

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 September 22, 2020, 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 September 22, 2020, 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 and Chris Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent were present. Tim Drake, Chief Academic Officer, was absent. A call of roll of members on the Board were shown to be present as follows: Kevin Bowman, and Todd Topliff. Gary Fadil and Matt Driscoll were absent. Also present were Tonya Boone, Mike McDivitt, Joel Martin (Zoom).

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for October 13, 2020, at the Administration Building, October 27, 2020, at the Administration Building, and November 10, 2020, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

There was no public recognition.

Schools Recognition:

Mr. Joel Martin, Principal at Sharp Creek wished to thank the custodial staff of Vernon Mollett and Howard Goshert for continually cleaning and caring for the school building in a professional and efficient manner each day.

He is very thankful for Amber and Kevin Bretzman for taking on the leadership role of the Sharp Creek Robotics program. Thanks go out to Karalyn Brown, Guidance Counselor, for working on "College Go Week" for the students; Pam Campbell and Kelly Ross who lead the K-Kids program. This group's first action was to organize our "College Go Week" dress up days. He recognized the overall positive attitude of the staff who continue to find ways to improve their skills and knowledge with the intent of helping students have success. Finally, he wanted to thank the technology staff for being so wonderful. They have been keeping staff informed, they've had quick response times, efficient fixes, focused desire to do well for students and staff, providing learning opportunities and resources to staff members, etc.

Mr. Martin then reviewed the School Improvement Plan for Sharp Creek.

Mr. Mike McDivitt, Principal at White's Jr/Sr High School recognized Linda Felheim for doing a fantastic job of redesigning our school's daily point sheets to coordinate with White's RFS new Family Teaching Model.

He welcomed their newest staff member, Hannah Napier. He stated she started the new girls transition classroom and has made a positive impact for the student in her first few weeks on the job.

Mr. McDivitt then reviewed the School Improvement Plan for White's Jr/Sr High School.

Mrs. Tonya Boone, Director of the Credit Alternative Recovery Program shared the great strides the CAR program has made. She recognized the members of the CAR Team who work so diligently to engage and connect with students in an online platform. Because of their relentless efforts to monitor student progress and build relationships with students and parents/guardians, we were able to serve over 500 students during the 2019-20 school year. Additionally, we had the privilege of seeing over 97 students receive their high school diploma throughout the 2019-20 school year. Those staff who are key contributors to our program and our students' success are: Jozanna Corn, Kylee Vrooman, Lindsay Lovatto, Kara Guiff, JT Biggs, Amanda Rigney, Wendy Gray, Mark Hewitt, Angie Loschiavo, Cathy Gohmann, Karlan Varner, Jackie Sebesta, and Teresa Updike.

Mr. Keaffaber reported for the other schools not represented at the meeting. Mrs. Janette Moore, Principal at Metro North Elementary, congratulated the Little Norse Preschool for once again sailing through their licensing site visit! Little Norse will continue their standing as a licensed preschool, recognizing our commitment to the level of safety and well-being for our students. All of our preschool staff are licensed teachers and paraprofessionals that participate in relevant and rigorous ongoing professional development, follow the state safety guidelines for preschools, and have been trained in CPR and first aid. As a licensed preschool, our families are able to apply for CCDF vouchers to pay for preschool tuition and makes our preschool eligible for Paths to Quality and On My Way PreK.

Northfield Jr/Sr High School Principal, Jay Snyder, recognized the Lady Norse golf team and Coach McClure for finishing second in sectional play and are headed to Regional for the 2nd year in a row.

Southwood Jr/Sr High School Principal, Andrew McDaniel recognized the Southwood Student Congress and advisors Kari Johnson and Gregg Stetter for their efforts with homecoming last week. Students and staff participated in dress up days. Students also participated in a Powder Puff Football game on Wednesday with C-Team football players providing the cheerleading. After the big football win on Friday night, the students enjoyed a bonfire with snacks provided by Campus Live and Treaty Church of Christ.

Once again, Southwood seniors had the opportunity to paint their parking spaces. A special thank you to Student Congress for coordinating this event. The parking lot is very

colorful! Southwood also congratulated Coach Dave Snyder and the Southwood Gridiron Knights with the Homecoming win. The Knights are #3 in Class A high school football rankings. If the team is able to win this coming Friday against Manchester, we will have swept Wabash County this year.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Minutes of the Tuesday, September 8, 2020, Regular Meeting was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

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

Payroll was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Dr. Kuhn reviewed Operations Fund Estimated and the Education Fund Estimated cash flow for September.

President Todd Dazey, opened the 2021 Budget Hearing.

Dr. Kuhn reviewed the 2021 Budget.

Hearing no questions or comments, Mr. Dazey closed the 2021 Budget Hearing.

Dr. Kuhn asked for a recommendation to approve the Resolution for Appropriation Modification, which was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Amber Bretzman and Kevin Bretzman, Sharp Creek Elementary Robotics Coaches; Marianne Milam, Northfield High School, Assistant Cross-Country Coach, were approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber stated that principals are continuing to communicate with virtual students to keep them engaged. Our numbers of virtual students have decreased from 117 to the lower 60s now, 45% have returned to school.

Now that all students can eat breakfast and lunch at no cost, the number of students eating has risen. On an average there are 77 more students eating breakfast and 156 more eating lunches.

Mr. Keaffaber reviewed the grants we have received, those grants are: Come Back Stronger Grant-\$20,000, School Safety Grant-\$45,000, Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund grant (GEER)-Component 1 \$142,381.17 for student and staff connectivity, Component 2 \$7500 for Train-the Trainer workshops (Digital Leadership Culture, Digital Learning, Social-Emotional Learning), Indiana Online Scholarships-20 enrollments for the two years of the grant. The newest grant is the COPS School Violence Prevention Program. If we spend the full amount of \$460,000, the grant will pay \$345,000. Thanks to Dr. Chris Kuhn for his persistence to continue to apply for this grant to install state of the art intercom and alert systems in our schools. The last grant is the Digital Learning Capacity Building Grant-\$75,000.

Curriculum Report:

In Mr. Drake's absence, Mr. Keaffaber reported. AP Scholars were granted to students who received scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams; 5 students received this award with 2 of the 5 earning a perfect score on at least one exam. AP Scholar with Honors was granted to students who received an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams; two students earned this honor while also earning a perfect score.

Looking ahead we are compiling the number of dual credits earned outside of HCC and AP programs. Those should be available at the next Board Meeting. We added another Vex Robotics team. Our 13 teams are designing and building their robots. The competition format is adjusting to meet health department guidelines. We are wrapping up NWEA testing in grades K-6 over the next week.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the School Improvements Plans that the principals have shared with the Board over the last couple of weeks was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Board Policy:

None.

Items from Board Members:

Todd Dazey thanked the administration and all school staff for all of the kind words and support he and his family have received during the loss of his wife.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

TODD DAZEY, PRESIDENT

KEVIN BOWMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

MATT DRISCOLL, BOARD MEMBER

GARY FADIL, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST: _____
TODD TOPLIFF, SECRETARY