

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

Regular Meeting, June 23, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

Location: H. Dean Evans Community and Education Center

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

Absent: Mr. Wright

Others: Dr. Mervilde, Mrs. Sutton, Mr. Doss, Dr. Ewing, Dr. Farrell, Mr. Licata, Mr. Smith, Mr. Turner, Natasha Mikus, Ryan Mikus

Board Vice President, Mr. Kite called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with the recitation of the pledge of allegiance led by Mr. Doss. Ms. Harris arrived at 7:10 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 11, 2010 Regular Meeting and the June 11, 2010 Memorandum of Executive Session
- Approval of Claims in the amount of \$2,124,612.41
- Approval of the Human Resources Report containing: Certified Personnel – Ten New Appointments (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13); and One Temporary to Regular Contract (1); - Classified Personnel – Two Reductions in Force (7), (8); One Resignation (65); and Two Retirements (13), (14).
- Approval or Acceptance of Non-competitive Grants, Gifts and Donations: There were no non-competitive grants or donations presented for the Board's approval.

Mr. Dzwonar moved approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Dr. Mervilde asked Natasha Mikus to join him at the podium and introduced her to the Board. Mrs. Mikus has accepted the position of Assistant Principal at Eastwood Middle School.

Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Mervilde and Mr. Kite attended the GED Graduation. A list of Fall School visits was passed out to the Board for review and assignment. Dr. Mervilde attended the Title I Summer School being held at Greenbriar Elementary and will attend the ENL Summer Program at Nora Elementary tomorrow. The District is providing approximately 300 breakfasts and lunches daily over the summer to students (and others who qualify) at an apartment complex through the Lugar Summer Food Service Program. The next School Board Meeting will be held on July 14, 2010.

Comments From the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Action Items

1. Approval of Consulting Contract with Educational Services Company – Mr. Licata

This Agreement would allow Educational Services Company to perform consulting services for the District on an as needed basis. The contract will be effective July 15, 2010 through July 15, 2012 and can be terminated by either party upon 30 days written notice. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

Mr. Dzwonar moved approval of a contract with Educational Services Company as presented. Mr. Kite seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

2. Recommendation to Approve Extension of Connect-Ed Telephone Notification Agreement – Mr. Licata

Connect-Ed is the system used by the School District to notify all parents, students and staff about emergencies, school closings, school events and much more. The Connect-Ed System also allows called to be placed in Spanish and other languages. This has been a valuable tool for the District with over 300,000 calls being placed in the last year.

Mr. Kite moved approval of the Connect-Ed Agreement extension as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

3. Approval of Technology Lease Agreement – Mr. Licata

Mr. Licata asked the Board for approval of the Lease Agreement documents for Technology updates. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

Mr. Dzwonar moved approval of the Technology Lease Agreement documents as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

4. Second Reading and Adoption of New Policies 5111 and 6150 – Dr. Mervilde

Dr. Mervilde offered one change to the published policies and noted several typographical and stylistic changes suggested by the Board. Dr. Mervilde will talk with Dr. Woodson and the Attorney about those changes and share the final version with the Board prior to submission to NEOLA for publication. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

Mr. Dzwonar moved approval of second reading and adoption of policies 5111 and 6150 as presented. Mr. Kite seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

5. Approval of AVID Contract – Dr. Ewing

The AVID Implementation Agreement is an annual agreement between the District and the AVID Center that allows the three middle schools and high school to continue offering the AVID Program during the next school year. The annual membership/license fee is \$3,100 per school for a total of \$12,400. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

Mr. Kite moved approval of the AVID Implementation Agreement in the amount of \$12,400 as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Information Items

1. Special Recognition – Ms. Harris

The completion of Mr. Wright and Mr. Kite's four-year terms on the Board were recognized as was Mr. Kite's re-election to a new term and his service as President for two years.

2. ISTEP Report – Dr. Ewing

The spring ISTEP+ results were released in June. Overall 72.75% of students in grades 3-8 passed the English Language Arts portion of ISTEP+ and 76.61% passed Mathematics. These percentages are approximately two percent higher than the 2009 passing rates of 70.84% in English Language Arts and 74.30% in mathematics. The percentage of students passing both English Language Arts and Mathematics in 2010 is 65.28% compared to 63.48% in 2009. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

3. Strategic Plan Progress Report – Dr. Mervilde

Dr. Mervilde gave a Strategic Plan Progress Report via Power Point. The Board had questions. Discussion took place. The Power Point and discussion can be accessed on the district's website at <http://www.msdtw.k12.in.us/board/file.html>

4. Open Board Discussion and Liaison Reports – Board Members

Mr. Kite greatly appreciated visiting the ENL Summer School and the ENL Academy. It was great to see so many teachers present and actively engaged at the ENL Academy.

Mr. Dzwonar attended the ISBA/School Superintendents and School Business Officials Budget Seminar last week and noted that, while a scenario was presented where further cuts to state funding may not be required, the general recommendation was that districts plan on additional cuts similar in size to this year.

The Indiana School Boards Association has asked Ms. Harris to serve on a panel for Incoming School Board Presidents at an upcoming meeting.

Dr. Mervilde told the Board that the EEOC complaint that was filed against the District has been dismissed. He gave the Board a report of the Dismissal and Notice of Rights.

Mr. Kite reminded all Board Members to review next year's upcoming Board Meeting schedule and give any conflicts to Mrs. Sutton. The Board will adopt the meeting schedule at the July 14th Re-Organization Meeting.

The Board also discussed the scheduling of Fall School Visits.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Dzwonar moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Mr. Kite seconded. The motion passed 4-0.