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 November 13, 2018, 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.

Kevin Bowman, 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, Todd Topliff, and Gary Fadil. Also present were: Andrew Christman, Sherry Ridgeway, Brian Ridgeway, Janette Moore, Tim Cooper, Denise Enyeart, Charles Enyeart, Bob Shultz, Dave Wolfrum, Mike Culver, Jim Elizondo, Tiffany Haupert, and Cheryl Roser who took the minutes.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for November 26, 2018, Executive Session, 5:00 p.m., at the Administration Building; November 27, 2018, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building; December 11, 2018, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the donation of four (4) $10.00 Walmart gift cards for Southwood High School staff gifts from Derek Decker with Horace Mann was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the $572.50 donation from Zoetis for Northfield FFA was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the $50.00 donation to each school totaling $250.00, from the United Steel Workers, Wabash Local 285, to help students who are in need of lunch money 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 Beau Dunfee for Northfield’s Boys Basketball Team was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the donation of a 8 x 12’ storage shed to store Unger Mountain equipment at Southwood High School, by Lisa and Steve McClure, a value of $1,990.25, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.
The recommendation to approve the $502.00 donation from Culver’s of Wabash to Southwood FFA was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the donation of Halloween decorations from Big R Stores-Wabash for all schools, value of $721.00 was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the donation of 4 AP English *The Language of Composition: Reading, Writing, and Rhetoric* for Southwood High School from Donor’s Choose including Cheri Paul, Teresa Galley, Student Research Foundation, Anonymous Indiana donor, Michelle Lyons Sparling, Tiffany Haupert was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the $284.40 donation from Donor’s Choose including Sarah Dutton, Goody’s Corporate on behalf of the Wabash Goody’s Store for Mrs. Stacey Bone, First Grade Teacher, Metro North Elementary for flexible seating was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the $274.00 donation from Box Tops for Education for Metro North Elementary was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the $50.00 donation from LaFontaine Christian Church for Southwood High School’s FCA “Operation Share” Thanksgiving food drive was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

Staff Spotlight:

Massey Woodyard, student, and her mother nominated Erica Tyson, Art Teacher, Southwood Elementary for the Staff Spotlight, stating that she goes above and beyond what’s expected of a teacher in the classroom and in the community. She gives hands on experiences and builds their confidence through creative thinking.

Schools’ Recognition:

A big thank you to Pam Campbell and Kelly Ross for taking time to get a K-Kids Club started at Sharp Creek Elementary this year. A great community minded and service oriented club that teaches kids to give back and think of others.

Congratulations to these Sharp Creek artists whose artwork will represent the school at the annual Honeywell Center Winter Street Banner Competition: 4th graders, Saige Martin, Adrienne Unger, and Zoey Music; 5th graders, Sara Music, Brinlei Swihart, and Sophia Holley; 6th graders Emma Bone, Emma Warnock, and Evan Hall. Thanks to Mrs. Katy Gray for her work with our artists at Sharp Creek Elementary.
Southwood High School would like to congratulate Monica Hobson, Cayden Pricett, and Brayden Sweet for competing at Cross Country Regionals on Saturday, October 12, 2018. Brayden Sweet advanced and ran at Semi-State on Saturday, October 19, 2018, at Purdue University, Fort Wayne. We are proud of all three runners!

Southwood High School would like to congratulate the Varsity Football Team for ending their regular season undefeated and winning the TRC! Our Knights overcame a deficit to defeat Tippecanoe Valley in overtime Friday, October 12, 2018. Way to Go Knights!

Southwood’s Junior High Spell Bowl team earned 3rd place finish at Manchester, defeating Peru and Wabash, and finished just two points behind Manchester Junior High and four points behind Tippecanoe Valley Junior High. Congratulations to Macy Barney, Ryan Deeter, Logan Hiner, Libee Price, Kiley Finton, Ethan Lochard, Micah Smith, Anthony Soden, Dakota Wilson, Bo Winget, and Caleb Wyatt.

A grandparent of a Southwood High School student called in to the school on October 19, 2018, the day after the junior high/high school band concert. She spoke about how impressed she was with the students’ performance. She stated they did a fabulous job, the staff was respectful and courteous, and the parents were encouraging. She wanted to make sure that Mr. Hickman heard her compliments and to keep up the good work.

Mrs. Stacey Bone and Mrs. Jamie Haupert, Metro North Elementary Teachers, submitted their joint application for the Region 8 Makerspace Initiative. The free three-day training also includes $1200.00 in materials and a $500.00 mini-grant for additional resources with an opportunity to learn and collaborate with other “makers” from Northeast Indiana.

Mrs. Stacey Bone received $284.40 for her Donor’s Choose project that has allowed her to provide more flexible seating options for her first grade students.

Congratulations to Mrs. Katy Gray and her Metro North artists that were selected at the county level in the Honeywell Center Winter Street Banner Competition: Cheyanne Wells (1st grade), Charlotte Harrington (1st grade), Ethan Krom (1st grade) and Maekala Shoue (3rd grade). The Winter Banner Reception is November 19, 2018, at the Honeywell Center.

Southwood High School would like to congratulate Katy McClure for her recent efforts. She attended the INSHAPE (Indiana Society for Health and Physical Educators) for three days. She won a free half day professional development for all PE teachers at MSD with Dan Tenneson the National PE Teacher of the Year! Tenneson is also a national trainer for OPEN (Online Physical Education Network). Way to go Katy!

Southwood currently sends 69 students to Heartland Career Center. For quarter one, 37 of those students had perfect attendance (53.6%). Way to Go Knights!

MSD had a goal of $3,500.00 for United Fund this year and we raised $3,667.64.
Northfield High School would like to congratulate Alyssa McKillip and Andrew Burns, both student athletes represented Northfield at the Fort Wayne Semi-State in Cross Country. We are very proud of them!

Northfield High School is the recipient of the Nation Athletic Trainers’ Association Safe Sports School award for its Norsemen athletic program.

Northfield High School is thankful and proud of our student council and our student body for thinking of others during some tough times. Student council sponsored a hat day as a fundraiser and the green and gold day to honor and bring awareness to the tragic event that happened at Tippecanoe Valley. All the money raised is being sent to the family’s involved.

Congratulation to the Gray Circuit Breakers robotics team of Southwood Elementary, which qualified for the VEX IO Robotics State Championship by virtue of winning the Excellence Award at a recent competition held at Lewis Cass High School. The Excellence Award is an overall award, taking into account driving/programming skills, interviews with team members, and the team’s work in their Engineering Notebook.

Congratulation to Mrs. Erica Tyson and our Southwood Elementary artists that were selected at the county level in the Honeywell Center Winter Street Banner Competition: Adeline Boone (3rd grade), Cherish Dillon (6th grade), Ivan Ranck (5th grade), Brody Height (5th grade), Grace Drake (6th grade), and Rylee Thomas (6th grade).

Mr. Keaffaber share a voicemail he received recently after Northfield competed in the first round of sectionals, from a referee who worked the game. He stated that both teams showed great sportsmanship.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Minutes of the Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 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 Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

Payrolls #7, #8, and #9 were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

Chris Kuhn reviewed the October end of the month with the Board.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Victoria Louck, Cook, Southwood Elementary, effective November 7, 2018; Rhonda Hall, Bus Driver, South, effective October 12,
2018; Rebekah Macy, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective October 26, 2018; Adam Middleton, Custodian, Southwood Elementary, effective November 16, 2018; Dannielle Eccles, Classroom Instructor, White’s Jr/Sr High School, effective November 21, 2018, were approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Lori Minniear, Cafeteria Manager, Southwood Elementary, effective October 19, 2018, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Danette Kieninger, Cafeteria Manager, Southwood Elementary, effective November 7, 2018; Jennifer Sybrandy, 3 Hour Cook, Southwood Elementary, effective November 7, 2018; Sarah Paris, Bus Driver, South, effective November 5, 2018; Casey Penrod, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective October 29, 2018; Brittany Blocker, Classroom Instructor, White’s Jr/Sr High School, effective November 26, 2018, were approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Northfield coaches for the Winter 2018-2019 season were as follows: Melissa Allen, Head Coach Girls Basketball; Randy Keaffaber, Varsity Assistant Girls Basketball; Sydney Chamberlain, JV Girls Basketball; Troy Baer, JV assistant Girls Basketball; Dani Tolson, 8th grade Girls Basketball; Hillary Moore, 7th grade Girls Basketball; Allyson Saunders, 6th grade Girls Basketball; Rick Brewer, Head Coach Boys Basketball; Rex Reimer, JV Boys Basketball; Brandon Baker, Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball; Ted Bahney, 8th grade Boys Basketball; Preston Myer, 7th grade Boys Basketball; Kyle Oswalt, 6th grade Boys Basketball; Gary Norman, Head Coach Wrestling; Tanner Chamberlain, Assistant/J.H. Wrestling; Joseph Ross, Assistant/J.H. Wrestling; Jeremy Okuly, Assistant/J.H. Wrestling; Scott Pennington Assistant/J.H. Wrestling; Allison Rosemeyer, Head Cheer Coach; Rhonda Dale, J.H. Cheer; Katelyn Gribben, J.H. Cheer; Tiffany France, Norsettes were approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent’s Report:

Mr. Keaffaber discussed with the Board the possibility of Heartland Career students filming each board meeting. The filming will not be live but may be able to be shared via social media. The Board member all were in agreement that this could be done.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake shared with the Board the certificates earned for the 2017-18 school year for Heartland students.
New Business:

The recommendation to approve the 2019-2020 school calendar was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to declare salvage: 2 keyboards, 5 music stands, 5-6 glockenspiels, 5-6 dulcimers all at Metro North Elementary were approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight camping trip for Southwood Elementary’s 4th grade to Camp Tecumseh, Brookston, IN, November 8-9, 2018, was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the extended trip for Northfield FFA, February 14-15, 2018, to Louisville, KY was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight trip for Southwood Wrestling to Danville, IL to participate in the 8th Annual New Year’s Challenge, High School Wrestling Tournament, December 28-29, 2018, was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Board Policy:

The second reading and vote to approved Board Policy #4260-Use of Metal Detectors was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed policy #1140-Public Participation in Meetings for the first reading. The policy will be voted on at the November 27, 2018, meeting.

Items from Board Members:

The Board members discussed the safety procedures that our bus drivers use for students crossing a street or highway.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

Tim Cooper asked questions about staff paying for dental and vision benefits. He also asked more on students and bus safety.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at
THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
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MATT DRISCOLL, VICE PRESIDENT

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TODD TOPLIFF, BOARD MEMBER

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GARY FADIL, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST: _________________________________
TODD DAZEY, SECRETARY