

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 September 10, 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: Cierra Treska, Andy Blackburn, Sherry Ridgeway, Brian Ridgeway, and Cheryl Roser who took the minutes of the meeting.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for September 24, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, October 8, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and November 12, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building. There will not be a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in October due to Fall break.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$175.00 donation from: Crop Fertility Specialists, \$50.00; Dave and Jane Mann, \$100.00; Brown Town Electric, \$25.00 all for Northfield's Girls Golf, were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Recommendation to approve the \$100.00 donation from Goodfella's Pizza for Southwood Student Congress was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$350.00 donation from: Treska Brothers Excavating, \$250.00, and Randel Construction, \$100.00 for Northfield Volleyball, were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,000.00 anonymous donation: \$450.00 for Northfield Girls Basketball; \$550.00 for Northfield Cheerleading were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$150.00 donation from: Howard and Kari Halderman, \$100.00; Mitch and Michelle Snyder, \$50.00 for Northfield Football, were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$422.46 donation from Donor Choose for Northfield's Canada Trip was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$175.00 donation from: Todd McKillip, \$25.00; Steven and Kassi Grossman, \$25.00; Brainard Snow Removal, \$25.00; Closet Concepts, \$100.00 for Northfield Girls Golf Hole sponsors, were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

#### Staff Spotlight:

Cierra Treska was nominated by Andy Blackburn for her time and support she devotes to the Southwood High School Cheer Team and the girls who cheer. She also donates her time with Campus Life at the school.

#### Schools Recognition:

Southwood recognized 12th grader Daniel Cornett, for his recent writing efforts. He wrote a piece and submitted it to the Wabash Women's Clubhouse. He read his work at their most recent luncheon on Tuesday, September 10th.

Northfield recognized and is proud of Mr. Rick Brewer, History Teacher and Basketball Coach at Northfield. Mr. Brewer's book "*Jeremy Peters: True Lies and Confessions of a High School All-American*" was recently published.

#### Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Minutes of the Tuesday, August 27, 2019, Regular Meeting were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, 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.

There was no payroll to be approved for this meeting.

Chris Kuhn reviewed the August End of Month.

#### 2020 Budget Hearing:

President Todd Dazey, opened the Budget Hearing. Chris Kuhn presented the 4 funds that will be submitted to the DLGF for review and approval.

Todd Dazey asked for public questions. Hearing no questions Mr. Dazey closed the 2020 Budget Hearing.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Brenda Gaerte, Cook, Metro North Elementary, effective September 20, 2019, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Deborah Weatherholt, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective September 3, 2019; Hidi Shoemaker, Speech and Language Pathologist, WMAP, effective September 27, 2019; Troy Messersmith, Custodian, Southwood High School, effective September 11, 2019; Suzie Lewis, Special Education Aide, Northfield High School, effective September 9, 2019; Laura Mossburg, Cook, Southwood High School, effective September 5, 2019; Chad Andrews, JH Cross Country Coach, Southwood High School, effective the 2019-20 season; Karlan Varner, Cheer Coach, Southwood High School, effective the 2019-20 season (Interim); Kristen McCoart, Cook, Southwood Elementary, effective September 11, 2019; Sandra Frazier, Cook, Metro North Elementary, effective September 16, 2019, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Melissa Ball from Cook at Southwood High School to Transportation Director, effective September 5, 2019, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber informed the Board that construction has begun at both high schools. They are working in the band and choir areas, clearing them out to be painted and carpet installed.

The Board members and central office administrators will be serving dinner to employees to show their appreciation for their work. That dinner will be September 13, 2019, before the Southwood vs Northfield football game. The meal is sponsored by First Farmers Bank & Trust and the game sponsored by Southwood Athletics.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake announced that the embargoed iLearn (grades 3-8) scores are available and he shared the results. The results showed that 2/3 students across the state, failed both Math and ELA. State leaders are asking for schools and teachers to be "held harmless" due to the lower results from a new test. The MSDWC students passing percentage is slightly below the State average, but our results are near the top in relation to surrounding school districts.

New Business:

None.

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 6:44 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