

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

Regular Meeting, August 11, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

Location: H. Dean Evans Community and Education Center

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

Absent: Mr. Turner

Others: Dr. Mervilde, Mrs. Sutton, Mr. Clouse, Mr. Doss, Dr. Ewing, Dr. Farrell, Mr. Licata, Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. Smith, Dr. Woodson, John Hunter, Gretchen Becker

Mr. Dzwonar called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of the Minutes of the July 14, 2010 Regular Meeting and the July 14, 2010 Memoranda of Executive and Special Session.
- Approval of Claims in the amount of \$5,231,633.78
- Approval of the Human Resources Report containing: Certified Personnel – Nine New Appointments (25), (26), (27), (28), (29), (30), (31), (32), (33); One Child Rearing Leave (3); One Military Leave (1); and Two Retirements (17), (18); - Classified Personnel – Six New Appointments (5), (6),(7), (8), (9), (10); Two Resignations (68), (69); and One Termination (1).
- Approval or Acceptance of Non-competitive Grants, Gifts and Donations: There were no non-competitive grants or donations presented for the Board's approval.

Ms. Harris moved approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Superintendent's Announcements

Today was a good, first day of school for Washington Township students. Most of the Superintendent's Cabinet visited schools to today to make sure everything ran smoothly.

Dr. Mervilde congratulated the teachers and other employees who were recognized at the August 9, 2010 Annual Back To School Meeting. He also expressed the District's gratitude to Mr. Fernando Falcon and his wife Marcia, owners of Champion Chrysler/Jeep/Eagle, who gave 12 flat screen televisions to the Teachers of the Year from each school in the District.

Ms. Harris, Mr. Dzwonar, Dr. Mervilde and Dr. Woodson plan to attend an August 31st meeting promoted by State Superintendent Tony Bennett on the topic of School Finance/Board Development. Dr. Mervilde has already attended a Back-To-School meeting led by Dr. Bennett that was held at the Central Indiana Education Service Center.

Comments From the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Information Item

1. Report on Safety and Security Re-Design – Mr. Smith and Mr. Clouse

Mr. Smith reported that the re-design of the safety and security department began in May. The first task was to hire a new Coordinator of Safety and Security. Mr. Brian Clouse was hired and began work at the end of June. Mr. Clouse has an extensive law enforcement background. He is a 25 year veteran with the Indianapolis Police Department and was a training officer. He served as Administrative Assistant to the Director of Public Safety for six years and most recently he has been the Assistant Director with the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. Mr. Clouse also holds a law degree.

Mr. Smith proceeded to give a full report of everything that has been done with Security in the District since Mr. Clouse has been employed. The Board had questions. Discussion took place. The full report and the Board's discussion can be heard on the District's website at www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/mini/html

Action Items

Mr. Licata began his presentation regarding two Resolutions. Mr. Dzwonar noted that Mr. Licata presented two Resolutions and the Agenda only referenced one. He proposed that the Agenda be amended to reflect the two Resolutions as two separate Action Items. Action Item #1 would be Approval of Resolution to Reduce Capital Projects Fund Appropriations and Action Item #2 would be Approval of Resolution to Transfer Funds to the Rainy Day Fund.

Mr. Kite moved approval to amend the Agenda as presented by Mr. Dzwonar. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

1. Approval of Resolution to Reduce Capital Projects Fund Appropriations – Mr. Licata

This Resolution will reduce the Capital Projects Fund by \$1,000,000.00 which reduces the amount of unused appropriations for projects. Mr. Licata provided the Board with a list of those projects. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

Ms. Harris moved approval of the Resolution to Reduce the Capital Projects Fund Appropriations as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

2. Approval of Resolution to Transfer Funds to the Rainy Day Fund

This Resolution allows the Board to authorize the transfer of unspent 2009 money from the Capital Projects Fund in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 to the Rainy Day Fund. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

Mr. Kite moved approval of the Resolution to Transfer Funds to the Rainy Day Fund as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

3. Acceptance of Conflict of Interest Form for Wanda Spann Roddy – Dr. Mervilde

This is a necessary legal step to comply with Indiana Code because Mrs. Spann Roddy's sister is a teacher at one of the District's schools. Mrs. Spann Roddy will need to sign The Conflict of Interest Form annually. The form will then be submitted to the State Board of Accounts.

Mr. Kite moved approval of the acceptance of the Conflict of Interest Form as presented. Ms. Harris seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

4. Approval of Graduation Initiative Grant – Dr. Woodson

Dr. Woodson told the Board that Washington Township submitted an application for the Graduation Initiative Program Grant to the U.S. Department of Education on July 28, 2010. The purpose in submitting the grant is to increase graduation rates through the following initiatives:

- Increasing the effectiveness of identifying potential drop-out students as early as elementary school
- Begin interventions as early as 7th grade
- Increase the capacity of the North Central Technical School from 30 9th grade students to 225 that will be served in a smaller learning community for grades 8-12
- Creating a North Central Adult High School to attract and meet the needs of up to 400 students in the Indianapolis area ages 17 and above, who have already dropped out of school.

We will know the status of our application in October.

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

Mr. Kite moved approval of the Graduation Initiative Grant application as presented. Ms. Harris seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

5. Approval of Contract for Traffic Control Services – Mr. Smith

The District provides traffic control services at each school during student arrival and dismissal. A request for proposal for traffic control and related services was released and published on July 19, 2010. The request was sent to ten firms, Andy Frain Services of Aurora, Illinois was the only firm to submit a proposal. Mr. Smith recommended that the Board award a contract to Andy Frain Services for traffic control services for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$150,595.62. He also recommended that Andy Frain Services be awarded a contract to provide 16 hours of post car services daily at North Central High For the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$57,369.76. The District will provide the cars for post duty. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

Ms. Harris moved approval to award a contract to Andy Frain Services for traffic control in the amount of \$150,595.62 and also to award a contract for post car services at North Central High School in the amount of \$57,369.76 as presented. Mr. Kite seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

6. Approval of Contracts for Physical and Occupational Therapist Services – Dr. Farrell

There are 300-350 special education students who will receive physical and/or occupational therapy during the school year. Annual costs projected for 2010-2011 are \$240,000.00. All costs are assigned to the Basic Grant for Special Education. Dr. Farrell asked the Board for approval to enter into independent service agreements with certified providers of physical and occupational therapy for identified special education students. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

Mr. Kite moved approval to award independent contracts for physical and occupational therapy as presented. Ms. Harris seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Information Items

1. Board Discussion and Liaison Reports – Board Members

Ms. Harris enjoyed the New Teacher Luncheon at Hollyhock Hill and the Opening Day Meeting held at North Central High School. The Eastwood 7 & 8th grade Registration she attended was quick moving, impeccably smooth and very organized. Today she had lunch with the Indiana Department of Education's new Diversity Coordinator.

Mrs. Spann Roddy congratulated Joan Detmer on being selected as the District's Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Detmer team taught with Mrs. Spann Roddy's mother who was a teacher in the District for many years. She also taught some of Mrs. Spann Roddy's children.

Mr. Kite enjoyed the New Teacher Luncheon. Regarding the Opening Day Meeting, he said it was a classy and exciting move on Mr. Falcon's part to recognize not only the District's Teacher of the Year but also each school's teacher of the year. Mr. Kite attended Greenbriar's Back-To-School event and congratulated Mr. Kaminski on being named Administrator of the Year.

Mr. Dzwonar attended Fox Hill and Allisonville schools Back-To-School nights. He had signed up to participate in Board School Visits on October 12th. He now has a conflict and asked if another Board Member could fill that slot to visit Nora and Northview schools. Mr. Dzwonar attended a presentation given on the Indiana Growth Model at the Summer Board Academy. He asked Mrs. Sutton to provide a copy of the summary he received to other Board Members.

The Indiana School Boards Association sent official notice to Mr. Dzwonar announcing that Ms. Harris has attained Level One Status of Continuing Education Achievement with the Indiana School Board Association. She will be presented with a pin at an upcoming ISBA Meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Kite moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. The motion passed 4-0.