

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

Regular Meeting, February 24, 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, Ms. Lane, Mr. Licata, Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. Smith, Dr. Woodson, Ginny Hacker, Dudley Miller, Gretchen Becker, Bill Turner, Betsy Delgado, Jeff Bach,

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. Doss.

Approval Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of the Minutes of the February 10, 2010 Regular Meeting and the February 10, 2010 Memorandum of Executive Session
- Approval of Claims in the amount of \$1,705,950.54
- Approval of the Human Resources Report containing: Certified Personnel –One Medical Leave (3); – Classified Personnel – Five New Appointment (117), (118), (119), (120), (121); and One Termination (7).
- Approval or Acceptance of Non-competitive Grants, Gifts and Donations: There were no non-competitive grants or donations presented for the Board's approval.

Mrs. Spann Roddy moved approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Kite seconded. Passed unanimously.

Superintendent's Announcements

ISTEP+ begins next Monday, March 1st. This is the applied skills part of the test and runs through March 10, 2010. The PL221 process has been moved to September 15th. The Annual Performance Report for schools was published in the Indianapolis Star today. The One Act Plays will be held at North Central High School February 25th through February 27th. Boys Sectional Basketball games will begin next week.

Fox Hill Elementary will hold its Annual Read-A-Thon on Tuesday March 2nd. Dr. Mervilde and others will be at Fox Hill reading to kindergarten students during the day. The Board received an International Baccalaureate promotional video to review. Scott Jones, North Central graduate and Hall of Fame inductee will be the honorary starter for the Great North Run on March 20th at North Central High School. There is still time to register for the Great North Run.

Comments From the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Action Items

1. Approval of North Central High School Modified School Day – Dr. Woodson

At the February 10, 2010 Board Meeting the Board received information and had discussion about the Modified School Day at North Central High School. This Modified School Day will allow North Central High School teachers to participate in professional development activities during the school day just as their colleagues do at all other Washington Township schools. The modified schedule would occur only during full weeks of school. The schedule will begin with the 2010-2011 school year and will be used on approximately 30 Tuesdays.

Mrs. Spann Roddy moved approval of North Central High School Modified School Day as presented. Mr. Kite seconded. Passed Unanimously

2. First Reading of and Revision of Policies 3121, 4121, 0140, 2464, 5460, 6460, 2209, 2700, 3142, 3430.01, 4430.01, 3437, 4437, 7440, 8330 & 8600 – Dr. Woodson

The Board had received an Executive Summary regarding the policies prior to the meeting. Dr. Woodson also showed a Power Point taking them through each of the Policy Revisions, all of which are updates to bring the District's policies in line with current Federal or State law. Mr. Wright asked for more information on Policy 6460 Vendor Relations. All Board Members will receive the information on that policy.

Mr. Dzwonar moved approval of First Reading and Revision of said policies as presented. Mr. Kite seconded. Passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Foundation Grants – Dr. Mervilde

Dr. Mervilde asked the Board to accept the Foundation Grants totaling \$45,446.

Mr. Dzwonar moved approval to accept the Foundation Grants in the amount of \$45,446 as presented. Mr. Kite seconded. Passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Agreement with Job Works, Inc. – Mr. Licata

Mr. Licata explained that several changes have been made to the language in the contract. He then introduced Betsy Delgado who explained the relationship with Job Works and Adult Education to the Board. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

Mr. Kite moved approval of the Agreement with Job Works as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. Passed unanimously.

Information Items

1. 2009 End of Year Financial Report – Mr. Licata

Mr. Licata gave the 2009 end of year financial report going over all the taxable funds and the Referendum Fund. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

2. Report on Staff Survey – Ms. Lane and Dr. Mervilde

Ms. Lane and Dr. Mervilde presented the report on the staff survey and shared a Power Point to present the information. The Board had questions. Discussion took place. The discussion and the Power Point can be accessed on the District's website at <http://www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/file.html>

Board Liaison Reports

Mrs. Spann Roddy met with Dr. Woodson and the Middle School Redesign Task Force. This Task Force is looking to redesign the middle schools by the 2011-2012 school year. She visited North Central and Crooked Creek for school visits and also attended the Crooked Creek Chinese Festival and especially enjoyed the fashion show.

Mr. Dzwonar attended the Parent Council meeting as the Board's liaison. Parent Council has endorsed two candidates for School Board, Mr. Kite and Mr. Bill Turner, they are also mobilizing on the General Fund Referendum and seeking volunteers to support the Referendum. He also appreciated the data driven reports he received on school visits.

Mr. Kite attended the Foundation Board Meeting, Greenbriar's Title One night and also appreciated the data driven report he received on the school visit to North Central High School.

Ms. Harris attended the Music Fest at Eastwood Middle School and was pleased to see an outreach effort on behalf of the Referendum. She attended the County Tournament for Academic Pursuit. Our middle schools did fantastic at the event. At least two of our middle schools placed in the top level at every grade level. Ms. Harris also participated in the Audit Exit Interview with Dr. Mervilde and Mr. Licata.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Dzwonar moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Mr. Kite seconded.