

Minutes of Meeting Monday, November 20, 2000



The Board of School Trustees of the North Knox School Corporation conducted its regular meeting at the Administration Building which is located on Highway 159, Bicknell, Indiana, on Monday, November 20, 2000, 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 - Superintendent Lavery stated tonight the showcase was the Reading Recovery Program at Central Elementary. Penny Jones and Amy Sloan gave a brief presentation on Reading Recovery.

Minutes of October 17 and November 8, 2000, Board Meetings - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board voted and the motion carried to approve the minutes of the October 17 and November 8, 2000, board meetings.

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

Approval of Claims and Authorization for Payment - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Sargent, seconded by Mr. Byrer, the board voted and the motion carried to approve and authorize payment of the claims as presented.

Pre-Payment to Summer Band Workers - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Byrer, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board voted and the motion carried to authorize payment to Elizabeth Mundy and Missy Kline at the rate of \$5.00 as summer band workers.

Eighth Grade Girls Basketball Coach - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Sargent, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board voted and the motion carried to employ Charlene Grove as eighth grade girls basketball coach for the 2000-01 school year.

Resignation/Retirement of High School Teacher - 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 resignation/retirement of Daryl Harris as a high school social studies teacher.

Appointment of High School Boys Basketball Scorekeeper - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Sargent, the board voted and the motion carried, with Mr. Hall abstaining, to appoint Frank Hall as voluntary varsity boys basketball scorekeeper for the 2000-01 school year.

Nurse Position - Superintendent Lavery informed members of the board that Teresa Stephens accepted the additional hours and withdrew her resignation.

Human Dignity and Safe Schools Policies - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Sargent, the board voted and the motion carried to adopt the Human Dignity and Safe Schools policies as presented.

Textbook Adoption Committee for Reading and Handwriting - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Sargent, seconded by Mr. Byrer, the board voted and the motion carried to approve the attached list of persons to serve on the textbook adoption committee.

Quotes on Wide Area Network Project - Superintendent Lavery stated he had received two quotes on external and internal equipment for wireless hookup. The quotes received for the external equipment were from MPI in the amount of \$49,539.00 and Vertex in the amount of \$57,520.00. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Byrer, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board voted and the motion carried to accept the quote from MPI in the amount of \$49,539.00 for external equipment. Superintendent Lavery presented quotes from Matrix in the amount of \$29,969.00 and Advanced Micro in the amount of \$28,500.00 for internal equipment. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Sargent, seconded by Mr. Byrer, the board voted and the motion carried to accept the quote from Advanced Micro in the amount of \$28,500.00. Superintendent Lavery stated funds will come from Capital Projects, Connect 2000 Grant and Tech Prep for training in addition to a library grant.

Change in Standards for Substitute Teachers - Superintendent Lavery stated there is a shortage of teachers and administrators and it is getting extremely hard to get substitute teachers. The current requirements state persons must have 60 credit hours of college to substitute. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Sargent, seconded by Mr. Byrer, the board voted and the motion carried to waive the 60 credit hour requirement to obtain a substitute teacher certificate. Superintendent Lavery noted if a time came when he felt the 60 credit hour requirement should be reinstated, he would make that recommendation to the board.

Increase in Rate for Extra-Curricular Bus Drivers - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board voted and the motion carried to approve raising the rate for extra-curricular bus drivers to \$8.00 per hour with a minimum payment of \$25.00 for trips which run from 1-3 hours effective January 1, 2001. Superintendent Lavery noted the schools will pay for the drivers and the school corporation will pick up the gas for athletic and field trips.

Agreement with Vincennes University - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Sargent, seconded by Mr. Byrer, the board voted and the motion carried to authorize the superintendent to sign an agreement with Vincennes University which would allow students to receive college credit for Excel, American History I and II, English Comp. I and II, Trigonometry and Finite Math. Superintendent Lavery noted these classes are currently being taught now.

High School Soccer Program - Superintendent Lavery read a letter concerning the high school soccer program. Statistics from the past program were presented, the past roster and a schedule of teams were discussed along with the pros and cons of forming a soccer team at the high school. Also discussed were the dates for IHSAA practices and program timelines and IHSAA practice rules. The location of a field was discussed and the possibility of using the baseball field. Superintendent Lavery stated he would look into the minimum and maximum number of games to be played, he would talk to the football coach, look into charging fees for spectators and using the baseball field for games and the field behind the corporation office for practice. It was also noted that it would be necessary to check the schedule to make sure there would be enough teams to play. Superintendent Lavery ended the discussion by stating there would be a recommendation at the December meeting as to the starting or stopping of the soccer program.

Use of Corporation-Owned Buses for School Sponsored Activities - Superintendent Lavery presented a request from the Post Prom Committee to use corporation buses for their post prom activities at the IU Sports Complex. The committee was encouraged to contact contracted drivers and negotiate a fee if they would consider driving the trip to IU. Superintendent Lavery stated since school employees are not affiliated with the post prom group, it is not a school sanctioned activity and the school cannot be responsible for drivers and the use of corporation buses.

Letter from Midwestern Engineers - Superintendent Lavery read a letter from Midwestern Engineers regarding water flow and permits. The letter stated the planned 3,000 gallon plant will be more than adequate to handle the present flow and any additional growth in the future.

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 meeting would be held on December 18, 2000, at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment - Mr. Held adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m., with an announcement that an executive session would immediately follow.

NORTH KNOX SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

The Board of School Trustees of the North Knox School Corporation conducted an executive session, prior to the public meeting, at the Administration Building which is located on Highway 159, Bicknell, Indiana, on Monday, November 20, 2000 at 9:15 p.m. The following members of the board were present:

Mr. Mike Held, President
Mr. Gary Byrer, Vice-President
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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 11:45 p.m.

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

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