

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

Regular Board Meeting, August 10, 2011 - 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. Woodson, Mrs. Sutton, Dr. Brown, Dr. Farrell, Dr. Milleman,

Presiding: Mr. Dzwonar, President

Mr. Dzwonar called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He mentioned that the dedication of the sculpture had taken place outside on the front lawn, just before this evening's meeting. Mr. Kite read the Mission Statement aloud. Dr. Milleman led those in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of the Minutes of the July 13, 2011 Re-Organization Meeting, the July 13, 2011 Regular Meeting, the July 13, 2011 Memorandum of Study/Special Session and the July 27, 2011 Memorandum of Executive Session.
- Approval of Claims in the amount of \$4,423,876.79.
- Approval of the Human Resources Report containing: Certified Personnel –Seven New Appointments (30), (31), (32), (33), (34), (35), (36); Two Resignations (23), (24); One Resignation (1); Three Maternity Leaves (5), (6), (7); One Childrearing Leave (1); and One Medical Leave (1). - Classified Personnel – Fifteen New Appointments (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (14), (15); Thirteen Resignations (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13); Five Reductions in Force (7), (8), (9), (10), (11); and Two Retirements (1); (2 and an Addendum to the Certified Personnel Report containing One New Appointment (37).
- Approval or Acceptance of Non-competitive Grants, Gifts and Donations: There was one non-competitive grant presented for the Board's approval – The Community and Continuing Education Program has been awarded a micro-grant in the amount of \$10,300 by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, to establish an Adult Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Program. There was one gift presented for the Board's approval, Nora Elementary is the first place winner of the Big Lots Video Creation Award in the amount of \$5,243.33.

**Mr. Kite moved approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Turner seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

Recognitions

Dr. Woodson asked Tymika Payne and Angela Britain-Smith to join her up front and introduced them to the Board. Ms. Britain-Smith has been appointed as one of the Assistant Principals at North Central High School and Mrs. Payne has been appointed as one of the Dean of Students at North Central High School.

## **Nora Elementary School**

Nora Elementary is the first place winner of the Big Lots Video Creation Award. A ceremony and press conference will be held on August 12, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at a local Big Lots to accept the award. The Board was able to view The Award Winning Video at the Board Meeting. Students who participated in the video were present at the meeting and were recognized by the Board. Twenty seven languages were represented in the winning video. Nora will receive a check in the amount of \$5,243.33 at the press conference. Big Lots District Manager Julie O'Leary was also in attendance at the meeting.

## **Mrs. Suzanne Zybert**

Mrs. Suzanne Zybert has been selected to receive the Indiana Council for Economic Education's **2011 Lawrence Senesh Award for School Administrators**. This award has a \$750 cash prize.

Mrs. Zybert is receiving this award because she has made a significant difference in the advancement of economic education at Nora Elementary. Her efforts over the years have helped many children and teachers be exposed to important concepts of economics and personal finance.

Mrs. Zybert will be honored along with other award winners on September 23, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at the Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance offices.

## Superintendent's Announcements

Hundreds of Washington Township teachers just finished two days of International Baccalaureate training. It was two days rich of learning, discussion, reflection and planning for the upcoming school year. Dr. Woodson shared some Adequate Yearly Progress information for all District schools with the Board.

We are finalizing plans for the Opening Day Meeting on Monday August 15<sup>th</sup>, where Dr. Woodson will welcome 1700 staff members in the auditorium at North Central High School to get geared up and ready for the kick off of the first day of school that will occur on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. We will welcome close to 10,500 students back to school on that day.

The August 24, 2011 Study/Special Session will be focused on Summer School Quality Assurance Reports as well as outlining the Strategic Plan process.

Dr. Woodson received a letter from Representative Cindy Noe congratulating Washington Township on our recent improvements and achievements on ISTEP+ scores. The Northside Community Council Board of Directors recognized Phil Smith as their Outstanding Service to the Community Award Recipient.

Earlier today Dr. Woodson, Mr. Turner, Mrs. Spann Roddy, Mr. Quandt and others attended the Indiana Department of Education's celebration recognizing North Central High School for setting the bar for AP student achievement with 30% of its 2010 graduates passing at least one AP exam during high school. Dignitaries on hand at the celebration were Governor Daniels, State Superintendent Tony Bennett and Commissioner for Higher Education, Teresa Lubbers.

## Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

## Action Items

1. Approval to Submit Independent Service Agreements – Dr. Farrell

Each school year there are approximately 350 identified special education students who will receive physical and/or occupational therapy. Annual costs projected for the 2011-2012 school year are \$240,000.00. All costs are assigned to the Basic Grant for Special Education. Providers follow specific rules as described under regulations including procedures about record-keeping. All services are provided in designated sites within the boundaries of Washington Township during an instructional day. Criminal history checks are conducted for each provider.

**Ms. Harris moved approval to submit Independent Service Agreements as presented. Mr. Kite seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

2. Approval of PERF Resolution – Dr. Brown

This is a legal requirement that authorizes Dr. Kevin Brown and Mr. Joe Licata to sign related documents on behalf of the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township.

**Mr. Kite moved approval of the PERF Resolution as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

3. Approval of Public Relations and Media Relations Contracts – Dr. Milleman

Dr. Milleman asked the Board for approval of contracts for Mrs. Ellen Rogers as the Public Relations Coordinator and Mrs. Nora Hiatt as the Media Relations contact for the District. The Board had received and reviewed the contracts in advance of the meeting. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

**Ms. Harris moved approval of the Public Relations and Media Relations Contracts as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

4. Approval of Petition to the State Board of Education for Funds from the School Technology Advancement Account (STAA) – Dr. Milleman

This request if granted will come in the form of a loan from the State Common School Fund. The loan is a low interest loan and can be repaid over a maximum of five years through the Debt Service Fund. The STAA advance is one possible way of assisting with the neutrality issue in the Bus Replacement Fund. We will hear later in the fall if the loan is granted.

**Ms. Harris moved approval of the Petition to the State Board of Education for Funds from the School Technology Advancement Account (STAA) as presented. Mr. Kite seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

5. Approval of Challenge Day Contract – Mr. Doss

Challenge Day will take place at our three middle schools September 20-22. The District has been able to secure full funding for the program through very generous donations of two individuals and Wilson Kehoe Winingham Law Firm. This firm provided support last year as well. In addition, the Schools Foundation has agreed to donate money to help cover travel expenses of the facilitators and Teachers Credit Union is willing to assist in covering the cost of lunch for the adult volunteers. Each school is soliciting help from volunteers and Board Members. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

**Ms. Harris moved approval of the Challenge Day Contract as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

#### Information Items/Board Discussion

##### 1. Board Discussion and Liaison Reports – Board Members

Ms. Harris was out of town when the first Safety Meeting of the school year occurred, so was not able to participate. She will be in attendance at subsequent meetings. Mr. Kite received the invitation to attend Project Einstein's Downtown Showcase at the City Market. It was absolutely wonderful. There were many businessmen and women walking around engaging the students. . Someone from the Mayor's office also came over to see if the exhibit could be displayed at his office. Their exhibit will be shown at the IMA.

Mr. Dzwonar reminded the Board that Back-to School events are on the District's website. He will be attending various events throughout the District. He asked Board Members to respond to Dr. Woodson's request to help at any school for the first three days at arrival and dismissal. The Board will begin the Strategic Planning Process at a Study/Special Session that will be held following the Regular Meeting on August 24, 2011, he asked the Board to get back to Dr. Woodson regarding any feedback they might have on the draft form that was shared with the Board at their Retreat on July 27, 2011.

#### Adjournment

**There being no further business, Mrs. Spann Roddy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Mr. Kite seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.**