

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

Regular Board Meeting, April 27, 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, Dr. Ewing, Mr. Licata, Mr. Smith, Dr. Woodson, Chris Wood

Presiding: Mr. Dzwonar, President

Mr. Dzwonar called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Smith 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 April 13, 2011 Regular Meeting and the April 13, 2011, and April 16, 2011, and the April 23, 2011 Memoranda of Executive Session.
- Approval of Claims in the amount of \$3,467,738.62.
- Approval of the Human Resources Report containing: Certified Personnel – Two Maternity Leaves (22), (23); Two Resignations (10), (11); and Three New Appointments (1), (2), (3). Classified Personnel – Three Resignations (107), (108), (109); and Two Terminations (10), (11).
- Approval or Acceptance of Non-competitive Grants, Gifts and Donations: There were no non-competitive grants, gifts 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 unanimously 5-0.

Superintendent's Announcements

Congratulations to Dr. Woodson and the three middle school principals. All three middle schools received a national School's To Watch Award. Ceremonies were held at each of the middle schools.

On Tuesday May 4th Project Einstein will have photo exhibit in the lobby at North Central High School. This event will showcase the lives of North Central High School Burmese students.

The Employee Recognition Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 5th in the Performance Classroom at North Central High School. A reception will be hosted in the lobby by the Natatorium prior to the ceremony.

Personal Best Awards Ceremonies also begin the first week in May. The District has completed its second day of online ISTEP testing. There have been some significant outages in Internet services for some districts taking the test. However, Washington Township has not had any of those outages.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Action Items

1. Recommendation to Approve Contract for Nora Elementary School Roof Replacement – Mr. Smith

As legally advertised, bids for the roof replacement at Nora Elementary School were opened and read aloud on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the H. Dean Evans Community and Education Center. Six contractors submitted bids. The scope of work is to remove and replace over 97,268 square feet of roof with a build up roof system. Arrow Roofing was the lowest bidder, but has submitted a letter requesting to withdraw their bid because of a significant mathematical error. Mr. Smith recommended that the Board award a contract for Nora Elementary School roof replacement to Skyline Roofing and Sheet Metal Company in the amount of \$1,415,320 as the lowest, responsive bidder. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

Mr. Kite moved approval to award a contract to Skyline Roofing and Sheet Metal Company in the amount of \$1,415,320 as presented. Ms. Harris seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

2. Recommendation to Approve Student Lunch Price Adjustments – Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith reported that effective July 1, 2011, school districts that participate in the National School Lunch Program will be required to provide the same level of support for lunches served to students who are not eligible for free and reduced price lunches as they are for students who are eligible for free and reduced lunches. Current Federal support for a free student lunch is \$2.74. The Federal support for a paid student lunch is \$0.28. The legislation requires the paid lunch price to be no less than the difference between the two Federal support levels. Mr. Smith recommended that both elementary and secondary paid student lunch prices be increased by \$0.15 for the 2011-2012 school year and an additional \$0.10 for the 2012-2013 school year. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

Mr. Turner moved approval of Student Lunch Price Adjustments as presented. Mrs. Spann Roddy seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Information Items/Board Discussion

1. First Quarter Financial Report

Mr. Licata gave the First Quarter Financial Report, going over the General Fund Revenues and gave a monthly recap of other taxable funds. The Board had questions. Discussion took place.

2. Preliminary Discussion of the Transportation Fund Needs – Mr. Licata

Mr. Licata stated that the Transportation fund is getting harder to maintain primarily due to the rising cost of diesel fuel. His report addressed rising fuel costs, state-limited revenue increases and

athletic field trips all of which have a significant impact on the Transportation Fund. Some solutions that are being discussed are reducing late runs, reducing field trips that will not be paid for by fee, limiting travel to certain athletic events and/or charging students a participation fee to cover transportation costs. Approximately half of the surrounding school districts already have such a participation fee. The Administration is still evaluating options and will bring a plan to the Board in the near future. The Board had questions. Discussion took place. The full discussion can be accessed on the District's website at www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/minu.html

3. Everything We Know About Full Day Kindergarten Funding – Mr. Licata

The Full Day Kindergarten Grant (FDKG) is a State grant funded by the General Assembly to help school districts cover some – but not all - of the costs of providing full-day kindergarten. Washington Township receives partial funding for the FDKG in the amount of \$1,030. Based on the Governor's recent announcement, many patrons were left with the impression that Indiana's public schools would now have enough new funds to offer full day kindergarten for every student at no extra charge. This is not accurate information. The new State funds in the FDKG will result in approximately a 2% increase in the amount MSDWT receives next year. Given the current number of students using the FDKG statewide, this would result in an increase of \$20 per student enrolled in FDK in MSDWT. As a result, the District plans to continue to offer FDK in the 2011-12 school year for a fee of \$2,250 plus a \$100 nonrefundable application fee, for a total of \$2,350. The Board had questions. Discussion took place. The full discussion can be accessed on the District's website at www.msdt.k12.in.us/board/minu.html

4. Board Discussion and Liaison Reports – Board Members

Ms. Harris stated that all School Board Members attended all three Schools to Watch Awards Ceremonies. It was wonderful and inspiring to hear students speak at those events. At the Parent Council Meeting last week, parents received a great presentation on Challenge Day activities which generated a lot of interest with parents interested in finding funding to offer the program again in the future. Ms. Harris also shared with Parent Council an update on the Superintendent Search. She also attended the last meeting of the year for the IB Head Council and reported that it may increase the size of its membership next year.

Mr. Turner said the Schools To Watch ceremonies were wonderful. He was amazed at how the students at each school were moved in out of the auditoriums with great precision. .

Mr. Kite also enjoyed the Middle Schools To Watch ceremonies and commented that the student speakers were incredible. On April 14th Mr. Kite attended the REMS Safety Meeting. One of the things discussed at that meeting was to provide the Board with a short report. On April 22nd Mr. Kite attended the North Central High School production of "*Fools*." He said it was a great production, the high school actors did a great job and offered kudos to the North Central High School Drama Department for another great production.

Mr. Dzwonar gave an update on the Superintendent's Search process. He said it has been his great pleasure to work –for many, many hours - with the other members of the Board on this effort. A Special Meeting to announce the new Superintendent of Schools for Washington Township will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community and Education Center.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mrs. Spann Roddy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Mr. Turner seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.