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 February 11, 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, Matt Driscoll, and Todd Topliff. Also present were: Steve Downs, Mandy Underwood, Mike McDivitt, Phil Boone, Jeff Smith, Tara Haupert, Eli Roark, Lucas Haupert, Meredith Haupert, Michelle Haupert, Roxanne Haupert, Danielle Sarll, Lisa Sarll, Roger Haupert, April Roles, Alissa Deeter, 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 25, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and March 10, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

Members of the Dan Haupert family were here to present Jeff Smith, Northfield Ag Advisor, and Northfield FFA members with the donation from the Dan Haupert Memorial. The recommendation to approve the $9,750.00 donation from the Dan Haupert Memorial for Northfield FFA scholarship to a FFA senior member going on to study a career in an Ag related field was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the $1,950.00 donation for the 5 Man Bull Sled for Northfield Football: Kenneth Powell, $150.00; Jon & Ann Higgins, $100.00; Tory & Penny Shafer, $100.00; Northfield Booster Club, $300.00; Thomas & Nancy Frank, $200.00; William Watson, $200.00; Chad & Amy Watson, $100.00; Roy Burkhart, $100.00; Greg & Molly Tomlinson, $100.00; Scott & Lisa Haupert, $100.00; Halderman Farm Management, $500.00; Mark & Pam Peas, $100.00; Randel Construction, $500.00 were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the $64.75 donation from Northfield Athletic Booster Club for Northfield Cheerleading was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the $1,135.50 donation from Northfield Athletic Booster Club for Northfield Boys basketball ($594.00) and Northfield Girls Basketball ($541.50) was
approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Staff Spotlight:

Southwood Elementary teacher, Alissa Deeter, was nominated by April Roles. Mrs. Roles’ said that in class Mrs. Deeter was always going above and beyond with her nephew. She has been so thankful for the support Mrs. Deeter has given her and her nephew.

Schools Recognition:

Northfield would like to congratulate Coach Allen, her staff and the team for winning a share of the TRC girls basketball title. They also won their second consecutive sectional title last week and are going for another regional title.

Congratulations to Northfield’s Grant Dale. Not only did he retain his titles in both the 100 meter butterfly and the backstroke at the conference swim meet, he did so by setting new conference records in both events. We wish him good luck in the upcoming sectionals.

Northfield would like to wish Logan Cox good luck this weekend as he goes for a wrestling semi-state title in the 195lbs. weight class at the Fort Wayne Coliseum.

Southwood would like to congratulate Isaac King for qualifying and competing at regionals on Saturday, February 8, 2020; what a great season is was for him.

Congratulations to the Varsity Girls Basketball team on their sectional win against Lakeview Christian on Friday, February 7, 2020. The Lady Knights made it to the sectional championship but fell short to Northfield on Saturday. We wish Northfield best of luck as they advance to regionals.

Southwood recently received an exemplary behavior report for the Girls Basketball Team during sectionals. According to the official, Tim Knowland: I had the honor to officiate the Girls Sectional games at North Miami High School. I also had the privilege to officiate the Southwood girls team, 2 times. Each of the games were a pleasure to officiate. The players played, the coaches coached and the fans cheered. Here is a huge call out to Coach Chad West and player # 40. Coach West does an exceptional job in coaching his ladies and also providing life lessons to them as well. His staff was very respectful and a great support to this team. Coach West has a great attitude about the game and it reflects on his players and staff. Player # 40 really stood out as well. In both games she was always the person that gathered the ball and presented it back to the officials at every opportunity joyfully, # 40 had a great attitude as did all other players and staff. Great job Coach West on Teaching Life Lessons to these fine ladies, it is very much appreciated (# 40 is senior Sierra Stout).

Congratulations to our Metro North 3rd Grade Robotics Team. They finished their season on Saturday, February 8, 2020. Team members included Patrick Nesler, Chase Ross, Cole Hemingway, Kameron Johnson, Easton McKillip, Keira Oswalt, Addison Bretzman, Jaylynn
Turner, and Alexis Laferney. For the first time in Metro North Robotics, our team successfully wrote code for their robots and participated in the autonomous skills challenge portion at two competitions. At our competition on Saturday our Blue Team placed 3rd in skills challenge and our Gray Team placed sixth in the skills challenge portion.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Minutes of the Tuesday, January 28, 2020, Regular Meeting was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, 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 Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Jeff Springer and Steve Kieninger, Coaches, Clay Target League, effective the 2020 Season; Valerie Trail, Coach, Girls That Code, White’s Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Gina Dale, Special Education Aide, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective February 20, 2020, approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Max Highley, North Bus Driver, effective the end of the 2019-2020 school year was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the coaches for Southwood Jr/Sr High School, all for the spring season are as follows: Warren Dailey, Head Baseball; Dalton Gentry, Assistant Baseball; David Glickfield, Assistant Baseball; Cory Block, Assistant Baseball; Danny Lloyd, Assistant Baseball; Gary Dale, Head Golf; Devin Dale, Assistant Golf; Carl Pace, Head Softball; Cynthia Bell, Head Tennis; Angie Loschiavo, Assistant Tennis; Heather Hyden, Head Track; Dave Martz, Assistant Track; Larry Vaugh, Assistant Track; Logan Paris, Assistant Track; Cary Hammel, Assistant Track; Tonya Boone, JH Track; Jeff Hobson, JH Track; Nick Perlitch, JH Track; JoDee Dale, Assistant Golf; Brad Wright, JH Golf; Ron Huston, JH Golf were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the coaches for Northfield Jr/Sr High School, all for the spring season are as follows: Brandon Baker, Head Softball; Rick Brewer, Assistant Softball;
Jordan Shafer, Assistant Softball; Melissa Allen, Assistant Softball; Gary Hunter, Volunteer Softball; Dick Leming, Head Track; Scott Haupert, Assistant Track; Jenna Halderman, Assistant Track; Krista Hoover, Assistant Tack; Ryan Sincroft, JH Track; Marianne Milam, Head Tennis; Casey Dyson, JV Tennis; Collin Dawes, Boys Golf; Cody McClure, JH Track were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent’s Report:

Mr. Keaffaber shared with the board that the ADM count was Monday, February 3, 2020, and we will have our totals soon which will be an increase from the September count. Many staff members and students helped with Night to Shine Prom, which was held February 7, 2020, at Northfield High School. The event was a huge success again this year. White’s will have 20+ students graduating from the Credit Alternative Recovery program on February 16, 2020. MSD will be hosting two Strategic Plan Informational presentations for the public on February 17 and 27, 2020.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake reported that one more of MSD’s robotics teams have qualified for the State competition at Lucas Oil Stadium increasing our total to four.

Testing is currently taking place with both the WIDA and the ISTEP.

The school’s preschool program is well underway with enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year. Classes are filling up quickly.

New Business:

Tim Drake reviewed with the Board the Supplemental Reading Material List.

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 6:28 p.m.

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