

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 June 9, 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.

MSDWC School Board will meet in regular session on June 9, 2020, at 6:00 at Central Office. Seating will be limited, and attendance will be subject to social distancing guidelines. All members of the public attending to provide comment will be accommodated. We will continue to livestream the meeting on Facebook Live. The public may comment in person or on Facebook Live during the appropriate times.

Todd Dazey, President, called the meeting to order. Mike Keaffaber, Superintendent, Chris Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent, 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, Gary Fadil (Zoom), and Matt Driscoll . Also present were: Cheryl Roser (Zoom) who took the minutes of the meeting.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for June 23, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, July 14, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and July 28, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

President Todd Dazey opened the public hearing of the Superintendent's Contract. He stated that the superintendent's contract is on our website for viewing. He opened the hearing up for comments from the public. He also said that anyone with questions could contact a Board member.

There being no comments, Mr. Dazey closed the hearing.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the gift donation of books estimated at \$100.00 and a monetary donation for \$100.00 from Tiffany Hauptert, Jennifer Denney, and Jacquilyn Trapper for Metro North Elementary (to create at-home libraries during COVID-19 closure), was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Schools Recognition:

Dr. Kuhn shared the IDOE Food review; “Your food service staff should be commended for their attentiveness to all State and Federal program requirements. On behalf of the Indiana Department of Education we thank you for your efforts in feeding Indiana’s children during this unprecedented time. The priority of the State Agency and the local School Food Authority should always be to ensure that all students have equal access to and can receive a nutritionally-balanced, reimbursable meal, including offerings of full components as required in the USDA meal pattern. We appreciate your participation in this endeavor and strongly encourage to continue job specific employee training to maintain ongoing federal compliance.”

Mr. Keaffaber shared that students Sam Green and Colton Jones passed their written, oral, and CDL driving exams. A thank you to Heartland Career Center for giving these students this opportunity. Colton and Sam were in the inaugural class.

Mrs. Moore, Metro North Principal, wanted to thank Pat and Steve Brubaker, retired MSDWC teachers, for providing support to our staff during the last few days of the 2019-2020 school year. Pat and Steve graciously provided breakfast treats to our cafeteria staff at Metro North, Sharp Creek and Northfield. They also catered an amazing lunch for the Metro North and Sharp Creek staff in appreciation of our work during our closure. Thank you Pat and Steve for your continued support!

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Minutes of the Tuesday, May 26, 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 Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

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

Dr. Kuhn reviewed May’s end of month totals.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Bailey Count, Special Education Teacher, Metro North Elementary, effective August 10, 2020 was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Karlan Varner, Math Teacher, Southwood High School was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave request of #113 to begin August 10, 2020, returning November 2, 2020, was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber reported that the COVID-19 Pandemic Re-Entry Task Force Team would be meeting June 10, 2020, reviewing the IDOE's IN-CLASS (Indiana's Considerations for Learning and Safe Schools) document on schools re-entry. They will be working with the school's attorney. Mr. Keaffaber will continue to update through "All Call" and email on the plans. Our goal is to open school as scheduled.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake reported that as usual for the summer, teachers are attending training sessions but most are on-line this year.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the Classified and Administrators raises were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The Board heard the second reading of the Credit Alternative Recovery (CAR) program Handbook, and voted to approve upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Kevin Bowman, 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 6:27 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