

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

Public Hearing, October 06, 2010 - 7:00 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. Mervilde, Mrs. Sutton, Dr. Ewing, Dr. Farrell, Ms. Lane, Mr. Licata, Mr. Smith, Dr. Woodson, Suzanne Zybert, Cindy Moore, Sally Ball, Dawn June, Ruth Ann Gantz, Richard Gantz

Mr. Dzwonar called the Public Hearing to order with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ms. Lane.

Mr. Licata told those in attendance that the purpose of the Hearing is to hear support or objections from the public, to let the community know the value of the projects to the school district and the community, how the project will be funded and the estimated impact on the tax rate.

In the past Bond proceeds have been used for technology infrastructure, instructional equipment, library books, copiers and maintenance and transportation equipment. The new Bond might be used to help with the cost of bringing a closed facility back on line and to purchase new data analytical software.

The General Obligation Bond will be funded through the 2011 and 2012 Debt Service Fund. Mr. Licata does not expect any significant change in the tax rate.

Mr. Dzwonar asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none. **Mr. Dzwonar adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m. and called to order the Regular Meeting at 7:15 p.m.**

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Approval Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of the Minutes of the September 21, 2010 Regular Meeting
- Approval of Claims in the amount of \$1,983,631.64
- Approval of the Human Resources Report containing: Certified Personnel – Two New Appointments (45), (46); One Maternity Leave (10); and One Retirement (1) - Classified Personnel – Three New Appointments (51), (52), (53); Three Resignations (85), (86), (87) and One Termination (2).
- Approval or Acceptance of Non-competitive Grants, Gifts and Donations: There were no non-competitive grants presented or donations presented for the Board's approval.

Mr. Kite moved approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Turner seconded. Passed unanimously 5-0.

Recognitions

The Board recognized Sally Ball, teacher Nora Elementary School, Dawn June, teacher Greenbriar Elementary School and Cynthia Moore, Spring Mill Elementary for winning the Olin Davis Award. The Olin Davis Award is given by the Indiana Council for Economic Teaching. Sally Ball was also the State Winner.

Superintendent's Announcements

Allyson Smith is being honored tonight by Junior Achievement as one of Indy's Best and Brightest.

The Washington Township Community suffered a significant tragedy over the weekend. Rahee Johnson a senior at North Central High School was accidentally shot and killed by another North Central High School student. Dr. Mervilde asked that everyone keep the families of both young men in their thoughts and prayers. Mr. Quandt and his staff did an excellent job in making sure counselors were in place to talk to any student who knew Rahee.

The next Board school visits will take place on Tuesday, October 12th at Nora and Northview. These will be the last school visits of the semester.

The Administration has received AYP results, but they have not been officially released by the State. Dr. Mervilde will send the Board a document that shows where the District will have to be by 2014. That is the timeframe when 100% of students will have to meet the standards.

Dr. Mervilde and others will attend an International Baccalaureate strategy session in Bethesda, Maryland next week.

The long session of the General Session will be very important this year. The IUSA will hold its annual Legislative Luncheon on January 26, 2011. Dr. Mervilde sent the Board IUSA's position on Legislative issues.

On November 11, 2010 at 8:30 am Dr. Bennett will be at Crooked Creek Elementary School to recognize them as an exemplar of high academic achievement for all children. Crooked Creek and Allisonville Elementary schools have been top performing schools in the State for many years.

North Central High School will play Center Grove at Lucas Oil Stadium on Saturday, October 16th at 4:30 pm. This is a Breast Cancer Awareness event.

Comments From the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Action Items

1. Approval of Final General Obligation Bond Resolution – Mr. Licata

The Board approved the Preliminary Bond in September. Mr. Licata asked for approval of the Final General Obligation Bond tonight.

Ms. Harris moved approval of the Final General Obligation Bond as presented. Mr. Kite seconded. Passed unanimously 5-0.

2. Approval of Continuing Disclosure Undertaking Form – Mr. Licata

This is another requirement to finalize the General Obligation Bond process. The Undertaking Form means that the District is committed to disclosing any significant financial events that will be undertaken during the life of this Bond Issue until it is paid off.

Mr. Kite moved approval of the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking Form as presented. Ms. Harris seconded. Passed unanimously 5-0.

Mr. Licata explained that there are actually two Resolutions that need Board approval, the Additional Appropriation for the General Obligation Bond and the Rainy Day Fund Resolution. Mr. Dzwonar suggested that Board approve each item separately.

3. Adoption of Additional Appropriation Resolution for the General Obligation Bond– Mr. Licata

Mr. Licata asked for approval of the General Obligation Bond Issue Resolution in the amount of \$2 million.

Mr. Kite moved approval of the General Obligation Bond Resolution for Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$2 million as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. Passed unanimously 5-0.

4. Adoption of Additional Appropriation Resolution for the Rainy Day Fund – Mr. Licata

Mr. Licata asked for approval of the Rainy Day Fund Resolution in the amount of \$ 1.5 million.

Mr. Kite moved approval of the Rainy Day Fund Resolution for Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$1.5 million as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. Passed unanimously 5-0.

Information Items/Board Discussion

1. Enrollment and Non-Resident Student Report – Ms. Lane

Ms. Lane gave the Board a comprehensive report on enrollment and non-resident students. The District reported 10,564 students enrolled. Last year the District reported 10,149, we have grown 415 students from last year. Ms. Lane went into detail about transfer and non-resident

students and other areas of student enrollment. The Board had questions. Discussion took place. The full report and discussion can be accessed on the District's website at www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/mini/html

2. Revisiting Board Goals – Board Members

The Board reviewed and discussed their Goals in order to see where progress has been made or needs to be made. There was a lengthy discussion about attending the National School Boards Conference. The full discussion can be heard on the District's website at www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/mini/html

3. Board Discussion – Liaison Reports

Ms. Harris attended the ISBA/IAPSS Fall Conference along with other Board Members, Dr. Mervilde, Dr. Woodson and Mrs. Reynolds. She also attended the IB Head Council Meeting. It was very interesting and very well done.

Mrs. Spann Roddy enjoyed the visits to North Central, Hilltop and J. Everett Light Career Center. While at the Career Center she participated in the Ribbon Cutting for the Culinary Arts program where the students had prepared and served some tasty food.

Mr. Turner also attended the ISBA/IAPSS Fall Conference and the North Central, Hilltop and J. Everett Light Career Center school visits. Mr. Turner really enjoyed the ISBA/IAPSS Fall Conference where he received a lot of good information and appreciated the opportunity to attend. Being a graduate of North Central High School and never having received a tour like he did during the school visits, he was pleasantly surprised at how many good things the District offers. At North Central he had the opportunity to sit in on the Bridge Program where students have to sign a contract in order to get into the program. He said signing the contract shows a commitment on the part of the students and their parents.

Mr. Kite also enjoyed the ISBA/IAPSS Fall Conference said it always a great event. He was a little disappointed they did not have a legal section this year because they do such a good job of presenting on a range of issues. He attended the John Strange and Eastwood tours. He likes that Administration takes a different focus on the tours each year and makes them very educational. He thoroughly enjoyed the North Central Fall Play "Flowers for Algernon."

Mr. Dzwonar said it is an honor and a privilege to work with the Board and all staff in Washington Township.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Turner moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Kite seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

