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 Office, 204 N 300 W, Wabash, IN, on January 22, 2019, 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.

Todd Dazey, President, called the meeting to order. Mike Keaffaber, Superintendent, Chris Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent, and Tim Drake, Assistant Superintendent, were also present. On call of the roll the members of the Board were shown to be present as follows: Todd Dazey, Matt Driscoll, Kevin Bowman, Todd Topliff, and Gary Fadil. Also present were: Tim Cooper, Janette Moore, Paul Voigt, Steve Downs, Mark France, Steve Holley, Phil Boone, Landon Topliff, Greg Stetter, Kaitlin Gebby, Josh Sigler, and Cheryl Roser who took the minutes of the meeting.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for February 12, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, February 26, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and March 13, 2019, 5:00 p.m., at the Honeywell Center.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the $263.90 donation from Box Top for Education for Southwood High School’s Reading Counts was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the $100.00 donation from Jacob O’Neil for Northfield’s wrestling mat was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the $750.00 donation from the Wabash Christian Church for Northfield Key Club for helping with the 1812 booth was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the donation of 8 winter coats, 25 hats, and 66 pairs of gloves and mittens (estimated value of $750.00) from Northfield’s Key Club to Metro North Elementary’s coat closet was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the $5,000.00 donation from an anonymous donor, for Southwood High School Athletics was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.
The recommendation to approve the $250.00 donation from Wings, Etc., for Northfield’s Key Club was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

Staff Spotlight:

Sharon Morgan, Special Education Paraprofessional, was nominated by Danielle Knable. Mrs. Knable said she always put students and staff before herself. “She brings a great feeling to the room.”

Schools’ Recognition:

Northfield would like to congratulate Grant Dale for winning the 100 meter backstroke at the recent TRC swim meet and, in doing so, set a new TRC record. Grant also won the 100 meter butterfly and set a new TRC record for that event.

Congratulations to the 102 Southwood Elementary 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students who have completed all requirements of the Community Foundation’s Promise Scholarship Program up to this point in the school year. Each of the students was recognized at the Southwood Varsity Girls Basketball game recently.

Mr. Boone, Southwood Elementary Principal, thanked their custodial and maintenance team members, Teresa and Tony Baker, for their additional work outside in the winter to keep walkways and entrances safe during the winter season. They spent weekend hours clearing snow from the school.

Mrs. Moore, Metro North Elementary Principal, thanked the Northfield Key Club for donating over $700.00 of winter wear for our winter closet. Metro North has a closet for students needing warm coats, mittens, and hats, either for a temporary loan or for those in need. Provided were: 8 winter coats, 25 hats, and 66 gloves/mittens.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Minutes of the Tuesday, January 8, 2019, Board of Finance Meeting were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

Minutes of the Tuesday, January 8, 2019, Reorganization Meeting were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

Minutes of the Tuesday, January 8, 2019, Regular Meeting were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.
Claims were approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.
Payroll was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Chris Kuhn reviewed the Estimated Cash Flow for 2019 with the Board.

Personnel Recommendations:
The recommendation to approve the employment of Carrie Haycraft, Athletic Secretary, Southwood High School, effective January 17, 2019, and Jennifer Fisher, Special Education Aide, Northfield High School, effective January 14, 2019, were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:
No report.

Superintendent’s Report:
Mr. Keaffaber and Dr. Kuhn reported on the marketing research study of How Schools Can Break through the Communication Gap in Rural Communities.

Steve Holley, Maintenance Supervisor, along with Mr. Keaffaber, had a slide presentation on the progress of the wastewater treatment plant construction. Progress meetings are held routinely with Mr. Holley and the contractors to report progress and/or any issues that have occurred.

Curriculum Report:
Mr. Drake reported on the NWEA winter data. Data has shown that 2nd grade has had the most growth.

The Preschool registration information has been released and enrollment has begun for the 2019-20 school year.

Mr. Drake invited the Board and the public to the robotics competition which will be held February 16, 2019, at Southwood High School

A group of staff and administrators will be going to Chicago for an Apple briefing.

Mr. Drake shared the video that Mrs. Shelly Faust’s AP Government class made of their recent trip to Washington D.C.

New Business:
Ben Huntington, State Director of the Indiana State High School Clay Target League, spoke to the Board members about starting a league for our schools. This is the 3rd season for this in Indiana schools. Each student athlete must complete and pass a safety course. Students compete at their own shooting range and do not travel to any school location.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Board Policy:

Nothing.

Items from Board Members:

None.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

The Board heard comments from the public.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.