

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

Regular Board Meeting, April 13, 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, Mr. Doss, Dr. Ewing, Dr. Farrell, Mr. Licata, Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. Smith, Dr. Woodson, Mr. Kneebone, Mrs. Wright Browner, Betsy Delgado, Holly Solomon, Loretta Conner, Stacy Razor Mitchell,

Mr. Dzwonar called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Mr. Doss 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 March 23, 2011 Regular Meeting and the March 23, 2011, and April 9, 2011 Memoranda of Executive Session.
- Approval of Claims in the amount of \$4,691,125.72.
- Approval of the Human Resources Report containing: Certified Personnel – Two Maternity Leaves (20), (21); Classified Personnel – Four New Appointments (109), (110), (111), (112); One Retirement (2); and Four Terminations (6), (7), (8), (9).
- Approval or Acceptance of Non-competitive Grants, Gifts and Donations: There were two non-competitive grants presented for the Board's approval; the Adult Education Basic Grant and the Perkins IV Grant. There were no gifts or donations presented for the Board's approval.

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

Recognitions

The Board recognized Wilson Kehoe and Winingham Law Firm. The law firm donated \$4000 to Washington Township Schools, \$3000 was used to support Challenge Day activities in all three middle schools and \$1000 is being used to support Hispanic families in need. Wilson Kehoe and Winingham also had staff members from their law firm participate in Challenge Day activities.

Superintendent's Announcements

On April 22nd a ceremony will be held at each Middle School honoring the award they have received from Schools to Watch. Dr. Mervilde congratulated Dr. Woodson and the three middle school principals on receiving the award.

The North Central High School Spring Play *Fools* will be on April 21st, 22nd and 23rd.

Dr. Mervilde gave the Board information from the Indiana Urban School's Association's ESL Collateral Group along with a report from a lobbyist. He reviewed some of the information from both reports. Dr. Mervilde's comments can be heard on the District's website at www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/mini.html

Comments from the Public

Mrs. Holly Solomon asked the Board for an update on the Superintendent's search process.

Mr. Dzwonar told Mrs. Solomon that since Dr. Mervilde announced his retirement in January, the Board has been working to find a new Superintendent. Applications have been received and reviewed and the Board is in the process of interviewing perspective candidates. They are on schedule to announce the next Superintendent in early May to begin effective July 1, 2011.

Action Items

1. Approval of Data Warehouse Software Purchase Contract – Mr. Kneebone

The Board had received the contract in advance of the meeting. Mr. Kneebone told the Board that the process of selecting this software began last spring. The projected time to implement the new software is mid July to start the new school year with a working product. The Board had questions. Discussion took place. The discussion and comments can be heard on the District's website at www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/mini.html

Mr. Kite moved approval of the Data Warehouse Software Purchase Contract as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

2. Resolution to Approve Transfer of Funds from the Capital Projects Fund to the Rainy Day Fund – Mr. Licata

Mr. Licata asked for approval to move \$840,000 from the Capital Projects Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. Mr. Licata noted that this request was discussed during the restructuring of District security last year. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

Mrs. Spann Roddy moved approval of the Resolution to Transfer Funds from the Capital Projects Fund to the Rainy Day Fund in the amount of \$840,000 as presented. Mr. Kite seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

3. Resolution to Reduce Appropriations in the Capital Projects and the Rainy Day Funds – Mr. Licata

Mr. Licata explained that since we are moving cash out of the Capital Projects Fund to the Rainy Day Fund this is a corresponding financial move to reduce the appropriations in the fund by the same amount. In the Rainy Day Fund the appropriation will be reduced down to the estimated level of expenditures. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

Mr. Kite moved to Reduce Appropriations in the Capital Projects and the Rainy Day Funds as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Information Items/Board Discussion

1. NCA Accreditation Report for J. Everett Light Career Center – Mrs. Wright Browner

On March 17, 2011 J. Everett Light Career Center was granted a full five year Accreditation by the North Central Association without restrictions after a three day NCA Evaluation Team visit. This voluntary quality assurance process was developed more than 100 years ago by American universities and secondary schools to drive student performance and continuous improvement in education. The NCA Evaluation Team shared two areas the Career Center needs to work on: Enhancing technology availability to adult students and instructors and improving Advisory Committee input by adding health personnel, more outside members and alumni. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

2. Elementary Enrollment Management – Mr. Smith and Mrs. Reynolds

Mr. Smith and Mrs. Reynolds gave the Board an update on the Elementary Enrollment Management Plan. The Administration will continue tracking, recording, reporting and evaluating the number of non-resident student applications, the number of new refugee students, the number of shared resident students, the number of new limited choice applications and the new AYP Title I transfers for the 2011-2012 school year.

Minor renovations will be completed at Allisonville and Crooked Creek to create additional classroom instructional space. Beginning in the 2011-2012 school year, approximately 100 students will be transferred from Greenbriar to Fox Hill and Greenbriar kindergarten students will no longer be shuttled to Fox Hill. These changes will improve student safety, reduce travel distances to school and transportation costs, maintain housing community integrity, eliminate kindergarten to first grade building transitions and equalize west side elementary school enrollments.

Students moving from Greenbriar to Fox Hill will visit their new school in small groups in the coming weeks and, along with their families, be invited to attend other programs at Fox Hill occurring through the end of this school year. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

3. Board Discussion and Liaison Reports – Board Members

Ms. Harris, Mrs. Spann Roddy, Mr. Turner and Mr. Kite had nothing to report at this time. Mr. Dzwonar noted that he provided an update on the Superintendent search process earlier in the meeting and that he also provided such an update to the April meeting of the PTO Presidents' Council.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Kite moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.