

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

Regular Meeting, January 13, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

Location: H. Dean Evans Community and Education Center

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

Absent: None

Others: Dr. Mervilde, Mrs. Sutton, Mr. Doss, Dr. Ewing, Dr. Farrell, Mr. Licata, Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. Smith, Bill Turner, John Hunter, John Barbee, Charlotte Jacobs, Gretchen Becker, Glenda Ritz

Presiding: Ms. Harris, President

Ms. Harris called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the recitation of the pledge of allegiance led by Mr. Doss.

Approval Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of the Minutes of the December 16, 2009 Regular Meeting
- Approval of Claims: There were no claims presented for the Board's approval
- Approval of the Human Resources Report containing: Certified Personnel – Two Resignation (6), (7); Two Maternity Leaves (11), (12); and Four New Appointments (72), (73), (74), (75); – Classified Personnel – Thirteen New Appointments (95), (96), (97), (98), (99), (100), (101), (102), (103), (104), (105), (106), (107); and One Termination (3).
- 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. Dzwonar moved approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Kite seconded. Passed unanimously.**

Recognitions

**North Central High School's Knowledge Master Open Team**

North Central High School's Knowledge Master Open Team finished first in the State out of 19 high schools in Indiana and finished 17<sup>th</sup> out of 678 schools worldwide. North Central scored 1638 out of a possible 2000 points, answering 195 of 200 questions correct. The Team consisted of: **Emily Baltz, Talia Berday-Sacks, Anne Buckwalter, Brooke Fourthman, Amelia Geeslin, Boning Han, Jamie Hill, Anthony McHugh, Bill Ristow, Andrew Stautz, Lauren Stephens and Marissa Stephens.** Dr. Jay Hill was the teacher and sponsor for the team. **Boning Han** was also recognized for being named an Indiana University Wells Scholar.

## Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Mervilde received word this afternoon that Allisonville Elementary and Crook Creek Elementary have earned the distinction as 2008-2009 Indiana Four Star Schools. The annual IUSA Legislative Luncheon will be held on January 27, 2010. Ms. Harris and Mr. Dzwonar will attend the luncheon along with Dr. Mervilde and Dr. Woodson. Representatives Porter, Delany and Noe and Senator Schneider have also been invited to attend the luncheon. Dr. Mervilde submitted the Memorandum of Understanding to the Department of Education for the District's participation in the Race to the Top program. Dr. Mervilde has had some preliminary contact with the Marion County Health Department about the second round of vaccinations for children nine years and younger. As more information becomes available he will share it with the Board. Dr. Mervilde noted the upcoming holiday to honor the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the difference that one person can make in a noble endeavor.

## Comments From the Public

There were no comments from the public.

## Action Items

1. Approval of Engineering Services Agreement for Nora Elementary, Allisonville Elementary and Northview Middle School – Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith reported that on June 4, 2009 a professional services request for proposal was released for the Phase 1 renovation and replacement of HVAC systems at Crooked Creek, Spring Mill and John Strange Elementary schools. Eight proposals were received and evaluated using the established criteria. BSA Life Structures submitted a proposal that met or exceeded all evaluation criteria and their fee was also one of the lowest. BSA was the design engineer for the projects and worked closely with the District and Skillman Corporation to produce construction documents that successfully addressed all existing HVAC issues at those three schools. Mr. Smith recommended that the Board award a contract to BSA Life Structures in the amount of \$350,000 for this Phase 2 of HVAC renovation at Allisonville, Nora and Northview reflecting a \$35,000 reduction in fees compared to Phase 1. The Board made comments.

**Mr. Kite moved approval to award a contract to BSA Life Structures for engineering services in the amount of \$350,000 as presented. Mr. Wright seconded. Passed unanimously.**

## Information Items

1. Discussion of Referendum Related Budget Reductions – Dr. Mervilde and Board Members

Dr. Mervilde reviewed the plan with the Board via Power Point. The Board had questions and comments. Discussion took place. The discussion and the PowerPoint can be accessed on the District's website at <http://www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/file.html>.

2. Impact of State Funding Decrease – Mr. Licata

Mr. Licata shared financial information with the Board regarding the impact of the State Funding decrease. The Board had questions. Discussion took place. The discussion can be accessed on the District's website at <http://www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/file.html>

### 3. School Visits – Board Members and Dr. Mervilde

The Board was given a document containing dates and times for second semester visits to schools. Board Members will send their requests to Mrs. Sutton. She will send a final document to everyone.

### 4. Discussion of Board Goals – Dr. Mervilde and Board Members

Dr. Mervilde led the Board through the revision of their goals that were developed at the December 16, 2009 Board Meeting. Adoption of Board Goals will also be placed on the January 27, 2010 meeting agenda. The Board Goals discussion can be heard on the District's website at <http://www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/mini.html>

### Separately Reported Board Member Activities

Mr. Dzwonar attended the ISBA Leadership Seminar on January 15<sup>th</sup> and found the presentations on the State's Race to the Top proposal, the importance of youth mentoring and school administrator professional development very enlightening. He also enjoyed the NCHS Northernaires Praise Fest on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Adjournment

**There being no further business, Mr. Dzwonar moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Mr. Kite seconded. Passed unanimously.**