the 2000 series will be presented for first reading at the November 23, 2010 School Board Meeting. All Board Members will receive information on the changes prior to the Board Meeting.

Mr. Turner reported that he and Mrs. Spann Roddy are also working on enhancing the current Superintendent Evaluation form. Mr. Turner will be at Crooked Creek on Thursday morning for the Special Ceremony.

Mr. Kite encouraged anyone who has not already purchased their ticket for the Foundation's upcoming First Class Bash to do so. It promises to be a great time. It will be held at the airport in Fishers, Indiana on Saturday, November 13, 2010. The Foundation has done a very good job on securing silent auction items.

Mr. Dzwonar, along with Mr. Kite, attended a very well organized and well run North Central Open House on Sunday, November 7, 2010. One of the things he has heard and found interesting and impressive is how there is a sense of continuous improvement in everything we do. We are always looking for new and better ways to do things in the District. In particular some new things were tried at the North Central Open House that went over very well. Mr. Dzwonar also attended the grand opening of the new Quick Start Tennis Courts before the Open House.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mrs. Spann Roddy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Mr. Kite seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.