

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 October 8, 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: Kevin Bowman, Gary Fadil, and Todd Topliff. Absent was Matt Driscoll. Also present were: Kari Johnson, Jace Randel, Amanda Randel, Jason Randel, Olivia Mozzi, Susan Miles, and Mandy Underwood.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for October 15, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, November 12, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, November 26, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and December 10, 2019, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$2,000.00 donation from Grow Wabash County for Marketing and intro to Business textbooks for Southwood High School's Business class was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$4,800.00 donation from friends of (in memory of) Kelby Ridenour for Southwood High School's Golf Program was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$25.00 donation from Manchester Farm Center for Northfield Girls Golf Hole Sponsor was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the donations from: \$50.00 Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Services; \$500.00 Crossroads Bank; \$1,500.00 from Walmart; \$500.00 Wabash Valley Chrysler, L.L.C., and \$500.00 Dr. Oetken, all for MSD Robotics were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$99.00 donation from St. Bernard Church for Southwood Elementary Robotics to purchase extra field components was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$446.17 donation from Donors Choose for Southwood Elementary, Mrs. Wright's classroom for an activity table was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$100.00 donation from Northfield High School Class of 1979 was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

Presentations:

Representatives from Kroger and Riley Children's Hospital honored Jace Randel as one of the 2020 Riley Champions. Jace was 11 years old when he was a patient at Riley for 52 days. Jace is a 16 year old sophomore at Northfield High School. He will be an ambassador for Riley attending many events throughout the year. A banner was presented to be placed at Northfield High School honoring Jace as one of the 2020 Riley Champions. Kroger presented Jace with a basket of gifts.

Kari Johnson participated in the summer externship program offered through Heartland Career Center. She spent a week with Progress House Indy, which is a not-for-profit men's residential home in downtown Indianapolis. They encompass every aspect of a business. Her reason for going there was that there is a great need for this type of housing in Wabash County. These homes house men who are recovering addicts.

While she was there she spent time with their business development staff who were writing a \$150,000.00 grant as well as finishing preparations for their fundraising event. She was able to see mergers and acquisitions. They have a full-time business development person who looks for donations.

How will she integrate this into her classroom? First of all she will educate the students on not-for-profit businesses. She wants them to know who in Wabash County are not-for-profit business and what they are doing. She plans on having the businesses come into her classroom and speak to the students. Second semester they will have to pick a not-for-profit business they are interested in and do a research project on them.

The advanced classes she hopes to build some partnerships to help provide the business services they need. She plans on using her internship students in roles to help not-for-profit businesses.

Staff Spotlight:

Lisa Berry, Southwood High School Administrative Assistant was nominated for staff spotlight by Lori Brewer who works as an Administrative Assistant with Mrs. Berry. Mrs. Brewer recognized what Mrs. Berry was doing. She stated she was a very hard worker and knows all the students.

School Recognition:

Northfield would like to congratulate Emma Wynn who shot a 35 which was a one under par performance at Elwood Golf Links during her match. In doing so, she also set a new school record.

Southwood would like to recognize Shelly Faust for her recent contributions to the AP Testing Program as an AP Test Reader. According to a letter we received from the College Board, the organization that oversees the Advanced Placement Program, “The careful evaluation of students’ work by your faculty member and other highly qualified professionals is one of the most important aspects of the AP Program. A huge part of the AP Program’s success is due to an evaluation and scoring process that reflects the high standards of AP Readers who, by virtue of their experience and expertise, have appropriate student performance expectations within their respective disciplines. In addition, many AP teachers report that participating in the AP Reading is an incredibly valuable professional development experience. According to our most recent survey, 97% of returning high school teachers who were AP Readers have made changes to the way they teach or score work as a direct result of their participation in the AP Reading”.

Sharp Creek would like to recognize Tara Haupert and Shelly Myers for their work together in providing a pen pal opportunity with students from Sand Creek Elementary near Indianapolis. Sharp Creek Students and Sand Creek students were able to meet each other and spend a little time at the inclusive playground on Friday, October 4.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Minutes of the Tuesday, September 24, 2019, Regular Meeting were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Kevin Bowman, 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 Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

Chris Kuhn reviewed the September End of Month.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Melissa Ball, Bus Driver, effective October 4, 2019; Jackie Hawkins, Cook, Southwood High School, effective September 25, 2019, were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Tim Morrisett, Bus Driver, effective October 7, 2019; Amy Powell, Paraprofessional, effective September 30, 2019, were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #105 to begin January 6, 2020, through February 17, 2020, was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Melissa Allen, Northfield High School, from Paraprofessional to At-Risk/Credit Recovery Paraprofessional effective September 30, 2019, was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber informed the Board the sponsors for the Robotic demonstration for First Friday.

Southwood Elementary Preschool program is now a Paths to Quality Level 3.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake shared the success of the Robotics demonstration that took place at First Friday, October 4, 2019, in downtown Wabash. It was a huge success for the kids. He recognized those who have helped sponsor robotics; approximately \$5,000.00 were donated. On November 2, 2019, robotics will be competing at Southwood High School. The Jr/High school teams just met the minimum number of qualifications/teams to qualify for State.

Mr. Drake shared more on the Paths to Quality Level 3, Southwood and Metro North Elementary are the only schools in the area to have the rating. Level 3 programs implement a curriculum that supports children's learning and school readiness. Level 3 programs have made a significant investment in the professional development of their staff, and they incorporate family and staff input into their program. Level 3 also allows low income families apply for the "On My Way PreK" monies for the Preschool Program.

Professional development for staff for the month of September was given to the Board to review. Mr. Drake state to have quality people, professional development must take place.

New Business:

The Pre-ratification public meeting was held to share the teacher contract tentative agreement as per I.C. 20-29-6-19. The School Board will vote on the contract on Tuesday, October 15 at 6:00 p.m. in a School Board meeting. The tentative contract is posted on the MSD of Wabash County's website.

The recommendation to approve the field trip for ACP Government to Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, November 13, 2019, was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight camping trip for Southwood Elementary 4th grade to Camp Tecumseh, Brookston, IN, November 7-8, 2019, was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the request to dispose of non-working Samsung and Whirlpool stoves in Southwood High School FACS room was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Board Policy:

None.

Items from Board Members:

Todd Topliff asked that all requests that come to the Board President be allowed to have Board input.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

None.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 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