

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABASH COUNTY

A meeting of the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Metropolitan School District of Wabash County, Indiana ("School District"), was held at the Administration Building, 204 N. 300 W., Wabash, IN, on February 9, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. (EST), pursuant to notice duly given to all members in accordance with I.C. 20-26-4-1, I.C. 20-26-4-3, I.C. 5-14-1.5 and the rules of the Board.

**MSDWC School Board met in regular session on February 9, 2021, at 6:00 at Central Office. Seating was limited, and attendance was subjected to social distancing guidelines. All members of the public attending to provide comment were accommodated. We continued to livestream the meeting on Facebook Live. The public was able to comment in person or on Facebook Live during the appropriate times.**

Todd Dazey, President, called the meeting to order. Mike Keaffaber, Superintendent, Chris Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent, and Tim Drake, Chief Academic Officer, were present. A roll call of members on the Board were shown to be present as follows: Matt Driscoll, Kevin Bowman, Christian Rosen, Scott Hauptert. Also present were Phil Boone, Jay Snyder, Mike McDivitt, Amber Lewis, Tuck Hopkins, Steve Holley, and Josh Petruniw.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled February 23, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, March 9, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, and March 23, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from Frank & Matthew Driscoll (DBA Driscoll Bros. Farm) for Northfield Girls' Basketball was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$800.00 donation: \$100.00 from Eric Bostwick Earth Works, LLC; \$100.00 from Metzger Insurance, LLC; \$100.00 from Stine Tire; \$500.00 from H & S Metals; all for Southwood High School Prom was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

From Phil Boone, Southwood Elementary Principal, congratulations to 5th grader, Tryston Niccum, and 6th grader, Makenna Hunter, who represented SES in the Kiwanis and Journal-Gazette Spelling Bees on Feb. 2, 2021, at Wabash Middle School. Makenna was the 6th grade overall winner at the Kiwanis Bee that evening. We are proud of their hard work and for the way they represented Southwood Elementary.

Our Little Knights Preschool program recently had our annual rating visit for the Paths to Quality program. We maintained being rated as a Level 3 early childhood education center. During the annual rating process, there's a substantial amount of documentation that has to be submitted for review. The person conducting the rating then came on-site to visit our school and the Little Knights classroom. She observed the students and staff in action to ensure that all Paths to Quality standards for Level 3 were being met. Being rated as a Level 3 center gives our families opportunities to receive additional funding opportunities such as CCDF vouchers or On My Way PreK dollars. A big thank you to Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Correll, Mrs. Dupont, Ms. Arwood, and Mrs. Wright for their work in helping us to achieve this success.

All four robotics teams are faring well in their robotics league competitions up to this point in the year. With one more week of competition to complete before holding the finals, all four SES teams are ranked in the top six spots for both Teamwork Challenge and Skills competitions. Students practice 1-2 hours per week after school, and our coaches (Mrs. Tyson, Mrs. Schmidt, & Mr. Wright) have invested much time and support to the students' efforts as well.

We would like to congratulate 6th grade artist, Avery Henderson, and 5th grade artist, Ella Cunningham. Their artwork was selected from among other entries from their respective grade levels to be on the front cover (Avery H.) and back cover (Ella C.) of our 2020-21 Southwood Elementary yearbook. As a sign to mark the times, each cover is related to the global pandemic that we are all experiencing together. All entries were very well done!

Jay Snyder, Northfield Jr/Sr High School Principal, congratulations to the Lady Norse Varsity Basketball team on winning the TRC this year. This is the 4th TRC championship in a row for the Lady Norse. The Lady Norse also won sectional and will be heading to the regional at Wes-Del on Saturday.

Congratulations to Emma Hoover and Kearston Stout for signing to continue their education and basketball careers at Trine University!

Thank you to first year wrestling head coach Ed Shenefield on a great season. The team placed 7th in the TRC tournament and had wrestlers win at sectional and qualify for regional. Seniors Ethan Galbraith, Logan Cox, and Micah Higgins as well as Junior Jaydan Goshert all qualified for regional. Jaydan Goshert and Micah Higgins will be wrestling at the semi state in Fort Wayne on Saturday.

Andrew McDaniel, Southwood Jr/Sr High School Principal shared that both Northfield High School and Southwood High School received an IHSAA Exemplary Behavior Notification: I wanted to report to the IHSAA and the respective schools that both teams played hard and with great sportsmanship in the first round of Girl's Sectional Play. It is great to work for teams that exhibit great sportsmanship in tournament play. From Official Justin Faw.

Janette Moore, Metro North Elementary Principal shared since November 10, our Metro North third graders have been participating in Indiana's Read to the Final Four, a program sponsored by the NCAA and Indiana Sports Corp that encourages and inspires third graders across our state to read. The main event is an engaging, bracketed reading competition using myOn.

The Read to the Final Four bracket was released this morning recognizing the top 64 schools. With over 300 schools participating, Metro North was proud to see that our third graders were not only in the top 68 schools across the state, but our 45,558 minutes of reading earned us the #8 seed!

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday January 26, 2021, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

Claims were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

Payroll was approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Tricia Barton, Cook, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective February 5, 2021, was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Idris Krhin, Bus Driver, effective January 29, 2021, was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Southwood Spring Coaches: Tonya Boone, Jeff Hobson, and Nick Perlich, all Junior High Track; Heather Hyden, High School Head Track; Larry Vaugh, David Martz, Cary Hammel, and Logan Paris, all Assistant Track, were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Clay Target Coaches: Jeff Springer, Steve Kieninger, and Donald Peterson, were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Mike Keaffaber gave a Covid-19 update and stated numbers are down significantly for our schools. He also reviewed the new guidelines for schools.

Mr. Keaffaber talked a little about House Bill 1005 saying that it does not favor public education.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Tim Drake reviewed the NWEA Data.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the continuation of using the Food2Service Purchasing Cooperative for 2021-2022, was approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the field trip to Swiss Valley Ski Resort, Jones, MI for Northfield Advanced PE class, February 22, 2021 was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Board Policy:

None.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

None.

Items from Board Members:

None.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

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OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

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TODD DAZEY, PRESIDENT

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KEVIN BOWMAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

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SCOTT HAUPERT, BOARD MEMBER

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CHRISTIAN ROSEN, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

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MATT DRISCOLL, SECRETARY