

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

Regular Meeting, October 26, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

Location: H. Dean Evans Community and Education Center

Present: Mr. Dzwonar, Mr. Kite, Mr. Turner and Ms. Harris

Absent: Mrs. Spann Roddy

Others: Dr. Mervilde, Mrs. Sutton, Dr. Ewing, Dr. Farrell, Ms. Lane, Mr. Licata, Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. Smith, Dr. Woodson, Allyson Smith, Amy Hardin, Chris Wood

Mr. Dzwonar called the Regular Meeting to order noting that all Board Members were present with the exception of Mrs. Spann Roddy who would not be in attendance. Mr. Doss led those in attendance with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Mervilde requested that the agenda be amended under Information Items moving the Board/Cabinet Discussion on School Board Issues to the last item.

Mr. Kite moved approval to amend the Agenda as requested. Mr. Turner seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Approval Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of the Minutes of the October 6, 2010 Regular Meeting and the October 6, 2010 and the October 18, 2010 Memoranda of Executive Session
- Approval of Claims in the amount of \$5,189,979.76
- Approval of the Human Resources Report containing: Certified Personnel – Two New Appointments (47), (48); One Maternity Leave (11); and Two Retirements (2), (3); and Two Resignations (2), (3). - Classified Personnel – Four New Appointments (54), (55), (56) (57); Four Resignations (88), (89), (90), (91); One Retirement (1); and One Termination (3).
- Approval or Acceptance of Non-competitive Grants, Gifts and Donations: There were two non-competitive grants presented for the Board's approval – The Gifted and Talented Grant in the amount of \$68,336.35, designated to assist with some of the expenses related to the programs and services for high ability students - The 2010-2011 Title II Part A Grant in the amount of \$416,329 – designated for professional development and class size reduction. There were no donations presented for the Board's approval.

Mr. Kite moved approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Turner seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Superintendent's Announcements

The date for the Holiday Open House is December 14, 2010. The Open House runs from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. and features the middle school and high school orchestras, great food and wonderful interactions. Dr. Mervilde encouraged Board Members to attend the Annual Open House.

The District will hold two informal Parent Forums on November 30, 2010 at the Community and Education Center. These Forums will be directed at parents of students new to the District over the last two years in order to welcome them and to gather feedback from them about what brought them to the District. The first Forum will be held at 7:30 a.m., the second will be held later that evening at 6:30 p.m. All Board Members are encouraged to attend one or both of the sessions.

North Central High School will hold its Annual Open House on Sunday, November 7, 2010 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. All Board Members are encouraged to attend the North Central High School Open House.

The Board was also reminded that Dr. Bennett will honor Crooked Creek for their academic performance over the years at a special ceremony on November 11, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. at Crooked Creek. All Board Members are encouraged to attend this special ceremony with Dr. Bennett.

November 11, 2010 is Veterans' day and the District will have events scheduled to honor our Veterans. Mrs. Sutton will develop a list with locations and activities and send them to the Board.

Tuesday, November 2, 2010 is Election Day and several of our schools are polling places. Dr. Mervilde said this is a great example to our children about the importance of citizenship.

The Annual IUSA Legislative Luncheon will be held at the Embassy Suites downtown on January 26, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Dzwonar and Ms. Harris are the Board liaisons for the Indiana Urban Schools Association and will attend that luncheon with Dr. Mervilde.

Comments From the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Action Items

1. Board Meeting Date for June 6, 2011 – Dr. Mervilde

In the process of setting the Board Meeting Schedule for the 2010-2011 school year, we selected the wrong date for the June 6, 2011 School Board Meeting. The actual date should have been Wednesday, June 8, 2011 instead of Monday, June 6, 2011. All Board Meeting calendars and the District website will be changed to reflect the new date.

Mr. Kite moved approval to change the June 6, 2011 Regular Board Meeting date to Wednesday, June 8, 2011 as presented. Ms. Harris seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

2. Acceptance of Fall Foundation Grants – Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith reported that today at the Community and Education Center the Washington Township Schools Foundation gave out grants totaling over \$97,000. These grants were given out to teachers and will affect students of all ages and all schools in the District. There were a wide variety of grants and a significant number of first year teachers received grants. In addition the Foundation also made a \$250,000 five year commitment to the District's International Baccalaureate initiative. The Foundation also funds North Central High School's Open House and Panther Quest which are annual events in the District.

Ms. Harris moved approval to accept the Foundation Fall Grants presented. Mr. Kite seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Information Items/Board Discussion

1. Third Quarter Financial Report – Mr. Licata

Mr. Licata gave the third quarter financial report going over all the taxable funds, the Referendum Fund and the Rainy Day Fund. The Board had questions. Discussion took place. The full discussion can be heard on the District's website at www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/minu/html

2. International Baccalaureate Update – Ms. Smith

The Washington Township School District hosted Level Two International Baccalaureate training with the Indiana Department of Education at the Community and Education Center in September. The District received its first International Baccalaureate Consultant visit. Ms. Smith talked to the Board about the process of aligning the District's Mission Statement. She provided the Board with information about the process. The Board will discuss their input at the November 23, 2010 School Board Meeting. The Board will be asked to approve the new Mission Statement at the December 15, 2010 School Board Meeting. The Board had questions. Discussion took place. The full discussion can be heard on the District's website at www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/minu/html

3. AYP and PL221 Determinations – Dr. Ewing

Dr. Ewing gave the Board a comprehensive report on the preliminary AYP and PL221 determinations. Final Public Law 221 and Adequate Yearly Progress determinations will be announced at a special State Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, November 23, 2010. Based on the No Child Left Behind Law six of eleven of our schools did not make AYP. The bigger and more diverse a school, the tougher it is to make AYP. The No Child Left Behind Law was supposed to be re-authorized in 2007. According to NCLB every school in the country will have to meet 100% AYP by 2014. The Board had questions, discussion took place. The full discussion and the PowerPoint can be accessed on the District's website at www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/minu/html

4. Outstanding Board Recognition – Dr. Mervilde

The Board received an Outstanding Board Plaque from the Indiana School Boards Association for their combined and continued involvement in their professional development as members of the Board. The Plaque is on display in Community Room D.

5. Board Discussion and Liaison Reports – Board Members

Ms. Harris and Mr. Kite attended an ISBA Regional Meeting where they were given the Outstanding Plaque. At that meeting they were given information on an upcoming School Law Seminar. Mrs. Sutton will sign Ms. Harris up for the School Law Seminar on December 10, 2010.

Mr. Kite attended the Nora and Northview School Visits. He appreciates the fact that the school visits are new and different every year. He attended the Security Task Force meeting and he also participated in the Middle School Task Force Meeting. At the Middle School Task Force Meeting each person on the committee had one school to report back to see what was unique and interesting about the school. He participated on information about a Charter School. He said the exercise was very interesting.

Mr. Kite attended the Foundation Board Meeting. The Foundation is working very hard to make sure that everyone on the Board gives and/or contributes in different ways. Everyone is looking forward to the upcoming Foundation Bash. Mr. Kite also attended the event at Westlane where State Superintendent Dr. Bennett spoke. He said it was an interesting open discussion.

Ms. Harris could not attend the Parent Council Meeting so Mr. Dzwonar attended on her behalf. It was the Parent Council's Legislative Night where candidates representing our school District were there to answer questions. The candidates were very frank and upfront about several matters. The 5 and 5 Exercise results were shared with parents that night. Mr. Wood, Parent Council President, will begin to work with administration and the School Board to talk about the results of the 5 and 5 Exercise.

Mr. Dzwonar called for a brief recess to rearrange seating before continuing on with the final Information Item on the Agenda.

6. Reviewing School Board Issues Action Plan – School Board and Cabinet

The Board reviewed one-page summaries provided by the Cabinet on a variety of issues previously identified. The Board had questions. Discussion took place. The full discussion can be heard on the District's website at www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/mini/html

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Kite moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Mr. Turner seconded. The motion passed 4-0.