

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

Regular Meeting, September 21, 2010 - 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. Mervilde, Mrs. Sutton, Mr. Doss, Dr. Ewing, Dr. Farrell, Ms. Lane, Mr. Licata, Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. Smith, Mr. Kneebone

Mr. Dzwonar called the Regular Meeting to order noting that four Board Members were present and told those in attendance that Mr. Turner would be arriving late. Mr. Doss led those in attendance with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of the Minutes of the September 7, 2010 Regular Meeting and the September 7, 2010 Memorandum of Executive Session.
- Approval of Claims in the amount of \$2,713,543.28
- Approval of the Human Resources Report containing: Certified Personnel – Six New Appointments (39), (40), (41), (42), (43), (44); and Three Maternity Leaves (7), (8), (9); - Classified Personnel – Sixteen New Appointments (35), (36), (37), (38), (39), (40), (41), (42), (43), (44), (45), (46) (47), (48) (49) (50); and Three Resignations (82), (83), (84).
- Approval or Acceptance of Non-competitive Grants, Gifts and Donations: There were no non-competitive grants presented or donations presented for the Board's approval.

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

Superintendent's Announcements

The next School Board visits will be on September 23rd to John Strange Elementary and Eastwood Middle School. On October 5th the Board will visit the J. Everett Light Career Center, Hilltop School and North Central High School.

The first meeting in October has been moved from October 13th to October 6th. An Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's Evaluation will be held on October 6, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. At the October 6th meeting the Board will receive an Enrollment Report. The District has received approximately 450 new students this school year.

The Board, Dr. Mervilde, Dr. Woodson and Mrs. Reynolds will attend the Indiana School Boards Association/Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents Joint Fall Conference on September 27th and 28th.

At the ISBA-IAPSS Fall Conference, Dr. Mervilde and others will present a workshop on the Education Referendum that was passed last May.

The Board received a list of National Merit Semi Finalists. This year North Central High School has nine students who qualify for this honor. We will know in the spring which students will be named National Merit Scholars.

Washington Township Schools will be hosting International Baccalaureate training with the State Board of Education at the Community and Education Center on September 23rd and 24th. Participants from all over the State will attend the training.

We are still working through the vaccination process in Washington Township. Connect Ed calls have been sent to parents to remind them of the vaccination process. A series of letters will also be sent home to parents.

Comments From the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Information Items/Board Discussion

Since Mr. Turner had not arrived at the meeting yet, Mr. Dzwonar suggested that Board Discussion and Liaison Reports be placed ahead of the Board Cabinet Discussion on Major Issues.

Board Discussion – Liaison Reports

Mrs. Spann Roddy visited Crooked Creek and Westlane and was very excited to see students taking the lead on the tours. Mr. Dzwonar commented that it was a good example of student empowerment and was a nice touch.

Ms. Harris went to the first Parent Council Meeting of the year last week. It was a good turnout and a positive start. The held an interesting exercise grouped by school putting together five things they liked and five things they disliked about their school and the District. She commented that the exercise was done with a productive and constructive approach. Ms. Harris went on the Allisonville and Spring Mill visits last Thursday, both were very interesting. She will be attending the International Baccalaureate Head Council Meeting that will be held on Tuesday, September 28th.

Mr. Kite attended the Greenbriar and Fox Hill school visits along with Mr. Turner. At Greenbriar they observed students talking about their data books. At Fox Hill they saw the International Baccalaureate piece in motion. He also along with Mrs. Spann Roddy attended the Middle School Task Force Meeting where Dr. Woodson and Ms. Smith led the task force on the MYP Assessment, which was interesting.

Mr. Dzwonar attended the Allisonville, Spring Mill, Crooked Creek and Westlane school tours. The thing that struck him in all four buildings was the amount of energy put into honing the craft of teaching and trying to make sure that students who may not be moving forward as quickly and as well as they could are given every opportunity through instruction to do so.

Mr. Dzwonar noted that an Executive Session may also be held the week of October 18, 2010. This date will be confirmed later after all calendars are checked.

A three minute recess was taken in order for the Board and Cabinet to prepare for further discussion on Major issues. Mr. Dzwonar reminded the audience that they were welcome to stay for the discussion part of the meeting.

Mr. Turner arrived at 7:43 p.m

Board Cabinet Discussion on Critical Topics – Board Members and Superintendent’s Cabinet

The Board and Cabinet continued their discussion Major Topics and Issues. The full discussion can be heard on the District’s website at www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/mini/html

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mrs. Spann Roddy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Ms. Harris seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.