

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

Regular Meeting, April 14, 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, Matt Whitt, Kathy Rieke, Jamie Phillips, Nathan Keith, Bill Turner, Chris Wood, Van and Ruth Olson, Steve Perkins, Cat Olson, Brandon Barnett, Michael Jones, Aidan Mullins-Pearson, Tre Williams, Ted Scott, Eli Carleton, Becky and Gary Carleton, Robert Jones

Presiding: Ms. Harris, President

Ms. Harris called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:10 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 March 24, 2010 Regular Meeting
- Approval of Claims in the amount of \$6,864,188.73
- Approval of the Human Resources Report containing: Certified Personnel – Two Resignations (11), (12), One Maternity Leave (14), and One Retirement (9); Classified Personnel – Two New Appointments (127), (128); Two Resignations (42), (43); and Two Terminations (8), (9).
- 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 told those in attendance that the March 24, 2010 School Board Minutes were inadvertently put out for the public before the Board had a chance to approve them. There was also one minor correction to the March 24, 2010 minutes.

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

Recognitions

Courtney Roby, North Central High School Alumnus and NFL Super Bowl Champion was recognized by the Board. Courtney graduated from NCHS in 2001, attended Indiana University and has played for the Tennessee Titans, Indianapolis Colts, Cincinnati Bengals and, most recently, for the 2010 Super Bowl Champion New Orleans Saints.

Boning Han is North Central High School's 2010 Valedictorian. Boning is an International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidate and is a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. He participated in Science Olympiad, Academic Super Bowl, Peer Tutoring,

Academic WorldQuest, Knowledge Masters, Quiz Bowl, Intramural Basketball, Girls Team Manager, Hoosier Boys State and is a National Merit Finalist. Boning is also the MathMania co-founder, and teacher. MathMania is a free summer math camp for middle schoolers.

The Board also recognized North Central High School students who participated in the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Indiana Junior Classical State Latin Convention at Indiana University. Students competed in academic testing, spoken word and artistic competitions all relating to the language and culture of ancient Greece and Rome. The students are:

Ian McQuinn	Anna Reed
Aidan Mullins-Pearson	Maureen Brooks
Michael Jones	Abigail Sachs
Brooke Fourthman	Edward Scott
Sarah Crovello	Gordon Allen
Catherine Olson	Jacob Hailperin-Lausch
Brandon Barnett	Vivek Bigelow
Carolyn Kryder-Reid	Linda Albrecht
Zoe Smith	Eli Carleton
Margaret Lorinczi	Karen Strunk

### Superintendent's Announcements

The last School Board and Administrator school visit of the year is scheduled for Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> to Greenbriar Elementary School. Dr. Mervilde confirmed that summer school will be offered to approximately 400 Title I students for 15 days. Washington Township Schools hosted the last ever Indiana Principal Leadership Academy graduation today. The Indiana Department of Education cut the IPLA program due to budget constraints. Maravene Beas, Principal at John Strange Elementary School and Suzanne Zybert, Principal at Nora Elementary School were in the graduating class.

Dr. Mervilde told the Board the District intends to apply for the i3 Grant. This is the second round of Race to the Top stimulus money for school districts. Washington Township schools will be closed on April 23<sup>rd</sup> because of a flex day that was built into the calendar in case schools were closed due to inclement weather. Spring Mill Elementary School will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Mervilde encouraged everyone to attend.

### Comments From the Public

There were no comments from the public.

### Action Items

#### 1. Approval to Submit 2010 FLAP Grant – Dr. Ewing

This Grant requests funding for five years to expand our current Chinese language program at Westlane to North Central High School and to Eastwood and Northview Middle Schools. The goal of the grant is to develop a sequential, articulated Chinese language program from grades 6-12 that will allow students to achieve advanced proficiency by grade 12. The Indiana University School of Education at IUPUI and the Confucius Institute in Indianapolis are partners on the grant.

Funding for up to \$300,000 per year will be requested to cover salaries, benefits, curriculum development, and professional development. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

**Mr. Kite made a motion to approve the submission of the FLAP Grant to the U.S. Department of Education as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. Passed unanimously.**

2. Approval of Recommendations from the Mathematics Textbook Adoption Committee – Mrs. Rieke

A K-12 District Mathematics Textbook Adoption Committee was formed in November 2009 to begin a State directed process designed to correlate the 2009 Indiana Mathematics Standards with new mathematics textbooks on the State adoption list. This experience was very different than in years past as the State was involved in guiding school districts through the process. The purpose in doing so was to give staff time to study the changes made from the 2000 Indiana Mathematics Standards to the new 2009 Standards and to better understand the articulation of the big ideas in mathematics as the concepts develop through the grades. The Board also received a list of the recommended textbooks. Copies of the recommended textbooks were on display at each school for public review. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

**Mr. Dzwonar made a motion to approve the recommendations from the Mathematics Textbook Adoption Committee as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. Passed unanimously.**

3. Adoption of Resolution Regarding IPS School #70 Quitclaim Deed – Mr. Licata

The Indianapolis Public Schools recently conducted a title search and discovered that a part of real estate on which the Mary E. Nicholson School #70, 510 East 46<sup>th</sup> Street is located is listed in the name of the precursor to the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township. IPS has requested that the MSDWT assist with clearing this title defect by quitclaiming its interest, if any, in the real estate to IPS.

**Mr. Kite made a motion to authorize the Superintendent or his designee to execute any documents necessary to effect the quitclaiming of the Real Estate to Indianapolis Public Schools as presented. Mr. Wright seconded. Passed unanimously.**

#### Information Items

1. Open Board Discussion – Board Members

Mr. Dzwonar wanted to know if the Board Goals adopted by the Board earlier in the year would be an upcoming Agenda item in order to discuss progress and also so the Board doesn't lose sight of some of those tasks. This item will be added to the April 28, 2010 Board Agenda.

Ms. Harris said that she and Dr. Mervilde have been discussing a summer Retreat for Board Members where Board Goals will be a topic of discussion. Dr. Mervilde added that Mr. Adamson with the Indiana School Boards Association would also like to meet with the Board to review the tape of them from a previous Board Meeting.

Ms. Harris said it might be a good time for the Board to look into some kind of training to help them be more media savvy since most of them might not have had this kind of exposure in the past.

### Board Liaison Reports

Mr. Kite went on two different school tours, Allisonville and Westlane. At Allisonville he was pleased to see how the International Baccalaureate program is being implemented at that level. He was really struck by a group of students at Westlane who have been taken on by one young teacher. The group is called the Professionals and is a relatively small group of students who needed extra encouragement.

Mr. Kite attended the wonderful Eastwood International Festival where Ms. Harris was serving. He also attended The Greater Allisonville Community Council Meeting noting that the GACC Board had some interesting perspectives and questions on the Referendum.

### Adjournment

**There being no further business, Mr. Dzwonar moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Mr. Kite seconded.**