

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

Regular Meeting, March 24, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

Location: H. Dean Evans Community and Education Center

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

Absent: Mr. Wright

Others: Dr. Mervilde, Mrs. Sutton, Mr. Doss, Dr. Ewing, Dr. Farrell, Mrs. Reynolds,  
Mr. Smith, Dr. Woodson, Dudley Miller, Bill Turner, Allyson Smith, Mike  
Kneebone, Matt Whitt

Presiding: Ms. Harris, President

Ms. Harris called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. 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 March 10, 2010 Regular Meeting
- Approval of Claims in the amount of \$3,150,093.90
- Approval of the Human Resources Report containing: Certified Personnel – Two Resignations (9), (10); Classified Personnel – Two New Appointments (125), (126).
- 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. Kite moved approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. The motion passed 4-0.**

Superintendent's Announcements

Congratulations to Coach Doug Mitchell and the North Central High School Boys Basketball team. They defeated Jeffersonville and will go on to play Warsaw in the State Finals at Conseco Fieldhouse.

This will be the last School Board Meeting until April 14<sup>th</sup>. School Board and Administrator school visits are scheduled for Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> to Westlane, Tuesday April 6<sup>th</sup> to Allisonville and Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> to Spring Mill.

The District has surplus Title I money and will now be able to have summer school for about 400 Title I students.

Dr. Mervilde received detailed financial information today related to the new state law allowing a one-time transfer of money between funds to help schools with the Governor's recent reduction in funding. As discussed at the March 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, Dr. Mervilde emphasized

that this new law in no way changes the need to renew the District's funding referendum on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Washington Township Schools will be closed next week (March 29 – April 2) for Spring Break. Board notes will not be published on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Comments From the Public

There were no comments from the public.

### Action Items

1. Adoption of 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 School Year Calendars – Mr. Doss

Mr. Doss recommended that the Board adopt the 2010-2011 and the 2011-2012 school calendar. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

**Mr. Dzwonar made a motion to adopt the 2010-2011 and the 2011-2012 School Year Calendars as presented. Mr. Kite seconded. The motion passed 4-0.**

### Information Items

1. Progress Update on International Baccalaureate – Ms. Smith

Ms. Smith shared a progress update with the Board via Power Point. She talked about the International Baccalaureate authorization process a district has to go through. The total duration of the authorization process is usually two to three years. Teachers and Administrators have participated in two official Level One on-site International Baccalaureate trainings. The third Level One training will be held in May. Funding for International Baccalaureate will come from stimulus money, grants, private donations and partnerships. The Board had questions. Discussion took place. The discussion and the Power Point can be accessed on the District's website at <http://www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/minu.html>

2. Update on Elementary Enrollment Management – Mrs. Reynolds and Dr. Woodson

Mrs. Reynolds updated the Board on the approximately 55 students that are being moved from Nora Elementary to John Strange Elementary. The students spent a morning at John Strange familiarizing themselves with their new school. Parents also visited the school later in the evening with Dr. Mervilde and Mrs. Reynolds answering their questions. The Board had comments. Discussion took place. The discussion can be accessed on the District's website at <http://www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/file.html>

### Board Liaison Reports

Mr. Dzwonar attended the Parent Council meeting. They are already planning for next year. Next month Parent Council will receive a lesson in the Inquiry Method of teaching from Mr. Gulde, the International Baccalaureate Coordinator at North Central High School. Mr. Dzwonar appreciated the Fox Hill School visit - it was a good and informative meeting on the use of data to guide instruction.

Mr. Kite attended the ISBA Regional Meeting with Ms. Harris. A lot of good information was presented at the meeting. He enjoyed speaking with parents and teachers at the Eastwood, Northview and Greenbriar Open Houses. Mr. Kite attended the Great North Run. It was great to see all the families that participated in the event along with Mr. Dzwonar and Ms. Harris. He also attended the Mock Trial that Mrs. Robbins' class at Greenbriar participates in every other year.

Ms. Harris also attended the ISBA Regional Meeting. The information presented was very informative. She and her family are really looking forward to cheering on the North Central Boys basketball team in the State Finals.

### Open Board Discussion

This item has been added to the Agenda in order for Board Members to discuss items and issues of concern in a public meeting where the discussion should be held as opposed to using electronic media.

Mr. Kite asked that the Resolutions that the Board passed related to the Referendum and Tax Neutrality be placed on the District's website where it can be easily accessed. A link to those Resolutions will be placed on the homepage and can be accessed on the District's website at [www.msdt.k12.in.us](http://www.msdt.k12.in.us)

### Adjournment

**There being no further business, Mr. Dzwonar moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Mr. Kite seconded.**