

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 26, 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, May 26, 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, 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 (Zoom). Also present were: Josh Petruniw and Cheryl Roser (Zoom) who took the minutes of the meeting.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for June 9, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, June 23, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and July 14, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$100.00 donation from Tom Ehret for Southwood Elementary for student use was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$52.40 donation from General Mills/Box Top for Education for Southwood Elementary for student use was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$100.00 donation from Joe Dirt Landscaping for Northfield High School Football was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

Schools Recognition:

Mr. Keaffaber recognized this year's Teacher of the Year and Staff Member of the Year for each school. Teacher of the Year: Angela Herring (MNE), Charles Bair (SCE), Ryan Sincroft (NHS), Jody Livergood (SES), Angie Loschiavo (SHS), and Jay Wyatt (White's); Staff Member of the Year: Jodi Roser (MNE), Amanda Lyons (SCE), Tracy Kennedy (NHS), Amy Schmidt (SES), Danette Kieninger (SHS), and Valerie Trail (White's).

Andrew McDaniel reported that on May 20, 2020, he received two exemplary conduct reports from the IHSAA about Southwood High School athletics during this past basketball season. This comment was left by official Kevin Barrow regarding the SHS boys and girls basketball games against North Miami on January 31, 2020: During this game, I witnessed several acts of good sporting behavior. Throughout the contest, coaches and players were displaying great sportsmanship with players helping opponents up off the floor and coaches communicating with our crew with respect and calmness. It was a pleasure to work this game and I look forward to working for these schools again in future!

The second message of conduct reports from the IHSAA about SHS athletics this past basketball season. This was left by official Kevin Barrow regarding SHS Boys Basketball vs. Mississinewa on 1/8/2020: During this game, I witnessed several acts of good sporting behavior. Throughout a very competitive first half and really throughout the entire contest, coaches and players were displaying great sportsmanship with players helping opponents up off the floor and coaches communicating with our crew with respect and calmness, even when they disagreed with a call. Many players from both teams were respectful towards the crew (too many to single out), and a good reflection of their coaches. It was a pleasure to work this game and I look forward to working for these schools again in future!

Northfield would like to congratulate Staff Member of the year Tracy Kennedy and Teacher of the Year Ryan Sincroft. These two go above and beyond on a regular basis to help our students and their colleagues. Thank You!

Southwood Junior-Senior High School would like to recognize Angie Loschiavo as SHS Teacher of the Year and Danette Kieninger as Staff Member of the Year. We are so appreciative of all they do for kids at SHS!

Southwood Junior-Senior High School would like to congratulate Daisy Sparks as this year's Valedictorian! She has participated in Indiana All-State Honor Choir, Wabash County Honor Choir, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, Student Congress, ISSMA District and State Contests, choir, senior class cabinet, softball, and a number of other activities. Daisy's interests include music, art, aerial recreation, and floriculture, but she is still deciding on future plans. Congrats to Daisy!

Southwood Junior-Senior High School would like to congratulate Grant Whitham as this year's Salutatorian! Grant has been involved with Boy Scouts of America, Wabash County 4-H,

Varsity Football, Pep Band, Concert Band, Wabash County Honors Band, St. James Lutheran Youth Group, Boy Scouts of America--Order of the Arrow, Student Congress, Baseball, Basketball, and Track and Field. Great job, Grant! We are proud of you!

Congratulations to Miss Jody Livergood, our 2019-20 Southwood Elementary Teacher of the Year! Miss Livergood has been teaching second grade for the past several years. Due to some health issues, she was not able to begin teaching in the classroom at the beginning of the year. All throughout her time not physically being with the class, Miss Livergood stayed as involved as much as she possibly could. She prepared materials for the classroom. She helped with benchmarking students for reading levels, kept up with student work on the Seesaw app, and found other ways to stay connected and know her students and families. During our time of extended eLearning, students & parents reported that they loved the projects she assigned to her students. Thank you for helping us celebrate Miss Jody Livergood. We are blessed to have her!

Congratulations to Mrs. Amy Schmidt, our 2019-20 Southwood Elementary Staff Member of the Year. Mrs. Schmidt serves as our Technology Assistant. Mrs. Schmidt approaches her work with a very helpful attitude for students and staff alike. She is quick to respond when issues arise. When new wrinkles of technology are added, Mrs. Schmidt does a fantastic job of learning all that she can quickly so that she can turn around and help others learn. Being a 1:1 technology district, Mrs. Schmidt has been a tremendous asset to our school community. This was certainly magnified during our extended eLearning time to finish up the school year. Mrs. Schmidt helped students and staff through emails, on the phone, and in Zoom meetings. She came to our rescue many times. Thank you for helping us celebrate Mrs. Amy Schmidt. We are blessed to have her!

Mrs. Moore, Principal, would like to recognize the MNE Staff that assisted during device collection and student material distribution. Due to health reasons, Mrs. Moore was unable to assist, but the MNE team did an outstanding job meeting and greeting families while collecting and distributing materials. Special thanks to Mr. Keaffaber, Mr. Drake and Dr. Kuhn for assisting in her absence.

Mrs. Moore stated that our MSDWC technology team has been an integral component of our eLearning during our closure. Mrs. Bever met with parents and students over zoom, over the phone, and conducted office hours, all to assist with technical/hardware glitches. She responded quickly to teacher questions and was an amazing problem solver. Mr. Brian Miller was a great support to teachers and would help bring ideas into action as teachers were planning more meaningful ways to engage with students. Mr. Aaron Hyden was extremely helpful in pushing out needed apps and deleting apps from devices as teachers were continuously planning and coming up with ideas to support our students at home. Thank you Tech Team for your hours and hours assisting us and supporting us through this COVID-19 eLearning experience.

Congratulations to Mrs. Jodi Roser, our Metro North Staff Member of the Year! Mrs. Roser serves as our Metro North Secretary and Bookkeeper. She is the first person greeting our families upon entering our building and answering the phone. She gives tons of hugs, has

everything you ever need, and keeps our students and staff going. Thank you, Mrs. Roser, for all you do for our students, families, staff and MN community!

Metro North Elementary School is excited to announce our Metro North Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Angela Herring! Mrs. Herring touches the lives of so many students and families as a kindergarten teacher at Metro North. She is passionate about her students, teaching, and the lasting relationships she builds with families. Thank you, Mrs. Herring, for your passion, dedication, and enthusiasm to our students, families, staff and community. Congratulations, Mrs. Herring!

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Minutes of the Tuesday, May 12, 2020, Regular Meeting was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

Claims were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

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

Chris Kuhn reviewed the Education Fund estimates for April and the Operations Fund estimated cash flow.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Angelique Witlam, Physical Therapist, WMAP, effective August 10, 2020; Blake Wynn, Summer Custodian, effective June 1, 2020; Tracy Kennedy, Summer Secretary, Northfield High School; Lori Brewer, Summer Secretary, Southwood High School were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Preston Myers, Special Education Aide, Northfield High School, effective immediately; Jean Whitmer, Bus Driver, South, effective immediately; Laura Wiles, Cook, Southwood High School, effective immediately; Joseph Bockover, Teacher, Northfield High School, effective May 22, 2020; Rebecca Daugherty, Teacher, Southwood Elementary; effective May 22, 2020, were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported that Heartland will celebrate their students receiving certificates on June 15, 2020, at the Drive-in Theater. They are excited to have over 625 students enrolled

for the 2020-2021 school year. This high number of students will have administration working on where to put all of these students.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber reported that he has created a COVID-19 Pandemic Re-Entry Task Force Team with approximately 27 members on that committee. He stated that he hopes school will start on time, but that there will most likely be restrictions.

IHSAA has said that summer practices are scheduled to resume July 1, 2020.

School officially ended May 22, 2020 for staff, and Mr. Keaffaber appreciated all the staff for their hard work to complete the school year. Schools debriefed the extended school closure to be better prepared if another long-term closure occurred. A parent survey was discussed and administration will begin to review those responses.

Curriculum Report:

No report.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the 2020-2021 Board of Education Meeting dates was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The Board heard the second reading of the 2020-2021 Elementary Handbook. The Elementary Handbook was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The Board heard the second reading of the 2020-2021 High School Handbook. The High School Handbook was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The Board heard the first reading of the Credit Alternative Recovery (CAR) program Handbook by Director Tonya Boone. They will have the second reading and vote on the June 9, 2020, Board Meeting.

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 6:57 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
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TODD DAZEY, PRESIDENT

KEVIN BOWMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

MATT DRISCOLL, BOARD MEMBER

GARY FADIL, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST: _____
TODD TOPLIFF, SECRETARY