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 July 23, 2019, 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 also present. On call of the roll the members of the Board were shown to be present as follows: Matt Driscoll, Kevin Bowman, and Gary Fadil. Absent was Todd Topliff. Also present were: Steve Downs, Kevin Kling, Paul Voigt, Mike McDivitt, Lori McDivitt, Sherry Ridgeway, Brian Ridgeway, Steve Holley, Amy McGouldrick, Jason McGouldrick, Adam Weesner, and Cheryl Roser who took the minutes of the meeting.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for August 13, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, August 27, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and September 10, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Staff Presentation:

Amy McGouldrick choose to take part in the Externship Program this summer. She partnered with Parkview Wabash Hospital. During her time at Parkview, she volunteered four hours a day with a Nutritionists and Dieticians. They provided her with many opportunities to share with her class. Mrs. McGouldrick is the Family and Consumer Science Teacher at Southwood Jr./Sr. High School.

Adam Weesner with Barton, Coe, and Vilamaa, was in attendance to answer questions regarding the Southwood and Northfield projects. Bid packets had been opened and the lowest bid was selected.

The recommendation to approve Milestone Construction for the Northfield and Southwood renovation bid and projects was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Minutes of the Tuesday, July 9, 2019, Regular Meeting were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.
Claims were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

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

Chris Kuhn reviewed the Education Fund financials.

Mr. Kuhn started his review of the 2020 Budget, reviewing the Operations Fund.

The recommendation to advertise the 2020 Capital Projects Plan and Bus Replacement Plan were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to advertise the Annual Financial Report was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Michael McDivitt, Principal, White’s Jr/Sr High School, effective July 16, 2019; Tonya Boone, Director of Credit Alternative Recovery, effective August 1, 2019; Kevin Kling, Special Education Teacher, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective August 6, 2019; Amy Enyeart, Cook, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 6, 2019, were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Christy Andrews, Kindergarten Teacher, Southwood Elementary, effective immediately; Heather Gillespie, Cook, Southwood Elementary, effective immediately were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Tonya Boone from Physical Education Teacher at Southwood Elementary to Director of Credit Alternative Recovery, effective August 1, 2019; Abby Siders, Cook from Southwood High School to Southwood Elementary, effective August 6, 2019, were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Fall coaches for Southwood High School were as follows: Cierra Treska, Head Cheer; Brittany Blocker, JV Cheer; Jessi Huston, JV Cheer; Rod Cole, Head Girls Golf; JoDee Dale, Asst. Girls Golf; Tom Finicle, Head Volleyball; Laura Langebartels, JV Volleyball; Grant Langebartels, Asst. Volleyball; Caryn Tinkle, Asst. Volleyball; Rachel Hurst, JH Volleyball; Stephanie Haecker, JH Volleyball; Gina Deaton, JH Volleyball; Tonya Boone, Head Cross County; Devin Dale, JH Cross Country; Dave Snyder,
Head Football; Nick Driskill, Asst. Football; Doug Martz, Asst. Football; Cory Blocker, Asst. Football; Carson Blair, Asst. Football; Dan Lloyd, Asst. Football; Jim Winget, Asst. Football; Matt Denney, JH Football; Cary Hammel, JH Football; Nick Perlich, JH Football; Conner Hobbs, JH Football; Dan Snyder, Asst. Football were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent’s Report:

Mr. Keaffaber asked Steve Holley to report on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Holley said that their last meeting was July 8, 2019. The construction company is currently working on the “punch list”. They are about 95% done. The WWTP is operating from Southwood Elementary and Southwood Jr./Sr. High School.

Mr. Keaffaber talked about the Indiana Code that applies to the TRF savings (Section 257 of HB1001). The estimated reduction in contribution is around $113,600 for all staff and around $93,200 for the bargaining unit. The amount will be used for salary/benefits in the Education Fund.

Mr. Keaffaber shared the success of having a booth at the Farmers’ Market and the Wabash County 4-H Fair. The booth was ran by volunteers from our schools each evening. Promotional items were passed out.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake reported that test data results are being reviewed and we have until August 15, 2019, to report changes.

Teachers have been busy attending workshops and conferences this summer.

Grow Wabash County is helping fund the books for the Dual Credit Business and Marketing Class.

New Business:

Board President, Todd Dazey opened the Public Hearing for Formal Bargaining (I.C. 20-29-6-1) for public comment. After hearing no comments, the meeting was closed by Todd Dazey.
The recommendation to approve the overnight field trip for Southwood Cross Country to Valley Invitation at Indiana State University, August 16-17, 2019, was approved by Kevin Bowman, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the reappointment of Marsha Jones to the Troyer Memorial Library Board, was approved by Kevin Bowman, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:
None.

Board Policy:
None.

Items from Board Members:
None.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):
None.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.
ATTEST: _________________________________
TODD TOPLIFF, SECRETARY