

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 May 12, 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, April 28, 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 (Zoom, and in the office), and Tim Drake, Chief Academic Officer, were present. On call the roll of members on the Board were shown to be present as follows: Kevin Bowman, Todd Topliff and Gary Fadil. Absent was Matt Driscoll. Also present was: Cheryl Roser (Zoom) who took the minutes of the meeting.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for May 26, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, June 9, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and June 23, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the donation of three cases of bags from Walmart for the Meal Program was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

Schools Recognition:

Staff member Deb Corn, personally thanked Tami Overman, Technology Assistant at Northfield High School, for her expertise in keeping the connection in the technology department between the parents, teachers and students. She is such an asset to our building and I have to add the thanks she deserves.

Mrs. Moore, Principal, Metro North Elementary, thanked their amazing custodial team. Throughout our school closure, Mrs. Harner, Ms. Booth, and Mrs. Smith have worked nearly every day (I believe they have only taken one day off) to complete projects that they are unable

to tackle during our short summer months. They have worked incredibly hard to make sure our building is ready and in even better shape than usual when we return for the 2020-21 school year. Mrs. Moore's cafeteria staff has packed thousands of meals for families in our community. They, along with bus drivers and other school staff, have stood in the rain, snow and sunshine to distribute amazing meals, each packed with an extra bit of love. Thank you to our Metro North Cafeteria Manager, Jenny Wilson, and her team members Ashley Shafer, Angie Dyson, and Sandra Frazier for working throughout our school closure to ensure our students and families have amazing, nutritious, and kid-friendly meals.

After a presentation from John Righeimer from Maverick Energy, a natural gas purchasing co-op, Todd Dazey asked for a motion to approve the participation agreement of the East Central Indiana Natural Gas Cooperative . A motion was made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously approved.

Steve Holley, Maintenance Director for the district, updated the board on the current high school renovations being done. He stated that the schools should be completed by the end of June, earlier than the original date of the end of July. With school closed the custodians have been helping with moving things back which has taken that off of the construction workers allowing them hours to do the renovations.

He then reviewed some of the summer projects that they hope to complete. The wastewater treatment plant is completed and the well house has been replaced. Work will be done on the outside brick at the high schools. New metal roofs and sides are being replaced on the athletic buildings and the tracks will be recoated and relined. They are working to replace drinking fountains in some of the schools. Steve will be taking bids for new roofs on the high schools. The roofs were put on in 2001 and the maintenance crew have worked patching and repairing but they feel it is time to change those. Paving will be done at Southwood Elementary, Southwood High School and Metro North Elementary. They will be hiring someone to come in and burnish the floors in high school cafeterias. These are the main things that will be completed this summer or have already been done.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Minutes of the Tuesday, April 28, 2020, Regular Meeting was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

Claims were approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Kevin Bowman, 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 End of Month for April and Education to Operations monthly transfers with the Board. He also shared the Budget Calendar 2020-2021 with the Board.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Cynthia Stephens, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teacher, WMAP, effective the end of the 2019-2020 school year was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Brittany Morel, Occupational Therapy Assistant, WMAP, effective the end of the 2019-2020 school year; Keli Rees, Teacher, Metro North Elementary, effective the end of the 2019-2020 school year; Shae Lauer, Teacher, Metro North Elementary, effective the end of the 2019-2020 school year were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber reported that the return of the student iPad or MacBook would be May 13-15, 2020 at various times. Students will also be able to pick up items left at school before the closure of school. Graduation dates were announced earlier and preparation for the July 19, 2020, graduations are beginning.

Mr. Keaffaber updated Heartland Career Center's Precision Agriculture class that is new for the upcoming school year. They currently have 20 students enrolled in the class. This class is a pilot for Indiana.

Curriculum Report:

Tim Drake reported that there is debriefing to be done with staff on virtual learning that was used for students to complete the year. Surveys will be sent out to evaluate how MSD did as a whole.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the 2020-2021 textbook fees was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The Board heard the changes for the 2020-2021 Elementary Handbook by Sharp Creek Elementary principal, Jay Snyder. The handbook will be brought back to the May 26, 2020, Board Meeting for a second reading and vote.

The Board heard the changes for the 2020-2021 High School Handbook by Southwood Jr./Sr. High School assistant principal, Joe Lacey. The handbook will be brought back to the May 26, 2020, Board Meeting for a second reading and vote.

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 7:07 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

TODD DAZEY, PRESIDENT

KEVIN BOWMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

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GARY FADIL, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST: _____
TODD TOPLIFF, SECRETARY