

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

Regular Meeting, November 23, 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, Dr. Ewing, Dr. Farrell, Mr. Licata, Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. Smith, Dr. Woodson, Kathy Rieke, Eli Curleton, Emma Sterry, Maddie Burdick

Mr. Dzwonar called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 pm 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 November 10, 2010 Regular Minutes and the November 10, 2010 Memorandum of Executive Session
- Approval of Claims in the amount of \$4,002,580.05
- Approval of the Human Resources Report containing: Certified Personnel –One Maternity Leave (13); One Retirement (5); and One Resignation (5). - Classified Personnel – Six New Appointments (66), (67), (68) (69), (70), (71); and One Resignation (96) and an Addendum to the Human Resources Report containing One New Appointment (49).
- 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 moved approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Kite seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Mervilde noted that the Addendum to the Human Resources Report was for the replacement of Dr. Doreen Rogers who was over the LPN Program at the J. Everett Light Career Center. He also noted that Ms. Sylvia Lane will retire at the end of the school year. Dr. Mervilde attended a reception for retirees at North Central High School prior to opening night of Beauty and the Beast. He thought the play was a great production.

The Madrigal Feast will be held on Friday, December 3rd and 4th, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at Pilgrim Church.

Dr. Mervilde noted that today was Mr. Kite's 50th birthday and wished everyone in attendance a great Thanksgiving.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Action Items

1. Approval of Contract for Youth Initiative with the Indianapolis Private Industry Council – Mr. Licata

This initiative would target 120 youth. The students would attend a five week GED session with the goal being to get the students prepared to take their GED. For students who qualify for this program with a high number of high school credits, MSD of Washington Township can also offer a Credit Recovery Program. If a student only needs a few credits to earn their diploma they would be steered toward this program as an alternative to the GED. The Board had questions. Discussion took place. The full report and discussion can be accessed on the District's website at www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/mini/html

Mrs. Spann Roddy moved approval of the Contract for Youth Initiative with the Indianapolis Private Industry Council as presented. Mr. Kite seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

2. Approval of Middle School Math – Math and Science Partnership Grant – Mrs. Rieke

Mrs. Reike reported that the grade 6-8 Math Partnership between MSD of Washington Township and the Mathematics Departments at Purdue University and IUPUI provides an opportunity to build on a collaborative effort that has existed in both science and mathematics since 2001. Goals for the partnership are to improve algebra readiness education provided by teachers and administrators working with middle school students. This additional education will help develop mathematics skills in students prior to high school which will significantly increase the passing rates of students on the Algebra I Graduation Exam. The estimated budget is \$400,000 over three years. The Board had questions. Discussion took place. The full report and discussion can be accessed on the District's website at www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/mini/html

Mr. Kite moved approval to submit the Middle School Math and Science Partnership Grant as presented. Mr. Turner seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

3. Approval of Elementary School Science – Math and Science Partnership Grant – Mrs. Reike

The grade 3-5 Science partnership between the MSD of Washington Township and the Biology Department and Science Education Department at Purdue University provides an opportunity to build on a collaborative effort that has existed in both science and mathematics since 1997. Goals for the partnership are to improve and upgrade the status and stature of science readiness in grades 3-5 through the establishment of a research-based inquiry model, including a comprehensive, professional development program of recruiting and retention, continual training and advising of teachers. The estimated budget is \$400,000 over three years. The Board had questions. Discussion took place. The full report and discussion can be accessed on the District's website at www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/mini/html

Mr. Kite moved approval to submit the Elementary School Science Math and Science Partnership Grant as presented. Ms. Harris seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

4. First Reading of Policy – 2000 Series – Dr. Woodson

In order to review the 2000 Series Policies the Board received the information in advance of the meeting. Dr. Woodson reviewed each Policy that will require changes from the Board. The Board had questions. Discussion took place. Board Members will submit their policy questions to Mrs. Spann Roddy and Mr. Turner. The Board will be asked to approve and adopt the changes in the 2000 series at the December 15, 2010 School Board Meeting. The full report and discussion can be accessed on the District's website at www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/mini/html

Information Items/Board Discussion

1. From Their Perspective Shadowing Secondary Students – Dr. Woodson

Dr. Woodson shadowed a student from each middle school, the high school and the J. Everett Light Career Center in order to get a perspective of a student's day through their eyes. Her presentation was engaging and thought provoking. The full report can be accessed on the District's website at www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/mini/html

2. Public Law 221 and District Improvement Planning Process – Dr. Ewing

The State Board of Education announced final Public Law 221 and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) determinations today. The District did not make AYP in two of 33 categories – Hispanic and Limited English Proficient. As a result of not making AYP, the District will be required to do three things: Notify parents and the public that the District did not make AYP, use 10% of Title I funds for professional development related to curriculum, instruction and formative assessment and develop and implement a District Improvement Plan. The District Improvement Plan will have to be developed over the next three months and submitted to the Indiana Department of Education for approval. The Board had questions. Discussion took place. The full report and discussion can be accessed on the District's website at www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/mini/html

3. Board Discussion and Liaison Reports – Board Members

Ms. Harris (along with all of the other Board Members) attended the Milken Foundation Award Ceremony at Crooked Creek Elementary School. She also attended the Veteran's Day Program at Greenbriar with Mr. Kite. The Foundation Bash was First Class. She was riveted by Dave Carter's presentation. As the Board Liaison she attended the Parent Council meeting where there was interesting feedback received from parents on International Baccalaureate. Parent Council also received an update on the MYP options that will be offered in the middle schools. Dr. Bennett is scheduled to speak to Parent Council in February. Next Tuesday, November 30th Ms. Harris will attend the IB Head Council Meeting.

Mrs. Spann Roddy said the North Central High School production of Beauty and the Beast was fascinating. She was able to get her adult children to attend the play as well. She attended a community meeting with an organization called ICARE regarding graduation rates to see how the community can help with this effort. Mrs. Spann Roddy will continue to meet with this

organization on a regular basis. She and Mr. Turner are currently working on the Superintendent's Evaluation format enhancements which are almost complete. She passed out information to other Board Members on the Vendor Relations Policy and asked if they had questions to please forward those either she or Mr. Turner.

Mr. Turner attended the Fox Hill Elementary Veterans Day activities along with Mr. Kite and Mr. Dzwonar. He thought it was good to see the veterans be recognized by students and families. He also attended the Foundation Bash. Mr. Turner attended his first ever Title I Night at Crooked Creek and said it was encouraging to see how engaged and involved the students and their parents were in the math activities. He attended the GED Graduation at Northview and impressed to see the students achieve a goal and hear their stories. He plans to attend as many of these graduation events as possible.

Mr. Kite also attended the Beauty and the Beast production and said it was wonderful. The Foundation Bash was very well attended and very successful. He also attended the Middle School Task Force Meeting where Mrs. Rieke gave a very good presentation on Title I. Mr. Kite attended the REMS Safety Meeting and said it is very interesting that the REMS Safety group deals with large policy issues along with safety.

Mr. Dzwonar attended the Indiana School Boards Association Meeting on Student Discipline. It was very informative.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Kite moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Mr. Turner seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.