

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

Regular Meeting, May 27, 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, Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. Smith, Dr. Woodson, Christian Woodson, Matt Whitt, Bill Turner, Shawn Wright Browner, Todd DeLey, Betsy Delgado, Mike Wentworth, Lara Pastore

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 May 12, 2010 Regular Meeting
- Approval of Claims in the amount of \$2,023,089.87
- Approval of the Human Resources Report containing: Certified Personnel – One Resignation (16); Two Maternity Leaves (15), (16); Three Retirements (14), (15), (16);and Two Reductions in Force (1) (2); Classified Personnel – One Reduction in Force (1); Five Resignations (49), (50), (51), (52), (53); One Retirement (10) and Two Terminations (11), (12).
- Approval or Acceptance of Non-competitive Grants, Gifts and Donations: There were three non-competitive grants presented for the Board's approval, The Graduation Qualifying Exam and Remediation Grant in the amount of \$43,030, the Remediation and Preventive Remediation Grant in the amount of \$60,433.48 and the Perkins IV Grant in the amount of \$787,831.00. There were no donations presented for the Board's approval.

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

Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Mervilde congratulated the Class of 2010 and wished them the best for the future. He also congratulated Kevin Wahnzer, North Central alumnus, parent and Keynote Speaker at the Baccalaureate Ceremonies that took place on Tuesday, May 25th. Four new members were inducted into the North Central Hall of Fame:

- Allison R. Brown, Class of 1994 – Attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice in the Civil Rights Division
- Peter R. Egbert, M.D., Class of 1959 – Professor of Ophthalmology at Stanford University

- Robert J. Laikin, Class of 1981 – Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Brightpoint, Inc.
- Donald Thompson, Class of 1980 – President and Chief Operating Officer of McDonald’s Corporation

Approximately 150 teachers participated in the first day of International Baccalaureate Level I training today. In addition to those participating in training, 50 teachers were writing unit planners that will be used for teaching next school year.

Dr. Mervilde reminded the Board that a Special Session for Board/Cabinet Development will be held Friday, June 4th from 11:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. An Executive Session with Michael Adamson from the Indiana School Boards Association is scheduled for June 11th 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

High School Summer School begins next week. ENL and Title I Summer School begin on June 6th.

District offices will be closed on Memorial Day – a day to take some time to reflect upon and remember those who have died in service to our nation.

Comments From the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Action Items

1. Approval of Adult Education Summer Youth Contract – Mr. Licata

Stimulus money has been provided to the Indianapolis Private Industry Council (IPIC) to develop and deliver a summer youth program. The program will be available to residents of Marion County ages 16-24 that meet eligibility criteria. The summer youth programs will consist of three components: educational, work readiness and work experience. In support of the summer youth programs, IPIC will contract the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township to administer the GED youth program. Washington Township will offer classes at three locations, Northview Middle School, Ivy Tech NMC downtown and Ivy Tech LAW East serving a total of 140 students. The program will be offered for four weeks eight hours per day. The contract amount is \$140,795. The Board had comment.

Mr. Dzwonar moved approval of the contract with the Indianapolis Private Industry Council in the amount of \$140,795 as presented. Mr. Kite seconded. Passed unanimously.

2. Recommendation to Award Construction Contracts for HVAC Replacement at Allisonville, Nora and Northview – Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith reported that bids for the replacement of HVAC systems at Allisonville, Nora and Northview Schools were opened and read aloud as legally advertised. BSA Life Structures, the Skillman Corporation, Mr. Licata and Mr. Smith reviewed the bids and recommended that Lehman Mechanical Contractors be awarded a mechanical contract in the amount of \$4,445,567. This

amount includes alternate bids 1,2,3 and 5B. He also recommended that Havel Brothers be awarded the building automation system contract in the amount of \$1,045,600. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

Mr. Kite moved approval to award a contract to Lehman Mechanical Contractors in the amount of \$4,445,567 and Havel Brothers in the amount of \$1,045,600 as presented. Mr. Dzwonar seconded. Passed unanimously.

3. Recommendation to Award Construction Contracts for Roof Replacement at Allisonville Elementary and J. Everett Light Career Center – Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith reported that bids for roof replacement at Allisonville Elementary and J. Everett Light Career Center were opened and read aloud as legally advertised. CSO Architects, Skillman Corporation, Joe Licata and Phil Smith reviewed the bids and recommended that Port Huron Roofing be awarded a contract in the amount of \$1,149,000 for Allisonville Elementary. This award does not include the alternate. Mr. Smith also recommended that a contract be awarded to Henry Smithers Roofing in the amount of \$2,209,176. This award does include the alternate. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

Mr. Kite moved approval to award a contract to Port Huron Roofing in the amount of \$1,149,000 and Henry Smithers Roofing in the amount of \$2,209,176 as presented. Mr. Dzwonar seconded. Passed unanimously.

4. First Reading of Spring Policy Updates – Dr. Woodson

The Board had received information and reviewed the updates of Spring Policies. The Board had questions. Discussion took place. A few grammatical changes were suggested and will be made and sent to the Board for approval and adoption at the next meeting.

Mr. Dzwonar made a motion to approve First Reading of Spring Policy Updates as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. Passed unanimously.

5. Approval of Textbook Rental and Instructional Fees for 2010-2011 – Dr. Ewing

Because new mathematics textbooks were adopted for next year, textbook rental rates will increase at the elementary, middle and high school levels to cover the cost of the new adoption. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

Mr. Kite moved approval of Textbook rental and instructional fees as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. Passed unanimously.

6. Approval to Submit PBS Model Schools Grant – Dr. Woodson

As part of the Positive Behavior Supports Grant (PBS) through the Indiana Department of Education, model sites are to be established and supported through the four years of the grant. By participating in professional development opportunities and receiving on-going technical assistance provided through the grant, sites will be expected to attain high levels of implementation of the PBS framework at each of the three tiers. Administration is seeking to submit the grant for

Eastwood Middle School and Allisonville Elementary School. If both schools are accepted the professional development training for all of our buildings outside of North Central High School will be covered. The estimated cost of training is \$51,000 for the 2010-2011 school year. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

Mr. Dzwonar moved approval to submit the PBS Model Schools Grant as presented. Mr. Kite seconded. Passed unanimously.

7. Approval of the 2009-2010 Negotiated Agreement – Mr. Doss

The Board received information on the Negotiated Agreement prior to the meeting. As with the administrative and classified staff, teachers will not receive a pay increase for the 2009-2010 school year. Teacher's ratified the Agreement on Tuesday, May 25th. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

Mr. Kite moved approval of the 2009-2010 Negotiated Agreement as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. Passed unanimously.

8. Ratification of Health Insurance Contract Cancellation – Mr. Licata

Dr. Mervilde sent a letter to Advantage Health Solutions canceling Washington Township's medical insurance coverage effective May 31, 2010 because of the change to a new provider of health coverage for Washington Township employees. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

Mr. Dzwonar moved approval to the Health Insurance Contract Cancellation as presented. Mr. Kite seconded. Passed unanimously.

Information Items

1. Achieve 3000 Overview – Dr. Ewing

One of the objectives listed in the English as a New Language (ENL) Program Evaluation report was to adopt a content based curriculum for ENL elementary pullout programs, aimed at meeting science, social studies, and English language arts grade level standards. Achieve 3000 is a web-based, core literacy program that would meet the needs of our English Language Learners in grades 3-12. Achieve 3000 provides individualized reading and writing instruction that reaches every student at his or her level and enables teachers to customize content and monitor student growth with a simple click of the mouse. Achieve 3000 is proven to accelerate reading comprehension, fluency, writing proficiency, vocabulary development and high stakes test scores. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

2. Open Board Discussion – Board Members

Mr. Kite recognized Mrs. Pastore who has served as the President of Parent Council for almost two years and done an outstanding job. Mr Kite was contacted by Diana Ruschhaupt from St. Vincent Hospital asking him to review a policy that has to do with the **Start Strong Indianapolis, Building Healthy Teen Relationships** Program she co-presented to the Board

at the May 12th Board Meeting. Dr. Mervilde suggested that Mrs. Ruschhaupt contact Dr. Woodson because she is the District Administrator in charge of policy.

Ms. Harris asked Board Members to let her know if they would like to attend the upcoming ISBA Summer Board Academy held in July. Discussion took place regarding opportunities for Board Development through the Indiana School Boards Association. The Board has achieved Outstanding Board status with the ISBA and will receive a plaque at the August Regional Meeting. The discussion can be heard at <http://www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/mini.html>

Board Liaison Reports

Ms. Harris enjoyed serving breakfast to the CEC staff. She, Mr. Kite and Mr. Dzwonar attended the Parent Council Meeting where State Superintendent Dr. Tony Bennett was the key speaker. Ms. Harris also attended the event at North Central High School where the Governor named North Central High School's Valedictorian, Boming Han Mr. Science.

Mrs. Spann Roddy's Future Promises year-end awards celebration event went well.

Mr. Kite said parents who attended the Parent Council meeting where Dr. Bennett spoke did a very good job dealing with sometimes sensitive questions asked of the speaker. It was a very good meeting. He also appreciated the Foundation Phone-a-Thon and the opportunity to thank donors.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Dzwonar moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Mr. Kite seconded.