

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

Regular Board Meeting, June 22, 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. Mervilde, Mrs. Sutton, Mr. Doss, Dr. Ewing, Dr. Farrell, Ms. Lane, Mr. Licata, Mr. Smith, Dr. Woodson

Presiding: Mr. Dzwonar, President

Mr. Dzwonar called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. 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 June 8, 2011.
- Approval of Claims in the amount of \$4, 088,726.79.
- Approval of the Human Resources Report containing: Certified Personnel –Three New Appointments (14), (15), (16); Two Temporary to Regular Contracts (1), (2); and Two Resignations (18), (19). - Classified Personnel – Two Resignations (130), (131); and Three Terminations (12), (13) (14).
- 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 gift/donation presented for the Board's approval. Mr. Mike Bell owner of Bells School Services donated 4000 wristbands with positive sayings to the District.

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

Superintendent's Announcements

The 50th Anniversary Sculpture was supposed to be unveiled tonight, however, workers have been unable to install the sculpture due to the amount of rain we have had over the last few weeks. A short ceremony will be held to dedicate the sculpture in the near future.

The 2011-2012 Negotiated Agreement is almost settled. If it is settled before July 1st a Special Meeting will be held to approve the Agreement.

Session one of Summer School at North Central High School ended today. Session two will begin on June 23rd. Dr. Mervilde attended the Middle School Summer School Program today.

Dr. Mervilde's last day as Superintendent of Schools is June 30, 2011. . He thanked the Board of Education, his Cabinet, his Executive Assistant and all staff for a great 5 ½ years in the District.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Action Items

1. Resolution to Approve VEBA Retirement and Health Plan – Mr. Licata

The Board had received information regarding the Teachers Association wanting to switch their VEBA benefit from Security Benefit to TIAA-CREF Trust Company. Mr. Licata asked the Board for approval to switch the Teachers plan.

Mr. Kite moved approval of the VEBA Retirement and Health Plan Resolution as presented. Mr. Turner seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

2. Approval of Cummins Mental health Contract – Ms. Lane

The Board had received information on the Cummins Contract in advance of the meeting. Cummins will provide onsite behavioral health services for students referred to Cummins by our schools. Cummins will assess the referred students and based on assessment will develop a treatment plan. Cummins will also perform a comprehensive criminal background check on every Cummins employee that might come into contact with any student who has been referred. Copies of those background checks and proof of insurance will be sent to the District. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

The Board noted that this is also Ms. Lane’s last Board Meeting. She will retire on June 30, 2011.

Mr. Kite moved approval of the Cummins Mental Health Contract as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

3. Approval of School Messenger Contract – Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith asked the Board to approve a three year agreement with School Messenger to provide mass notification services as well as text messaging and reverse translation not currently available with the provider the District has used since 2004. School Messenger’s rate is approximately half the rate offered by the current provider and represents an annual savings to the District of \$16,195.

Mr. Turner moved approval of the Contract with School Messenger in the amount of \$16,005 per year for three years as presented. Ms. Harris seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

4. Approval of Textbook Rental and Instructional Fees for 2011- 2012 – Dr. Ewing

Because Science and Health textbooks were adopted for next year at the elementary level, textbook rental rates will increase to cover the costs of the new adoption. Middle and high school textbook rental rates and instructional fees will continue to be charged according to the specific courses taken by each student. The costs of newly adopted textbooks in science and health will increase

textbook rental rates at the high school level. There are also several increases in instructional fees at the high school level primarily due to increased cost of materials.

Mr. Kite moved approval of the textbook rental and instructional fees for 2011-2012 as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Information Items/Board Discussion

1. Board Discussion and Liaison Reports – Board Members

Mr. Kite enjoyed attending the IUSA Summer Academy with Mrs. Spann Roddy and Ms. Harris. It was a wonderful conference to attend. He attended the GED Graduation and had the honor of seeing Dr. Mervilde pass out his last diploma. Mr. Kite also visited the ENL Summer School at Nora. It was wonderful to see the children and the things they were working on. . He has really appreciated working with and learning from Dr. Mervilde during the five years he has been on the Board. He congratulated Dr. Mervilde on his retirement.

Mr. Turner has been out of the District for a couple of weeks, and said it is good to be back. He congratulated Dr. Mervilde on his retirement and said he too learned a lot from Dr. Mervilde during his first year on the Board. As a parent of students in the District he appreciates all Dr. Mervilde has done for the District during his tenure. Mr. Turner also congratulated Ms. Lane on her retirement.

Mrs. Spann Roddy attended the IUSA conference and was attending a workshop on African American males

Ms. Harris reported that she had heard that Learning Under the Sun went really well. The North Central Band camp is also off to a great start.

Mr. Dzwonar attended the ISBA/IAPSS School Law Seminar. He will share an electronic file on certain provisions that were discussed at that seminar with the Board. It is going to be an incredibly busy, fascinating, challenging and legally expensive time of transition given the sea change in education law that resulted from the General Assembly. He thanked Dr. Mervilde for the service he has provided to the District. He has appreciated Dr. Mervilde keeping himself and staff focused on the work of the District.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Kite moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.