

MINUTES OF
EXECUTIVE SESSION
REGULAR MEETING
BOND 1028 PUBLIC HEARING
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
September 21, 2021

On Tuesday, September 21, 2021, the Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County, Angola, Indiana, met in executive session at the F. K. McCutchan Administrative Center 2nd floor board room, starting at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Mr. Cory Archbold, President; Mr. Kevin Beard, Vice President; Mrs. LeAnn Boots, Secretary; Mr. Brad Gardner, Member; Mr. Mark Ridenour, Member; and Mr. Scott Poor, Member. Absent was Mrs. Becky Maggart, Member. Also present was Dr. Steve Sprunger, Superintendent. Subjects discussed were in accordance with I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1 Collective Bargaining.

The Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County, Angola, Indiana, met in a regular session and public budget hearings at the F. K. McCutchan Administrative Center 2nd floor board room starting at 6:35 p.m. Board members present were Mr. Cory Archbold, President; Mr. Kevin Beard, Vice President; Mrs. LeAnn Boots, Secretary; Mr. Brad Gardner, Member; Mr. Scott Poor, Member; and Mr. Mark Ridenour, Member. Absent was Mrs. Becky Maggart, Member. Also present were Dr. Steve Sprunger, Interim Superintendent; Mrs. Ann Rice, Assistant Superintendent; and Mrs. Wendy Wilson, Administrative Assistant. Twenty-eight people, consisting of twelve administrators, five teachers, two staff, eight patrons, and one member of the media also attended the meeting.

Minutes - Upon the motion of Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Poor, minutes of the August 16, 2021, Executive Session; August 17, 2021, Regular Meeting and Budget Workshop; August 23, 2021, Executive Session; August 24, 2021, Executive Session; August 30, 2021, Executive Session; September 08, 2021 Public Hearing; and September 09, 2021, Executive Session were unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Sprunger asked for a motion to suspend the regular meeting and open the bond public hearings. Upon the motion of Mr. Beard, seconded by Mr. Ridenour the suspension of the regular meeting was unanimously approved by the Board.

Bond 1028 Public Hearing – Issuance of Bonds Resolution – Mr. Archbold opened the public hearing for the Issuance of Bonds Resolution. Mr. Qualkinbush explained the bond resolutions process. Mr. Archbold asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

Bond 1028 Public Hearing – Issuance of Bonds Appropriation Resolution – Mr. Archbold opened the public hearing for the Issuance of Bonds Appropriation Resolution. There was no public comment. Upon the motion of Mr. Ridenour, seconded by Mr. Beard the Bond 1028 Issuance of Bonds Resolution Public Hearing and Bond 1028 Issuance of Bonds Appropriation Resolution Public Hearing was unanimously closed and approved the resolutions by the Board.

Budget Public Hearings – Capital Projects Plan – Mr. Archbold opened the public hearing for the Capital Projects Plan. Mrs. Eagleson explained the Capital Projects Plan and was directed by Mr. Archbold to go on to the Bus Replacement Plan. Mrs. Eagleson explained the Bus Replacement Plan and was directed by Mr. Archbold to go on to the Education Fund, Operations Fund, Debt Service Fund, Pension Bond Fund, & Rainy Day Fund. Mrs. Eagleson explained the remaining funds.

Budget Public Hearings – Bus Replacement Plan –

Budget Public Hearings – Education Fund, Operations Fund, Debt Service Fund, Pension Bond Fund, & Rainy Day Fund – Mr. Poor thanked Mrs. Eagleson for her explanations. Mr. Archbold asked if the state might tweak the 45%. Mrs. Eagleson responded that no change as of this date. Mr. Archbold opened for public comments. A patron asked how much money the district receives from the state and how much from the government. Mrs. Eagleson responded that government funds only come as grants and the state funds at eighteen million. Mr. Archbold asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Upon the motion of Mr. Ridenour, seconded by Mrs. Boots the Capital Projects Plan, Bus Replacement Plan, Education Fund, Operations Fund, Debt Service Fund,

Pension Bond Fund, and Rainy Day Fund Budget Public Hearings were unanimously closed by the Board.

Mr. Archold reopened the regular meeting.

Claims – Upon the motion of Mrs. Boots, seconded by Mr. Poor, the following claims were unanimously ordered paid by the Board.

Education Fund (0101)	\$1,209,865.50
Operations Fund (0300).....	921,373.27
Food Service (0800/8400)	52,890.20
Textbook Rental (0901-0903)	34,837.75
After School Child Care (1650)	1,377.35
Misc. Donations (2000).....	490.87
Computer Consortium (Common Sch) (3190-3199)...	2,173.12
Secured School Safety Grant (3270-3279)	4,744.42
EOC (3320-3321)	18,180.07
Non-English Speaking Program (3710-3719).....	4,098.82
High Ability (GT) (3760-3769)	2,510.37
State Connectivity Grant (3780).....	9,534.86
Title I (4100-4190)	40,328.84
Title IV Part A/SSAE (5810-5820).....	1,343.39
Title II/Pt A/Teacher Quality (6840-6849).....	27,521.70
Title III/English Language (6880-6889)	142.77
Esser II (7931).....	26,351.36
Education Stabilization Relief (7941)	4,435.57
Esser II (7950).....	102,947.07
Payroll Withholdings (9000-9999).....	179,312.86
Grand Total.....	<u>\$2,644,460.16</u>

Payroll No. 24	08-20-21
Payroll No. 01	09-03-21
Payroll No 02	09-20-21

Health Occupations Education Contract Renewal – Dr. Sprunger asked approval to renew the Health Occupations Education Agreement between Cameron Hospital and MSD of Steuben County. Upon the motion of Mr. Beard, and seconded by Mrs. Boots, the Health Occupations Education Agreement was unanimously approved.

Board Policy #5200 Parent/Student Technology Acceptable Use Policy – First Reading – Mrs. Manahan presented the proposed updates to Board Policy #5200 Parent/Student Technology Acceptable Use Policy. A change in Indiana Code prompted revisions to policy 5200, Parent and

Student Acceptable Use Policy. Legislators wanted specifics on filtering and consequences for misbehavior to be added. Our revision also showed us we needed to make some changes to reflect the new reality of digital learning. It is no longer "if devices go home" or "in the event of eLearning days," as those are now a part of our reality. This is the first reading and the second reading will be brought back at the October 12, 2021, MSD School Board Meeting.

Added Early Learning Center Child Guidance and Positive Discipline Policy – First and Second Reading – Mrs. Hubbard, Director of the Early Learning Center, presented the proposed updates to the Child Guidance and Positive Discipline Policy. The proposed updates are to comply with preschool licensing requirements. Mrs. Hubbard asked approval to add this to the Early Learning Center Handbook. Upon the motion of Mr. Gardner, and seconded by Mr. Ridenour, the Child Guidance and Positive Discipline Policy was unanimously approved.

Common School Loan Approval – Mrs. Manahan asked approval to apply for the Common School Loan. The purpose of this loan is to continue the technology integration plan district wide. Upon the motion of Mrs. Boots, and seconded by Mr. Beard, the Common School Loan was unanimously approved.

MSD of Steuben County Employee COVID Leave Agreement – Dr. Sprunger recommended approval of the MSD of Steuben County Employee COVID Leave Agreement. This agreement covers all employees for the 2021-2022 school year to help with loss of compensation due to COVID related situations. Upon the motion of Mr. Poor, and seconded by Mrs. Boots, the MSD of Steuben County Employee COVID Leave Agreement was unanimously approved.

YMCA Document of Understanding – Dr. Relue asked approval of the YMCA Document of Understanding. This will allow the local YMCA to provide a childcare program that will operate as a summer day camp program using the Carlin Park facility as well as some of the existing furniture. Upon the motion of Mr. Gardner, and seconded by Mr. Beard, the YMCA Document of Understanding was unanimously approved.

Notification of Out-Of-State Field Trips – Dr. Sprunger reported the board already approved a blanket approval of trips and wanted to let them know the trips planned. Dr. Sprunger reported

the Angola High School Band would be traveling to Toledo, Ohio and Orlando, Florida. Dr.

Sprunger reported Hendry Park and Pleasant Lake would be traveling to Archbold, Ohio.

Future Meetings –

- A. October 12, 2021, 6:30 p.m., Regular Meeting and Budget Adoption, F. K. McCutchan Administrative Center 2nd Floor Board Room
- B. November 16, 2021, 6:30 p.m., Regular Meeting, F. K. McCutchan Administrative Center 2nd Floor Board Room
- C. December 14, 2021, 6:30 p.m., Regular Meeting, F. K. McCutchan Administrative Center 2nd Floor Board Room

Personnel Considerations – The following leaves, resignations, appointments, and other were received:

LEAVES:

Chelsea Alexander, Hendry Park Elementary, Leave of absence starting September 22, 2021, and returning January 03, 2022

Miranda Dominique, Ryan Park Elementary, Leave of absence starting October 15, 2021, and returning January 03, 2022

RESIGNATIONS:

Karen Eagleson, District, Business Manager / Chief Financial Officer

Rosten Hamman, Angola Middle School, Session 2 Summer School

Jean Zdyb, Angola Middle School, Office Assistant

Dawn Robinett, Transportation, Bus Driver

David Moyer, Angola High School, Varsity Softball Coach

Ellen Wilson, Angola High School, Assistant Summer Band Director

Bob Myers, Angola High School, Assistant Fall Drama Director

Bob Myers, Angola High School, Assistant Spring Drama Director

Orry Moughler, Angola Middle School, 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach

Emily Yoder, Carlin Park Elementary, Technology Leadership Cohort

Allison Miller, Pleasant Lake Elementary, Improved Steering Committee Co-Chairperson

Allison Miller, Pleasant Lake Elementary, Yearbook Co-Sponsor

Allison Miller, Pleasant Lake Elementary, Technology Leadership Cohort

Jeannette Huesca, District, English Learning Learner Coordinator

APPOINTMENTS:

Tamara Close, Angola High School, Custodian

Jason Shepherd, Angola High School, Custodian/Maintenance

Manuel Urbina, Angola High School, Custodian

John Garner, Angola High School, Custodian

Christian Ashby, Angola High School, 2020-2021 Brass Instructor

Nora Majors, Angola High School, Assistant Fall Drama Director

Nora Majors, Angola High School, Assistant Spring Drama Director

Andy Thomas, Angola High School, PE/Health Department Chair

Katherine Webber, Angola High School, Spring Gaming Club

Patricia Crim, Angola Middle School, Guidance Counselor

Rebekah Bounds, Angola Middle School, Office Assistant
Tara Wager, Angola Middle School, Office Assistant
Kloie Bromley, Angola Middle School, Alternative School Instructional Assistant
Dave Panning, Angola Middle School, 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
Samreen Kazi, Carlin Park Elementary, Temporary Upper Elementary Teacher
Jody Noll, Carlin Park Elementary, Temporary Primary Elementary Teacher
Mike Wermer, Carlin Park Elementary, Early Learning Center Instructional Assistant
Regina Smith, Carlin Park Elementary, Temporary Custodian and Bus Instructional Assistant
Crystal Johnson, Hendry Park Elementary, Instructional Assistant
Abbey Brommer, Carlin Park Elementary, After School Child Care Assistant
Kate Griffis, Ryan Park Elementary and Carlin Park Elementary, After School Child Care Assistant
Alex Jacoby, Ryan Park Elementary and Carlin Park Elementary, After School Child Care Assistant
Tammi Elwood, District, English Learner Chairperson
Austin Van, Elementary, Special Area Chairperson
Amanda Gick, Transportation, Bus Driver
Katie Snyder, Transportation, Bus Driver
Ashlie Henry, Angola Middle School, Food Service
Lisa Shroyer, Carlin Park Elementary, Food Service

OTHER:

Jean Flint, Hendry Park Elementary, Full-time to Half-time Work Status
Marcella Foster, Angola Middle School, Instructional Assistant Termination

Upon the motion of Mrs. Boots and seconded Mr. Gardner, the Board unanimously approved the above listed leaves, resignations, appointments, and other as presented in the board packet.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Sprunger reported that he is the luckiest man to have the opportunity to lead MSD for the past three months. Dr. Sprunger is confident that the board will be naming a new superintendent in the future and that this is probably his last board meeting. Dr. Sprunger thanked administrators, teachers, and all employees. Dr. Sprunger is pleased with the quality of the MSD Corporation. Dr. Sprunger wished all the best with the new superintendent. Mr. Poor thanked Dr. Sprunger for all he has done for the board. Mr. Archbold thanked Dr. Sprunger for all he has done for MSD.

Board Members Comments – Mr. Poor thanked Mrs. Eagleson for her time with MSD.

Mr. Achbold thanked Mrs. Eagleson for her time. Mrs. Eagleson thanked the board for having her.

Mr. Ridenour thanked Dr. Sprunger for all his help and healing of the school board and he thanked Mrs. Eagleson for her time at MSD.

Patron Comments – Mrs. Fulton thanked Dr. Sprunger on behalf of the ACTA.

Mr. Moore thanked Dr. Sprunger for the openness and transparency.

Mr. Bounds thanked Dr. Sprunger and wished Mrs. Eagleson the best of luck.

A patron asked if this is a way for parents to monitor the content being taught, especially the Social Studies classes for the Critical Race Theory. Dr. Sprunger responded that curriculum and materials are available for anyone to view and recommended to contact the principal or Dr. Relue for the materials.

Mr. Archbold asked Dr. Relue how often the content is approved. Dr. Relue responded that the curriculum is on a six-year cycle and that the law requires 40% of the selection committee must be parents. Parents have a rubric to rate each of the materials.

Mr. Gardner asked if the 40% rotates. Dr. Relue responded the 40% rotates based on teacher recruitment.

Mr. Poor asked what 40% would be how many parents. Dr. Relue responded the committee is usually ten people so four would be parents and the rest teachers.

Mr. Ridenour responded that in the past the public could view the textbooks during the adoption period. Dr. Relue responded that is correct for all adoptions based on schools.


Mr. Beard asked if the textbooks are available in hard back or on line. Dr. Relue responded that it is available both ways and asks the parents to login online for input.

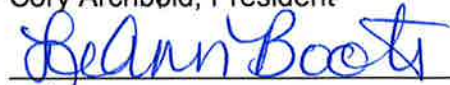
Mrs. Manahan responded that the Math adoption is coming up and looking for parents to be on the committee.

Mrs. Irwin thanked Dr. Sprunger and Mrs. Eagleson for their time at MSD. Mrs. Irwin thanked the board for the renewal of the Cameron Hospital agreement. Mrs. Irwin thanked Mr. Myers for his work with the band.

Adjournment: – Upon the motion of Mr. Beard, seconded by Mr. Poor, the meeting was adjourned

at 7:15 p.m.


Cory Archbold, President


LeAnn Boots, Secretary