

Minutes of Meeting Monday, March 18, 2002



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 Monday, March 18, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. The following members of the board were present:

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

Rev. John Lee of the Oaktown Church of Christ gave a brief prayer prior to the start of the meeting.

Business of Citizens Present - Brian Stephens spoke to members of the board regarding summer drivers education. He stated he had heard that instructors would not be allowed to take the driver's education cars home this year and students would have to be taken and picked up at the high school instead of at their homes. He stated he was concerned whether the students would be returned at their designated times due to the inconvenience to parents taking off work to drop off and pick up students. Mr. Stephens was told the changes in the program were to save money. He asked to see where the savings would be generated from as compared to last year.

Minutes of February 18, 2002 Board Meeting - Upon the motion of Mr. Held, seconded by Mr. Hall, the board voted and the motion carried to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2002, board meeting.

Financial/Claims Report - Upon the motion of Mr. Sargent, seconded by Mr. Hall, the board voted and the motion carried to approve the financial report and claims as presented.

Employment of Homebound Instructor - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Sargent, the board voted and the motion carried to employ Leigha Singleton as homebound instructor for Sarah Kaiser for two 2 1/2 hour sessions per week.

Approval of Maternity Leave - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Yagle, the board voted and the motion carried to approve a maternity leave for Shannon Johnson beginning February 19, 2002, until she is released from the doctor.

Employment of Temporary 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 employ Brett Munden as a temporary teacher to replace Shannon Johnson while she is on maternity leave.

Resignation of School Psychologist - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Held, seconded by Mr. Hall, the board voted and the motion carried to accept the resignation of Yvonne Porter as School Psychologist.

Approval of Volunteer Golf Coaches - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Yagle, seconded by Mr. Sargent, the board voted and the motion carried to approve John McClure, George Easton and Max Nickless as volunteer golf coaches.

Approval of Volunteer Track Coach - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Sargent, seconded by Mr. Hall, the board voted and the motion carried to approve Jarrett Ford as a volunteer track coach.

Appointment to Bicknell-Vigo Township Public Library Board - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Held, seconded by Mr. Hall, the board voted and the motion carried to appoint C. Thomas Houghland to the Bicknell-Vigo Township Library Board.

Approval of Contract for Library Services Technology Act - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Yagle, the board voted and the motion carried to approve the contract for the Library Services Technology Act.

Request to Declare Baseball Equipment Obsolete - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Sargent, seconded by Mr. Hall, the board voted and the motion to declare the baseball equipment obsolete and to donate it to area youth baseball programs.

Approval of Bus Driver Application Form - Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lavery and a motion of Mr. Held, seconded by Mr. Sargent, the board voted and the motion carried to approve the Bus Driver Application Form as presented.

Hearing on Budget, Capital Projects Fund and Bus Replacement Project - Mr. Byrer stated it was time to hold the public hearing on the 2002-03 Budget, Capital Projects Fund and Bus Replacement Project. There were no comments or questions and Mr. Byrer closed the public hearing.

Community Input and Visits - Superintendent Lavery presented the different ideas which were expressed during the visits to each town concerning the proposed restructuring of the school system. Some of the items which came from the meetings included: (1) Are we looking at the cost for a new building? (2) The Board needs to remember it is their responsibility to find better ways to educate the kids when weeding out the different ideas. (3) After meeting with Administrators, present the findings from this meeting. (4) The School Corporation needs to get figures on what restructuring would cost. (5) Survey teacher's comments as to why or why we should not make changes. (6) Conduct a parent survey on the internet or paper.

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

Next Meeting Date - Mr. Byrer stated a special meeting would be held on March 28, 2002, at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment - Mr. Byrer adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m., with an announcement that an executive session would immediately follow.

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