

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

Regular Meeting, July 14, 2010 - 7:30 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, Mr. Doss, Dr. Ewing, Dr. Farrell, Mr. Licata, Mr. Smith, Holly Solomon, Loretta Conner, Rita Beard, Sylvia Turner, Laurie Turner

Mr. Dzwonar called the meeting to order at 7:35 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 June 23, 2010 Regular Meeting and the June 23, 2010 and the July 7, 2010 Memoranda of Executive Sessions and the June 23, 2010 Memorandum of Special Session.
- Approval of Claims in the amount of \$8,035,713.05
- Approval of the Human Resources Report containing: Certified Personnel – Eleven New Appointments (15), (16), (17), (18), (19), (20), (21), (22), (23), (24); Two Resignations (19), (20); and One Childrearing Leave (2); - Classified Personnel – One New Appointment (4); Two Reductions in Force (9), (10); and Two Resignations (66), (67).
- Approval or Acceptance of Non-competitive Grants, Gifts and Donations: There were no non-competitive grants presented for the Board's approval. There was one donation presented for the Board's approval, The Indianapolis Jr. Tennis Development will be adding four Quick Start courts and a double-backboard to the current Barbara S. Wynne Tennis Center. This donation exceeds \$76,000 and will be completed by the end of September.

Mrs. Wynne, the architect and others were there to show the architect's rendering of how the new courts will look and to answer any questions the Board might have. The Board did have questions. Discussion took place.

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

Special Recognition

Dr. Mervilde presented Ms. Harris with a gavel for her year of service as School Board President. Ms. Harris made a few comments.

Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Mervilde congratulated Board Members on the orderly transfer of power that occurred at tonight's meeting and welcomed newly elected member, Mr. William Turner, to the Board. He

reminded the Board that the New Teacher Luncheon will be held at Hollyhock Hill on August 6, 2010 at 11:30 a.m.

A Special Session will be held following the Regular Meeting of August 11th. Dr. Mervilde reminded the Board that the sheet he sent to them requires them to provide feedback to him before the August 11th meeting. He also handed out a copy of the Board Goals that need to be revisited now that a new Board is seated. The Board also received a copy of Fall School visits.

Nationally renowned Safety Expert, Michael Dorn, will be here during the first week of August to speak to principals and school crisis teams. Mr. Kite is the Board liaison for the school safety committee. Dr. Mervilde invited a second Board member to attend the meeting.

Dr. Mervilde told the Board that the link for the Back-to-School Ice Cream Socials is on the District Website at www.msdt.k12.in.us He encouraged them to visit as many as they can.

Dr. Mervilde met with the BRAG Organization today. Brag is the community centered along the 71st Street Binford corridor. This group is doing great things. Dr. Mervilde will be out of the District July 15-18 attending an International Baccalaureate Conference and will be on vacation the week of July 19th. In his absence Dr. Woodson will be in charge of the District.

Comments From the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Action Items

1. Approval of Agreement with IUPUI Partnership for After School Achievers – Dr. Ewing

In April the District was awarded its fifth 21st Century Community Learning Centre grant. This \$450,000 grant will allow the District to include the After School program at Allisonville, Crooked Creek, John Strange and Eastwood. This district-wide initiative will let us serve over 1,000 students daily with homework help, enrichment activities, and mentoring. The IUPUI STEM students are invaluable to the program. Two to four students will work at each school every day. The cost of the Agreement is \$112,000. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

Ms. Harris moved approval of the Agreement with IUPUI in the amount of \$112,000 as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. Passed unanimously 5-0.

2. Acceptance of Conflict of Interest Form for William Turner – Dr. Mervilde

This is a necessary legal step to comply with Indiana Code because Mr. Turner's wife is a teacher at one of the District's schools. Mr. Turner will need to sign The Conflict of Interest Form annually. The form will then be submitted to the State Board of Accounts. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

Mr. Kite moved approval of the acceptance of the Conflict of Interest Form as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. Passed unanimously 5-0.

Information Items

1. Second Quarter Financial Report – Mr. Licata

Mr. Licata gave the second quarter financial report, going over all the taxable funds and the Referendum Fund. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

2. Board Discussion and Liaison Reports – Board Members

Mr. Kite, Mr. Dzwonar, Mr. Turner and Ms. Harris attended the ISBA Summer Academy. Mr. Kite brought up an item that was discussed related to the specific time of Special Meetings. Board Members had comments. Discussion took place.

Mrs. Spann Roddy attended the Pro-100 Breakfast and later sat on the panel. Mr. Dzwonar was also in attendance.

Mr. Dzwonar enjoyed the Breakfast and was able to sit and talk with a North Central High School senior and an 8th grader from Westlane.

There was some discussion about who would be on the committee to develop the Superintendent's evaluation. Mr. Turner and Mrs. Spann Roddy will be the committee.

Mr. Turner said after attending New Board Member session at that ISBA Summer Conference, he realized that the Board Retreat that was prepared for Washington Township Board Members to receive information was spot on. He noted that other newly elected Board Members from other districts did not receive the amount of information and training that he received and he thanked Dr. Mervilde and his Cabinet for the amount of information that was provided to him to help him prepare for his role as a Board Member.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Kite moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. Passed unanimously 5-0.