

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

Regular Meeting, July 08, 2009 - 7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Others: Dr. Mervilde, Mrs. Sutton, Dr. Ewing, Dr. Farrell, Mr. Licata, Elizabeth Satrom, Farah Nasser, Morgan Federspiel, Theresa, Taylor and Payton Duwe, Tom, Karen and Taylor Neal, Patti Dickman, Mike Hennessy, Carla Shadiow, Pat Wyman, Mark Renholzberger, Joshua Dunn, David Feeser, Holly Solomon, Sharon Ames.

Presiding: Ms. Harris, President

Approval Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 24, 2009 and the June 24, 2009 Memorandum of Executive Session
- Approval of Claims in the amount of \$7,689,398.69
- Approval of the Human Resources Report containing Three Resignations (15), (16), (17); 19 New Appointments (14), (15), (16), (17), (18), (19), (20), (21), (22), (23), (24), (25), (26), (27), (28), (29), (30), (31), (32); One Maternity Leave (1); and One Childrearing Leave (1);
- Approval or Acceptance of Non-competitive Grants, Gifts and Donations: The Indianapolis Airport Authority has given the school district surplus Fire Fighting Equipment for instructional use at the J. Everett Light Career Center in their Fire Fighting Program and the district also received three donated vehicles from the Fishers Police Department for our Security Department.

Mrs. Spann Roddy moved approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Kite seconded. Mr. Dzwonar wanted to make sure that the numbering on the Personnel Report was correct because of the three addendums the Board received. Mr. Dzwonar suggested that the second and third addendum be removed and that the Board accept the Certified Personnel Report and the third Addendum to the Report. Mr. Kite amended the motion per Mr. Dzwonar's suggestion. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Mervilde introduced Jeremy Gondol as the new Assistant Principal at Northview Middle School. Mr. Gondol has taught at Greenbriar Elementary for the last three years.

Dr. Mervilde introduced Matt Kaiser as the new Principal at Eastwood Middle School. Mr. Kaiser comes to Washington Township from Center Grove Middle School North where he served as principal.

Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Mervilde reminded the Board and the public that the next School Board Meeting will be held on August 12, 2009. The Annual Back-to-School Meeting is Monday, August 10th at

North Central High School. A Board Development Session will be held on August 21, 2009 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Community and Education Center, where the Board will develop Board Goals and a School Board Evaluation Process.

The work on the North Central High School Stadium and the HVAC Control system is progressing nicely. The physical work and the issues associated with the Traffic Study are also being accomplished and will be in place for the first day of school. Although the timeline is tight, the portable classrooms will be ready on August 10th.

Mr. Kite asked about the new Teacher Luncheon. It will be held on Thursday August 6th at North Central High School at 11:30.

Comments From the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Action Items

1. Approval of Copier Contract – Mr. Licata

Mr. Licata provided a review of the process that the copier committee worked through to find the best solution and the best company to serve the needs of the district. The copier committee felt that Braden Systems would provide the greatest level of satisfaction for the District and Mr. Licata recommended Braden Systems be awarded a contract for copiers for the school District in the amount of \$501,291.00. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

Mr. Kite moved approval of awarding a contract to Braden Business Systems in the amount of \$501,291.00 as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. Passed unanimously

2. Approval of Construction Management Services for Roofing & HVAC Projects – Mr. Licata

Mr. Licata reported that the Skillman Corporation is a construction management company that has provided services to the District for a number of years on many projects. This current proposal is an addendum to their existing contract in the amount of \$288,000 for construction management services to oversee roofing projects at Northview Middle School and North Central High School as well as heating ventilation and air conditioning system replacement at Crooked Creek, John Strange and Spring Mill schools. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

Mr. Kite moved approval of Construction Management Services for Roofing and HVAC Projects in the amount of \$288,000 as presented. Mr. Wright seconded. Passed unanimously.

Information Items

1. ESL Program Evaluation Overview – Dr. Ewing

Dr. Ewing reported that during the 2008-2009 school year, Washington Township conducted an evaluation of the District's ESL Program. A committee of teachers, parents and administrators met monthly to study the research on effective ESL programs and services, to review the ESL programs and services provided in our schools, and to develop a plan under the umbrella of the Strategic Plan for improving our programs and services. During the course of the study four major areas of concern emerged:

- Communicating and connecting effectively with parents of ESL students and the community in general
- Effective program models and services
- Professional Development
- Equity and Opportunity and Access for ESL Students

The Board received the detailed ESL Program Evaluation Report prior to the meeting. Dr. Ewing highlighted a few of the items that were detailed in that report which can be accessed on the district's website at <http://www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/file.html> The Board had questions and comments. Discussion took place.

2. ENL Summer School and Academy Report – Dr. Ewing

Dr. Ewing introduced Mrs. Dunn who was the Administrator in charge of the ENL Summer School program this year. Mrs. Dunn reported that approximately 200 students attended summer school from pre-K to 7th grade. They had many community experiences which included trips to museums and the zoo. Parent training was held on financial issues and immigration. The students also produced a book which was published by Lulu Publishing. The Board had questions and comments. Discussion took place.

3. Preliminary Report on the Selection of Vendors for the HVAC & Roofing Projects – Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith told the Board that early in June two Professional Service Request for proposals were released for the HVAC units at Crooked Creek, John Strange and Spring Mill Elementary Schools and the North Central and Northview roofing projects. Mr. Smith spoke about the unique issues we have with our HVAC units and roofing. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

4. Budget Development Timeline – Mr. Licata

The Indiana General Assembly approved a two year budget for 2010-2011. They did amend the budget deadlines for school budgets for the Capital Fund and the Bus Replacement Fund. Mr. Licata will send an updated Budget Calendar for the development of the 2010 Budget to the Board and will be moving back the date for Budget Adoption, the Public Hearing and the first and second advertising of the 2010 Budget. The second budget workshop will be held late in August. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

Board Comments/Liaison Reports

Mr. Kite thanked Mrs. Sutton for her assistance during his terms as Board President over the last two years. He enjoyed attending the Eastwood Principal interviews and also noted how much he appreciated this process of gathering parent, teacher, Board member and administrator input to advise the hiring decision made by the Superintendent.

Mr. Dzwonar thanked Mr. Kite for his two years as President of the Board and said it clearly demonstrates his commitment to the District and the students. He commented that he really appreciated the music staff in the District. His middle school student attended band camp and it was amazing to see how a group of students who had only been together for a week were able to pull together that many pieces of music and sound that good.

Ms. Harris also acknowledged and thanked Mr. Kite for his two years of service as Board President and all of his previous and varied contributions to the District.

Adjournment

There being no further business, **Ms. Harris adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.**