

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 March 24, 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.

**Due to the COVID-19 situation and recommendations from the Governor's office, the MSDWC School Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, continued with no audience in the School Board room. MSDWC continued to have the meeting streamed live on Facebook Live. The public was able to comment during the appropriate time in the agenda, on Facebook Live. (Executive Order 20-02 item #5 signed March 16, 2020, allowed for these procedural changes.)**

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, Matt Driscoll (Zoom), Todd Topliff (Phone), and Gary Fadil (Zoom). Also present was: Cheryl Roser (Zoom) 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 April 14, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, April 28, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and May 12, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from Lagro United Methodist Women's Guild for Northfield High School Football-5 Man Bull Sled was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Schools Recognition:

The Boys' Basketball Knights won sectional a couple weeks ago. Now that the IHSAA has cancelled this year's tournament, we can say that we didn't not win the Single A State basketball championship, right? Or, we would say that Southwood is the only local school that finished their basketball season with a win. Whatever the case, congrats to our Knights on an excellent season.

Southwood Principal, Andrew McDaniel would like to personally thank Brian Miller, Jodi Kaehr, Aaron Hyden, and Tim Drake for their assistance with tech plans during this

Covid-19 situation. Their help has allowed Southwood High School teachers to continue connecting with their students during the pandemic.

Mr. McDaniel would also like to thank the many Southwood High School staff members who are helping during this time of school closure. The kitchen staff have and continue to prepare meals. Guidance counselors have made sure students have their course requests done for next year. Teachers continue to connect with students virtually. Custodians and maintenance crews are deep cleaning and working with the renovation workers to maintain their progress. Instructional aides have learned Zoom and are working toward Apple Teacher Certification on the iPads. Secretaries have been checking in and taking care of tasks and volunteering to help in other areas. The athletic department has worked through a multitude of changes from the IHSAA with regard to the State boys' basketball tournament and the spring athletic season. Mr. McDaniel is very thankful to work with many dedicated staff members. Each person has stepped up and went above and beyond.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Minutes of the Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Regular Meeting was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, 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 Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

Chris Kuhn reviewed the Education Fund for the month of February with the Board.

Personnel Recommendations:

No Personnel Recommendations.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported that this far enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year is up significantly. Administrators are starting to think ahead to house all students.

Mr. Driscoll also stated that they have not had any news on the grant.

#### Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber encouraged parents and students to continue to follow MSD Facebook page for updates. MSD will abide by Governor Holcomb's orders that schools be closed until May 1, 2020; eLearning days for April will be decided soon and reported. He stated that he does have concerns for parents who have small children at home who need child care so they can continue to work; students will need to be kept engaged.

Staff members have been meeting through Zoom to stay connected with their co-workers as well as students. Zoom allows students the opportunity to see their classmates via the internet and teachers to stay connected with their students.

#### Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake reported that the Indiana Department of Education has canceled all testing for the rest of the 2020-2021 school year.

#### New Business:

The recommendation to approve the 2020 Supplemental Reading List was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2020 Summer School courses was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Resolution Authorizing Administration to Handle Work Disruption For Employees Impacted by the Coronavirus was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, 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 6:29 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

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TODD DAZEY, PRESIDENT

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KEVIN BOWMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

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MATT DRISCOLL, BOARD MEMBER

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GARY FADIL, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
TODD TOPLIFF, SECRETARY