

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 January 28, 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.

Todd Dazey, President, called the meeting to order. Mike Keaffaber, Superintendent, Chris Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent, and Tim Drake, Assistant Superintendent were present. On call of the roll of members on the Board were shown to be present as follows: Kevin Bowman, Gary Fadil, and Matt Driscoll. Absent was Todd Topliff. Also present were: Steve Downs, Laura Langebartels, Mandy Underwood, Tami Overman, Deb Corn, Ryan DuBois, Eric Overman, Dwayne Hildreth, Paul Voigt, and Cheryl Roser who took the minutes of the meeting.

The pledge to the flag was recited at the beginning of the Board of Finance Meeting.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for February 11, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, February 25, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and March 10, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Student Council Report:

Southwood High School Student Council representatives presenting were Erin McGouldrick and Shantel Reecer. They reported on the Christmas shopping trip. Students and staff raised over \$2,000 to take elementary students shopping for their families gifts.

Coming up, Student Council will be involved in the annual blood drive, volunteering for the Night to Shine event, February 7, 2020, and then students can attend the Snowball dance.

Schools Recognition:

Sharp Creek Elementary and Northfield Jr/Sr High School have been recognized as a "Family Friendly School" designated by the IDOE. These schools are two out of only ten schools to receive this honor.

SHS would like to recognize Breklynne Swisher for her selection to the IMEA, All State Honor Band. She performed at the Embassy Theater in Fort Wayne at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 18, 2020.

Southwood would like to recognize our female student wrestlers: Hattie Cochran, Grade 10, and Aaliyah Douglass, Grade 11, who competed in Indiana High School Girls Wrestling Association's regional competition. They performed very well at the Indiana High School Girls

Wrestling Association's Regional Competition and Hattie qualified for the State competition in Kokomo. Hattie came in 8th at the competition in her weight class.

Northfield thanked Mr. Todd Eltzroth on his work in helping Northfield Jr/Sr High School to successfully earn the "Family Friendly School" designation from the Indiana Department of Education.

Sharp Creek would like to thank the PBIS Committee and PTO representative, Sheryl Hodson for their help in applying to be designated by the IDOE a "Family Friendly School".

Congratulations to Madelyn Holley, 4th grade, Emily Bever, 5th Grade, and Erin Rehak 6th Grade for being Sharp Creek's Promise Scholars of the Quarter for the second nine weeks.

Staff Spotlight:

Northfield Technology Assistant, Tami Overman nominated Deb. Corn, Athletic Secretary as the Staff Spotlight. Ms. Corn has over 30 years working at Northfield in many capacities. Mrs. Overman stated that she is always willing to "jump in" wherever needed. She takes great pride in her work and puts in countless hours for the athletic department. Mrs. Overman stated she feels that Ms. Corn represents what a very dedicated employee for MSD Wabash County looks like and is very deserving of the Staff Spotlight.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Minutes of the Tuesday, January 14, 2020, Board of Finance, Reorganization, and Regular Meetings were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

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

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

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Kathleen McColley, Cook, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective January 20, 2020; Sarah Paris, Bus Driver, effective February 14, 2020, were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Patsy Arwood, Cook, Southwood Elementary, effective January 22, 2020, was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #108 to begin approximately February 13, 2020, for 6-8 weeks thereafter was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Heartland is currently working, with the help of the USDA and Purdue, on writing grants for the Precision Ag program. They will be ready to submit the Federal grant later this week.

The Wabash County Community Foundation has given 9 scholarships, each for \$1,000 to be given to students who attend Heartland.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber shared with the board that MSD will be hosting community presentations to share updates on their Strategic Plan. He told them that the community will have two opportunities to hear those presentations. Monday, February 17, 2020, from 7:00-8:30 at Northfield Jr/Sr High School and Thursday, February 27, 2020, from 7:00-8:30 at Southwood Jr/Sr High School.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake reported that 3 of MSD's robotics teams have qualified for State at Lucas Oil Stadium.

The school's preschool program will soon be opening enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the use of bus(es) to transport students and/or adults with special needs to the Night to Shine event at Northfield Jr/Sr High School on February 7, 2020 was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the purchase of three new buses was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight/extended field trip for Sharp Creek 6th grade to Trafalgar, IN, May 6, 2020, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Board Policy:

None.

Items from Board Members:

None

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

No comments.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 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