

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 February 25, 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 and Matt Driscoll. Absent were Todd Topliff and Gary Fadil. Also present were: Steve Downs, Tara Hauptert, Eli Roark, Aaron Hyden, Mary Donaldson, Brett Donaldson, Cory Donaldson, Ryan Donaldson, Tina Riggles, Janette Moore, Jamie Hauptert, Emma Brainard, Sabrina LeMaster, Grant Dale, Greg Dale, Rhonda Dale, 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 March 10, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, March 24, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and April 14, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$2,625.00 donation from Aaron Shaw for Northfield Jr. High Boys Basketball was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$150.00 donation from Goodfellas Pizza for Northfield Prom was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$75.00 donation from Dave and Jane Mann for Northfield Girls Basketball was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Student Council Report:

Northfield Student Council President, Emma Brainard, updated the Board on activities of the school for the last few months. Students had a successful Homecoming with a dance and the return of the bonfire. Student Congress changed from having a winter dance to a family fun night with glow-in-the-dark dodgeball, cornhole game, dancing, and other fun activities for the whole family. A blood drive yielding 40 units for an all-time high amount donated. During the

Christmas season, the Student Council had dress-up days, sold hot cocoa, and had a tree contest. February has seen the annual Dress Drive, which helps students all over the county who cannot afford the high prices of prom dresses be able to purchase gently used dresses at a much lower price. The Student Council gave 10% of sales back to F.I.S.H. Valentine's candy was sold and lastly wrapping up the month with a sweetheart dance.

The Student Council is working on a project for the school and they want to bring a proposal to the School Board at a later time. They are wanting to have water bottle filling stations added to the school. The School District has a plan to install one in the cafeteria - one has been installed in another MSDWC school recently.

Staff Spotlight:

Parent Tara Haupt, nominated her son's teacher, Mary Donaldson. Recently the family lost their father/grandfather in a tragic farming accident. The days following the accident her son was apprehensive in going back to school. Ms. Haupt talked with Mrs. Donaldson and his fears and Mrs. Donaldson assured her she would take extra care in watching out for him. She went over and above Ms. Haupt's expectations!

Ms. Haupt asked Mrs. Donaldson if she could have a copy of a story her son had written about working with his grandfather on the farm, before the accident. Not only did she provide her with the story but went the extra mile and had each page laminated and bound for a keepsake. The thoughtfulness shown by Mrs. Donaldson has meant so much to them.

Schools Recognition:

A parent of a White's Jr/Sr High School student wrote a "thank you" to Tonya Boone and all of the Credit Alternative Recovery staff who helped her daughter graduate. She was so pleased with the help her daughter received in accomplishing this milestone of which she would have never been able to do without the help.

Erin Cantrell, Occupational Therapist and volunteer for the Night to Shine Event, would like to thank Melissa Ball for all of her help in organizing buses to use for transportation of Vernon Health residents to the Night to Shine event. She wanted to also take the opportunity to thank Tracey Snider and Max Highley, who volunteered their time and driving expertise to transport these residents to Night to Shine. Last year it took Vernon Health several trips to transport their residents to Night to Shine, because of Mrs. Snyder and Mr. Highley's volunteerism, residents were transported in one trip, and able to maximize the enjoyment of their night.

Southwood would like to recognize all Robotics teams that took part in the most recent event at Wawasee. Southwood 7th grade and 8th grade Robotics Teams are headed to the state competition at Lucas Oil Stadium. The 8th grade team also received the Excellence Award at that competition. This is the highest award a team can receive from event judges. Additionally, Miss Kaehr received an email from a robotics coach from another school indicating our team had

been nominated for Event Partner of the Year. According to the nomination, "Southwood Robotics Team is a class act!"

Southwood would like to recognize Mrs. Reena Markstahler for her accomplishments and nomination for the Outstanding Biology Teacher Award. Every year, the Outstanding Biology Teacher Award (OBTA) program attempts to recognize an outstanding biology educator (grades 7-12 only) in each of the 50 states; Washington, DC; Canada; Puerto Rico; and overseas territories. Candidates must have at least three years of teaching experience. A major portion of the nominee's career must have been devoted to the teaching of biology/life science, and candidates are judged on their teaching ability and experience, cooperativeness in the school community, and student-teacher relationships.

Southwood would like to congratulate Mrs. Kari Johnson on her efforts with the Innovate Within program in Wabash. According to Mrs. Johnson: "I am thrilled to announce that two of our groups have been selected to participate at the regional competition on March 11th. Landon Topliff and Alix Winer will be presenting Bizzy Beez, and Sierra Stout and James Kelley will be presenting their business idea iPlanDates.com."

Please congratulate these students if you see them! They will be working hard in the next couple weeks to refine their ideas and presentations so that they will represent SHS well!

SHS would like to commend Mrs. Susan Keefer for her leadership in guiding students to success! During the recent ISSMA state competition, SHS had five gold and one silver rating. Two of the gold entries scored high enough to earn a special gold medal of distinction. Micah Dale and Cage Dubois earned gold medals for their individual performances. Daisy Sparks earned gold for piano performance and gold with distinction for vocal solo. The girls' ensemble of Olivia Cummins, Marissa Jones, Gracen Kelley, Isabel Davis, and Daisy Sparks earned gold with distinction--they were 1/2 point away from a perfect score. Victoria Holloway earned a silver rating. We are very proud of our students' musical efforts!

Northfield would like to congratulate Miss Lindsay Knee and the whole choir department. Northfield's two high school choral ensembles and multiple soloists and trios competed at the 2020 Vocal Solo & Ensemble contest at Huntington North High School and all received a gold rating! Soloists Athena Varner, Ariana Varner and Ellie Proebstle all qualified for state, along with the Trio of Ellie Probstle, Ariana Varner and Athena Varner. Nice Job!

Congratulations goes out to Grant Dale, Northfield swimmer, for winning the 100 meter backstroke in the swimming sectionals last Saturday. His win qualifies him for the state meet this weekend. We wish him good luck!

On February 14, 2020, Metro North Elementary had their first VIP Breakfast hosting over 500 guests for a delicious breakfast. A big thanks goes out to the entire MNE staff for their help in pulling off this big endeavor. The cafeteria staff worked very hard in preparing a wonderful breakfast.

On February 20, 2020, Metro North Elementary hosted Family Preview Night for 2020-2021 preschoolers and kindergarten students. We had close to 100 guests. It was an enjoyable evening meeting all of the new students and families.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Minutes of the Tuesday, February 11, 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 Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

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

Aaron Hyden, IT Director, talked with the Board about the upcoming refresh we will be doing with all of the devices. He shared the overall cost of the new devices and the estimated sale of current devices. Afterwards, Kevin Bowman made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Technology Refresh (district-wide), Matt Driscoll second the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Isabel Leon, Cook, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective February 17, 2020; Patsy Arwood, Bus Driver, South, effective March 2, 2020, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Jim Lewis, Bus Mechanic, effective July 1, 2020, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Gina Dale, JH Track, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, immediately, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of Casey Penrod, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, March 2-March 20, 2020, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the coaches for Southwood Jr/Sr High School, all for the spring season are as follows: Adam Winer, 5th grade Girls Basketball; Garry Marion, Softball Assistant;

Chad Lambert, Softball Assistant; DeWayne Smith, Softball Assistant were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the coaches for Northfield Jr/Sr High School, all for the spring season are as follows: Tory Shafer, Head Baseball; Stan Cox, Baseball Assistant; Matt Burkhart, Baseball Assistant; Joe Bockover, Baseball Assistant; Rex Reimer, Baseball Assistant; Greg Tomlinson, Baseball Assistant were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported the recent meeting was very short and there was no update on the grant.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber shared with the board that the ADM count was up 70 students for a total of 2130. As a member of Kiwanis, he has been able to share with the group several exciting things going on in our schools. The most recent was the Metro North Robotics team showed their skills.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake reported that homeschool students will be able to enroll in Heartland Career Center beginning this fall. ISTEP retesting is taking place, 1st time ISTEP, and WEIDA is also being done.

Mr. Drake believes we need increased STEM interest. We have six teams going to the State Robotics competition and he has been working to be able to offer eSports in the near future. eSports is a rapidly growing area of interest.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the extended field trip for Northfield Key Club to District Leadership Conference, February 28-March 1, 2020, in Indianapolis, IN was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the field trip for Southwood AP Environmental Science Class to Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, March 6, 2020, was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve Kevin Bowman as the non-voting member to the County Redevelopment Commission was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Board Policy:

None.

Items from Board Members:

Todd Dazey reminded the public about the upcoming Strategic Plan meeting, February 27, 2020, at Southwood High School.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

No comments.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

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ATTEST: _____
TODD TOPLIFF, SECRETARY