

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

Regular Meeting, October 14, 2009 - 7:00 p.m

Location: H. Dean Evans Community and Education Center

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

Absent: Mr. Dzwonar

Others: Dr. Mervilde, Mrs. Sutton, Mr. Doss, Dr. Ewing, Dr. Farrell, Mr. Licata, Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. Smith, Dr. Woodson, Marques Crain, Gretchen Becker, Bill Turner, John Hunter, Mike Wentworth, Ayanna King, Kristy Jones, Sue Decker, Emily Keesling, Judy Fraps, Sam Reed, Jill Ofengender, Karen and David Berman, Tatina Rich, Sarah Schilfle, Pat Schifle, Maravene Beas, Cheryl Anderson, Erica Mayes

Presiding: Ms. Harris, President

Ms. Harris called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the recitation of the pledge of allegiance led by Mr. Smith.

Approval Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of the Minutes of the September 23, 2009 Regular Meeting and the September 30, 2009 and October 7, 2009 Memoranda of Special Sessions
- Approval of Claims in the amount of \$6,436,213.10
- Approval of the Human Resources Report containing: Certified Personnel –Two Resignations (2), (3); and Two Maternity Leaves (5), (6); and – Classified Personnel – Eleven New Appointments (43), (44), (45), (46), (47), (48), (49), (50), (51), (52), (53); One Resignation (1); and Two Retirements (3), (4).
- 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. Passed 4-0.

Superintendent's Announcements

On Monday, October 12, 2009 Mr. Ed Coleman, English teacher and Department Chair at North Central High School received a Milken Award in a special ceremony at North Central High School. Recipients of the Milken Award receive a cash award of \$25,000. The District also has three prior Milken Award Winners, Nate Jones, current Superintendent of Pike Township Schools, Alicia Harris, Assistant Principal at Greenbriar Elementary School and Jessica Heidelberg, Reading Specialist.

Dr. Mervilde receives daily reports on attendance in each school related to the H1N1 virus. Attendance on October 13, 2009 was 95%. The lowest attendance rate so far has been 87%. There is a plan to provide the vaccine for every child that attends a Marion County school.

On Sunday November 1, 2009 North Central High School will hold its annual Open House from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. On Tuesday, October 20, 2009 North Central High School will host the Empty Bowls Dinner. All schools in the MIC Conference participate in the Empty Bowls Dinner. Students make the bowls that the soup is served in. All proceeds go towards feeding the hungry in Marion County.

The second round of International Baccalaureate training will be held at the Community and Education Center on October 16th and 17th. Mickey Maurer successful businessman and North Central alumni will address the group of approximately 100 participants about the importance of international competition on Friday.

Fall Break is October 22nd and 23rd. Schools will be closed on those days.

Comments From the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Action Items

1. Approval to Adopt 2010 Budget – Mr. Licata

A Hearing on the 2010 Budget was held at the September 23, 2009 School Board Meeting. At that Hearing Mr. Licata went through each of the funds in detail. The Board's questions regarding the 2010 Budget were answered at that time.

Resolution To Adopt the Capital Projects Plan

Mr. Kite moved approval of the Resolution to adopt the 2010 Capital Projects Plan as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. Passed 4-0.

Resolution To Adopt the Bus Replacement Plan

Mrs. Spann Roddy moved approval of the Resolution to adopt the Bus Replacement Plan as presented. Mr. Kite seconded. Passed 4-0.

Resolution of Appropriations – Form 4

Mr. Kite moved approval of the Resolution of Appropriations – Form 4 as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. Passed 4-0.

Resolution of Tax Rates – Form 5

Mrs. Spann Roddy moved approval of the Resolution of Tax Rates - Form 5 as presented. Ms. Kite seconded. Passed 4-0.

Resolution for Tax Neutrality

Mr. Kite moved approval of the Resolution for Tax Neutrality as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. Passed 4-0.

General Motion to Approve All Required 2010 Budget Documents

Mrs. Spann Roddy moved approval of a General Motion to Approve All Required 2010 Budget Documents as presented. Mr. Kite seconded. Passed 4-0.

2. Approval to Award Contract for the Purchase of Chillers for the Crooked Creek, John Strange and Spring Mill HVAC Renovation Projects – Mr. Smith

As legally advertised, bids for chillers were opened and read aloud on Monday, October 5, 2009 at the H. Dean Evans Community and Education Center. Bids were taken for six 120-ton chillers, two for each school. Bids were only for the direct purchase of chiller equipment. Installation will be included in a bid released on October 15, 2009. Specification for the chillers were developed first and released because of the substantial lead time required for this equipment and the need to start the replacement of the chilled water systems at the conclusion of the current cooling season. Two alternate bids were included. Mr. Smith recommended that the Board award a contract to Indiana Thermal Solutions in the amount of \$343,000. He also recommended that alternate bid one be accepted and awarded in the amount of \$51,540 for a total of \$394,540. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

Mr. Kite moved approval to award a contract for Purchase of Chillers to Indiana Thermal Solutions in the amount of \$343,000 and the Alternate Bid in the amount of \$51,540 for a total of \$394,540 as presented. Mr. Wright seconded. Passed 4-0.

Information Items

1. Board Self Evaluation – Board Members

Board Members were provided with a self evaluation form to fill out and return to the Indiana School Boards Association. After the information has been received an Executive Session will held with Michael Adamson of the Indiana School Boards Association in order to go over the results of the evaluation. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

2. NSBA Convention – Board Members

The Board had received information regarding the upcoming National School Boards Association Convention prior to the Regular Meeting. This year's Convention will be held in Chicago. Board Members will decide if they want to attend the Convention and get back to Ms. Harris so arrangements can be made. The Board had questions and comments. Discussion took place.

3. Discussion of Roundtable Meetings and Review Draft of the Superintendent's Recommendation for the Referendum – Dr. Mervilde

Dr. Mervilde showed a Power Point sharing information that was taken from those who attended the two Community Roundtables that were held at Eastwood Middle School on September 30th and Westlane Middle School on October 7th. Dr. Mervilde also provided the Board with draft copies of his recommendation for the General Fund Referendum. Dr. Mervilde recommended that the Board adopt a resolution to place a referendum on the ballot for the May 4, 2010 election that will impose a property tax rate that does not exceed eight cents (\$0.08) on

each one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation. Dr. Mervilde will ask the Board to vote on this recommendation at the October 28, 2009 Regular School Board Meeting. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

The PowerPoint and discussion can be accessed on the District's website at <http://www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/file.html>

Board Comments/Liaison Reports

Mrs. Spann Roddy enjoyed the school visits which will be discussed at the next School Board Meeting.

Mr. Kite has also enjoyed the school visits they have been very educational with a lot of good detailed information. The Community Forums were very interesting. Mr. Kite had the opportunity to speak to a Theory of Knowledge Class at North Central High on the Uncertainty of the Law. The students asked wonderful questions.

Ms. Harris commented that three Board Members attended the ISBA/IAPSS Fall Conference along with Dr. Mervilde, Dr. Woodson and Mrs. Reynolds. Three members also attended the dinner for the Chinese delegation hosted by Mrs. Reynolds, she said it was a rich experience. Ms. Harris and Mr. Dzwonar attended a ceremony at Nora Elementary where a teacher was honored as Office Depot Teacher of the Year. Ms. Harris and Mrs. Spann Roddy met with Ms. Lane and Dr. Mervilde to discuss the direction of cultural competency for the purpose of developing Board Goals. She and Mr. Dzwonar also attended the Milken Award Ceremony for Mr. Coleman that was held at the high school. Ms. Harris said she was bursting with pride to see the people in our district who have been associated with the Award.

Adjournment

There being no further business, **Ms. Harris adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.**