

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday, May 15, 2001



The Board of School Trustees of the North Knox School Corporation conducted its regular meeting at the North Knox School Corporation Administration Building which is located on Highway 159, Bicknell, Indiana, on Tuesday, May 15, 2001, at 7:30 p.m. The following members of the board were present:

Mr. Mike Held, President
Mr. Gary Byrer, Vice-President
Mr. Frank Hall, Secretary
Mr. Rowe Sargent, Member
Mr. Dave Anderson, Member

Showcase - Juli Lorig introduced members of the Show Choir. Members of the choir spoke of their experiences during their trip to Virginia Beach, Williamsburg, their cruise on the Chesapeake Bay, Bush Gardens and their actual competition. Juli Lorig displayed the first place trophy they received for their competition level and overall winner trophy. Mrs. Lorig and Show Choir members thanked board members for allowing them the opportunity to travel to Virginia Beach and compete.

Business of Citizens Present - Lisa Lehman spoke to members of the board about rumors she has heard about Mrs. Ainsworth's contract not being renewed for next school year. She stated she would love to have Mrs. Ainsworth back next year and could not express enough how much she has meant to her family. Amanda Lehman, a fifth grade student at Central Elementary, also spoke in praise of Mrs. Ainsworth and how much she has helped her this school year. Troy Stubbs spoke about his concern that his child missed being on the honor roll at Central Elementary due to the grade she was given by the substitute teacher in penmanship. He also spoke about concerns regarding supervision on the playground and stated his child is being picked on by another child but she is the one being punished. Superintendent Lavery stated he would look into the matter.

Board Comments/Correspondence - Mr. Lavery read a Thank You note from the teachers at West Elementary for the teacher appreciation gifts.

Minutes of April 17, 2001, Board Meeting - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Byrer, seconded by Mr. Hall, the board voted and the motion carried to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2001, board meeting.

Financial Statement - Mr. Held read the financial report for the month of April.

Claims - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Sargent, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board voted and the motion carried to approve and authorize payment of the claims as presented. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Byrer, the board voted and the motion carried to approve bills up to \$17,392.00 to Fred Dillon for work on the baseball dugouts.

Extension of Absence - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Byrer, seconded by Mr. Sargent, the board voted and the motion carried to extend the medical leave of Rita Goodman through the end of the school year.

Extension of Contract - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board voted and the motion carried to extend the contract of Carol Lavery to June 1 and allow Suellen Reedy to work through June 1. As part of this same action, members of the board also approved extending Carol Lavery's contract for the next school year to 187 days.

Employment of School Psychologist - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Sargent, seconded by Mr. Byrer, the board voted and the motion carried to employ Barbara Gwinn as half-time School Psychologist for the 2001-02 school year and to pay half her salary and benefits. It was noted Ms. Gwinn will split her time between North Knox and South Knox.

Employment of Driver's Education Instructor - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board voted and the motion carried to employ Rick Marshall as a drivers education instructor.

Retirement of Secretary/Bookkeeper - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Byrer, the board voted and the motion carried to accept the retirement of Janice Hulen effective May 31, 2001.

Reading Recovery Grant - Superintendent Lavery presented to members of the board a reading recovery grant which, if approved, would allow us to hire an additional reading recovery teacher. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Sargent, seconded by Mr. Hall, the board voted and the motion carried to authorize the superintendent to apply for a reading recovery grant.

Resolution and Contracts for Refinancing - Jeff Qualkenbush of Barnes and Thornburg presented a resolution and David Wimmer presented the status of the sale of the bonds to members of the board. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Byrer, the board voted and the motion carried to approve the resolution and contracts as presented.

2001-07 Reading/Handwriting Textbook Adoption - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Byrer, the board voted and the motion carried to approve/adopt McGraw Hill Reading/Handwriting textbooks as presented by Barbara Singleton and Tonya Scott.

Volleyball Camp - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Sargent, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board voted and the motion carried to approve Jill Doades conducting a volleyball camp 4 hours per day during the week of July 16, 2001.

High Tech School Grant, \$300,000 - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Byrer, seconded by Mr. Sargent, the board voted and the motion carried to accept a \$300,000 grant from the state for technology upgrading and training.

Surplus Equipment - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Sargent, seconded by Mr. Hall, the board voted and the motion carried to declare the track equipment as presented and piano as surplus. As part of this same action, members of the board approved donating a refrigerator to the scholarship fund.

Summer Basketball Programs - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Byrer, seconded by Mr. Hall, the board voted and the motion carried to approve girls and boys summer basketball camps for Rick Marshall and Mark Dillon.

Request for Approval to Seek Information and Cost Figures for School Corporation Projects and/or Improvements - Mr. Lavery stated he had talked to different companies concerning miscellaneous projects for North Knox. He continued by stating he was requesting permission to obtain costs for various projects in order to see where we would stand financially. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Byrer, the board voted and the motion carried to authorize the superintendent to secure cost figures.

Junior High Student Handbook - Superintendent Lavery presented the junior high student handbook with noted changes. He stated it would be presented for

approval at the next meeting.

Elementary Student Handbook - Superintendent Lavery presented the elementary student handbook. He stated it would be presented for approval at the next meeting.

Cost of Fuel - Superintendent Lavery presented a survey of area school corporations and how they are handling the increased cost of fuel for bus drivers.

State Budget - Superintendent Lavery presented the budget forecast for the next two years.

Update on Baseball Field - Superintendent Lavery stated work on the dugouts is currently underway.

Nurse Policy in Reference to Medication - Superintendent Lavery presented a medication policy and new rules for administering medicine.

ISTEP Report - Superintendent Lavery presented the results of ISTEP retesting.

Building Level Reports - Each principal gave a brief report as to the activities occurring within their respective building.

Next Meeting Date - Mr. Held stated the next regular meeting would be held on June 19, 2001, at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment - Mr. Held adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m., with an announcement that an executive session would immediately follow.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
NORTH KNOX SCHOOL CORPORATION

Memorandum of Executive Session
Tuesday, May 15, 2001

The Board of School Trustees of the North Knox School Corporation conducted an executive session at the Administration Building which is located on Highway 159, Bicknell, Indiana, on Tuesday, May 15, 2001 at 9:50 p.m. The following members of the board were present:

Mr. Mike Held, President
Mr. Gary Byrer, Vice-President
Mr. Frank Hall, Secretary
Mr. Rowe Sargent, Member
Mr. Dave Anderson, Member

This executive session was held to discuss the job performance evaluation of individual employees in accordance with Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6 (a) (8) and adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

The Board of School Trustees did not discuss any subject matter in this executive session other than the subject matter above set forth which was specified in the public notice of this executive session.