

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 August 27, 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, Gary Fadil, and Todd Topliff. Also present were: Paul Voigt, Mike McDivitt, Janette Moore, Phil Boone, Jay Snyder, Andrew McDaniel, Reena Markstahler, Steve Downs, and Cheryl Roser who took the minutes of the meeting.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for September 10, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, September 24, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, October 8, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$505.00 donation for Hole Sponsors for Northfield Girls Golf: Tip C Ponderosa \$25.00; Christy and Kyle Sparks \$30.00; LAW Son, Inc \$25.00; Troxel Equipment \$25.00; Adam and Angela Cartwright \$25.00; Ann Meyer \$25.00; Denney Motor Sales \$25.00; Auto Laundry \$25.00; Troy Eads Excavating \$25.00; Kelly's Ice Cream \$25.00; Brian and Shelly Myers \$50.00; Troy and Stacy Baer \$25.00; Tru Cut Machine \$25.00; Agri-Green \$100.00; Chromers Mobile Pressure Washing \$50.00 were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Recommendation to approve the \$575.00 donation for Northfield Volleyball: Will Power Excavation \$250.00; Hometown Media \$50.00; Atlas Building \$75.00; Midwest Eye \$100.00; Goodfellas Pizza \$100.00 were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$20.00 donation from Robin Klare for Northfield Prom was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Schools Recognition:

Paul Voigt, Principal at Northfield High School, would like to recognize Shelly Myers for all of her hard work and effort in making the inclusive playground a reality. The playground

officially opened this past weekend and will be a wonderful addition for Wabash County and the children.

Staff Presentation:

Reena Markstahler, Biology/Anatomy Teacher at Southwood High School had the opportunity to participate in the externship offer through Heartland Career Center. Her goal was to study the medical field, specifically relating to anatomy, to take back to her class, that will expand learning for her students. She spent approximately sixty hours at Parkview Wabash County, The Rehab Place, and Parkview Regional. The remaining twenty hours she has been using to work on lesson plans for her class. She was able to follow several patients around in rehab for various issues. She quickly learned that rehab employees need to have high energy and empathy. Parkview Wabash County and Parkview Regional help her learn there are many occupations within the health field that don't necessarily have to be patient care.

Principals Janette Moore, Jay Snyder, Phil Boone, Paul Voigt, and Andrew McDaniel presented their 2019-2020 School Improvement Plans.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Minutes of the Tuesday, August 13, 2019, Regular Meeting were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, 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 Todd Topliff, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Chris Kuhn reviewed Form 4, Tax Rates.

Dr. Kuhn reviewed the July Education Cash Flow.

The recommendation to approve the advertising of Form 3 in Gateway was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Shannon McBride, Transportation Director, effective date to be determined; was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Megan McKillip, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach, for the 2019-20 season; Tricia Dolby, Teacher, Southwood Elementary, effective August 26, 2019; Christian Daugherty, Special Education Aide, Southwood Elementary, effective August 26, 2019; Roberta Herring, Special Education Aide, Southwood Elementary, effective August 16, 2019; Brenda MacOwan, Teacher, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective August 19, 2019; Dan Wright, Robotics Coach, 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 retirement of Donna Highley, Physical Therapist, WMAP, effective the end of the 2019-20 school year was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #104 to begin approximately September 23, 2019 through November 1, 2019 was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

#### Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported on the recent Board of Managers Meeting for Heartland Career Center. They approved paying the Teacher Mentors, accepted the \$10,000.00 donation from Ford Meter Box, and heard about enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year. Enrollment is 525 compared to 480 last school year.

Lori DuBois, Teacher, will update the MSD Board on Precision Agriculture at the September 24, 2019, meeting.

#### Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber shared the Strategic Plan for the district. The district strategic priority #1 Student Achievement-Develop and enhance quality programs to improve student achievement; #2 Recruitment and Retention-Attract and retain students to increase enrollment; #3 Financial-Ensure fiscal responsibility and stability; #4 Facilities and Technology-Provide safe and efficient learning environments.

#### Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake had sent a curriculum update to each Board member to review. He explained Dual Credits vs. Advance Placement.

Robotics are getting underway with team member practicing for contests. MSD will host its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Vex Robotics at Southwood on November 2, 2019.

ILearn scores for 2018-19 are embargoed until September 5, 2019. It appears the State average pass rates range around 50%.

NWEA testing for grades K-6 will begin over the next couple of weeks.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the reappointment of David S. Doud to the Public Library Board of Trustees for a four-year term ending September 15, 2023, was approved by Matt Driscoll, 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 7:31 p.m.

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TODD DAZEY, PRESIDENT

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KEVIN BOWMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

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MATT DRISCOLL, BOARD MEMBER

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GARY FADIL, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
TODD TOPLIFF, SECRETARY