

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

Regular Board Meeting, June 13, 2011 - 7:22 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. Woodson, Mrs. Sutton, Dr. Brown, Dr. Farrell, Mr. Kneebone, Mr. Licata, Mr. Smith, Keana Parquet and family, Carianne Rose, Kim Piper

Presiding: Mr. Dzwonar, President

Mr. Dzwonar called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:22 p.m. following the Board's annual Re-Organization meeting. Mr. Dzwonar read the Mission Statement aloud.

Approval Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 22, 2011, the June 22, 2011 and the June 27, 2011 Memoranda of Executive Session and the Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 27, 2011.
- Approval of Claims in the amount of \$9,232,189.43.
- Approval of the Human Resources Report containing: Certified Personnel –Twelve New Appointments (17), (18), (19), (20), (21), (22), (23), (24), (25), (26), (27), (28); One Temporary to Regular Contract (3); Three Resignations (20), (21), (22); One Retirement (16); and Two Maternity Leaves (3), (4). - Classified Personnel – Three Resignations (132), (133) (134); and Two Reductions in Force (5), (6); and an Addendum to the Human Resources Report containing: One New Appointment (29).
- Approval or Acceptance of Non-competitive Grants, Gifts and Donations: There were two non-competitive grants presented for the Board's approval – The 2011 Remediation/Preventive Remediation Grant in the amount of \$35,941.28 and the 2011 GQE Remediation Grant in the amount of \$53,911.92. 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.

Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Woodson asked Keana Parquet to join her up front and introduced her to the Board. Mrs. Parquet will be the new Assistant Principal at Crooked Creek Elementary School.

Dr. Woodson attended a MIBOR Luncheon today where she spoke to realtors about some of the exciting initiatives happening in Washington Township Schools. She gave them information to pass on to potential clients.

Earlier in the day Dr. Woodson attended a great presentation given by Jeffery Canada at the Indiana Black Expo Education Conference. Dr. Woodson was notified by Nora Elementary Principal, Mrs. Suzanne Zybert, that Nora Elementary is the first place winner of the Big Lots Video Creation Award. A ceremony and press conference will be held in August at a local Big Lots to accept the award. Nora will be recognized at an upcoming School Board Meeting for this award.

Middle School Teams, principals and Dr. Woodson attended the National Schools To Watch Conference in Washington D.C. at the end of June, where each of our middle schools were presented with a National Schools To Watch Award by U. S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan. While in Washington the Team met with a staff person in Dan Burton's office and also met with Congressman Andre Carson in person for about an hour to advocate for middle school reform efforts. Additionally, Middle School Teams presented to middle school educators from across the nation three different times throughout the conference.

Lieutenant Governor, Becky Skillman presented The Hoosier Rising Star Award to one of our students Tatum Parker at Riley Hospital last week. Tatum is a two time cancer survivor. Tatum has been recognized by the School Board twice for her efforts with her not-for-profit **Tatum's Bags of Fun**, where she has distributed over 800 backpacks filled with games, toys, books and other activities for children in the State of Indiana who have cancer. Tatum is a fifth grader at Spring Mill Elementary School.

Dr. Woodson had requested a list of volunteers from the Board President for Board Members to serve and provide representation on various committees and groups. As Superintendent she has made the following appointments to administrative or community work groups based on interest and feedback from each Board Member for the 2011-2012 school year.

Foundation Representative	Mr. Kite
Indiana School Boards Association Legislative and Policy Liaison	Mr. Dzwonar
Indiana Urban Schools Association Liaison	Ms. Harris
Indiana Urban Schools Association Alternate	Mr. Dzwonar
Parent Council Liaison	Mr. Turner
Policy Development	Mr. Turner & Mr. Dzwonar
Safety Committee	Ms. Harris
CIESC Advisory Board	Mrs. Spann Roddy
IB Head Council	Ms. Harris
WT Advisory Council	Mr. Kite & Mrs. Spann Roddy

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Action Items

1. Acceptance of Conflict of Interest Form for William D. Turner – Dr. Woodson

This form is required by State law. Mr. Turner has to complete this form annually, because his wife is an employee of the District.

Mr. Kite moved approval to accept the Conflict of Interest Form for William Turner as presented. Ms. Harris seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

2. Approval of Administrative and Classified Salaries for 2011-2012 – Dr. Brown

Dr. Brown recommended the Board approve a 2.0% increase for classified staff for the 2011-2012 school year. He also recommended that the Board approve a 1.5% increase for administrative staff. In addition to the salary recommendations he asked that the Board also approve increases in fringe benefits for administrators. Dr. Woodson noted that the recommendation also included approval of Mr. Licata's contract.

Mr. Kite moved approval of the Administrative and Classified Salaries as presented. Mr. Turner seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

The Board discussed the appropriate way to take action on Mr. Licata's new contract.

Ms. Harris moved to add approval of Mr. Licata's contract as Action Item #3 on the Agenda and re-number Approval of the Library Grant as Action Item #4. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

3. Approval of Contract for Mr. Joseph Licata as Chief Business Officer – Dr. Woodson

Ms. Harris moved approval of the Contract for Mr. Joseph Licata as Chief Business Officer as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

4. Approval of the Library Grant – Mr. Kneebone

Mr. Kneebone reported that Karen Simons Gartner, Media Specialist at Westlane Middle School applied for and received the Library Services and Technology Act Grant in the amount of \$9,960. The grant will be used to purchase iPads for the Media Center. The iPads will be primarily used to encourage the use of databases and ebooks for student research. In addition they will be used to read and annotate ebooks within classes.

Mr. Turner moved approval of the Library Services and Technology Act Grant in the amount of \$9,960 as presented. Mr. Kite seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Information Items/Board Discussion

1. ISTEP 2011 Data Summary – Dr. Milleman and Team

The Teaching and Learning Division gave a Team Report on preliminary ISTEP+ data. The Department of Education released ISTEP scores yesterday. This is the first year the Department of Education took out undetermined scores. In the past, undetermined scores were qualified as Did Not Pass. The Board had questions. Discussion took place. The full report and discussion can be accessed on the District's website at <http://www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/minu.html>

2. Board Discussion and Liaison Reports – Board Members

Mr. Kite attended the ENL Summer School culminating event at Nora. There was so much intentionality in everything that was done. To see the light in the children's eyes was exciting.

Mrs. Spann Roddy was asked to present at the Annual Indiana School Health Conference at a workshop regarding school health. She thanked Dr. Farrell and Valerie Reed for the information they provided to her on Washington Township for her presentation.

Ms. Harris also attended the Indiana Black Expo Education Conference and found Mr. Canada to be a very interesting and dynamic speaker. While at the Conference she met attendees who are working on a Marion County Alternatives to Detention Project. She will provide contact information for Dr. Woodson.

Mr. Kite noted that at a previous Executive Session Mr. Dzwonar who was not present participated by phone. There will be some policy discussion later on Board Members participating by phone.

Mr. Dzwonar and Dr. Woodson attended the ISBA Summer Academy. The next several years will be very interesting as school districts deal with all the changes implemented by the State Legislature that will affect children, teachers and staff. He has other information to share with the Board from that meeting.

Mr. Dzwonar acknowledged the Boy Scouts who were in the audience to meet a requirement to attend a public meeting for their next merit badge. He told those in attendance that the Board's third public meeting of the evening, a Study/Special Session on the 2012 Budget, will convene at the end of the Regular Meeting. All are welcome to attend the Budget Session.

Adjournment

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