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 March 9, 2021, at 5:00 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.

MSDWC School Board met in regular session on March 9, 2021, at 5:00 at Central Office. Seating was limited, and attendance was subjected to social distancing guidelines. All members of the public attending to provide comment were accommodated. We continued to livestream the meeting on Facebook Live. The public was able to comment in person or on Facebook Live during the appropriate times.

Todd Dazey, President, called the meeting to order. Mike Keaffaber, Superintendent, Chris Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent, and Tim Drake, Chief Academic Officer, were present. A roll call of members on the Board were shown to be present as follows: Matt Driscoll, Kevin Bowman, Christian Rosen, Scott Haupert. Also present were Andrew McDaniel.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled March 23, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, April 27, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, and May 11, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the $1,500.00 donation from Todd Dazey, 2-$500.00 scholarships for 3 y/o PreK, one each for Metro North and Southwood Elementary; 2-$250.00 scholarships for an outstanding senior band member, one each for Southwood and Northfield High Schools was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

From Andrew Mc Daniel, Principal at Southwood Jr/Sr High School. Southwood received yet another Exemplary Behavior Report from the IHSAA. The report reads, “This Exemplary Behavior Report is a great tool to recognize student-athletes. As a basketball official, I feel it is very important to look for the positive aspects of athletic competition. Southwood Athletic Department and the boys’ varsity basketball coaches are doing a great job promoting sportsmanship. This young man (Logan Barley), tonight displayed a positive attitude and team leadership. It was noticeable around the officiating crew.”

We would like to congratulate our Junior High Robotics Teams (Team B and Team C) for qualifying to compete at the state level on Saturday, March 6, 2021. If our students score well
The three March honorable-mention all-state honors from the IBCA. Kennedy, Emma Kearston Baker, and all earned their team fell short on the scoreboard. Congratulations contest. The Northfield JV Coach also coached the Manchester High School. The Northfield players showed IHSAA. Official John Scott said, "The Northfield JV Boys’ Basketball team played at Manchester High School. The Northfield players showed great sportsmanship throughout their contest. The Northfield JV Coach also coached the game with a positive attitude even though their team fell short on the scoreboard. Congratulations to all!!

Addi Baker, Emma Hoover, Kyra Kennedy, and Kearston Stout all earned honorable-mention all-state honors from the IBCA. Congratulations Ladies!!!

Robotics competition, held this past Saturday, March 6th, 2021. Each team competed in three driver sessions and three autonomous programmed sessions. The 7th Grade Team posted an impressive performance and positioned themselves 5th overall in the state for the 2020/2021
middle school season. After the qualifying rounds, the 7th grade team was honored with the State Judges Award. After engineering changes to their robot and posting consistent and competitive scores in the driver sessions, the 8th grade improved from their February scores and moved up to be positioned at 11th place in the state after the day of competition. Please join us in Congratulations to the 7th grade, Mason Lyons, Logan Lyons, Neal Long. And a congratulations to the 8th grade, Luke Haupert, Conner Dillingham, and Hank Gray.

Northfield would like to congratulate our students who have been selected to participate in the Wabash County Honors Band and Choir Concert on Friday, March 12, 2021. Honors Band - Landon Shoue, Autumn Burruss, Hailey Barton, Ethan Galbraith, Clay Herring, Turner Stephens, Keaton Stout, Kyle Wynn, Natalee Keller. Honors Choir - Addie France, Ethan Galbraith, Sydney Lester, Trinity Shockome.

From Joel Martin, Sharp Creek Elementary. Sharp Creek Elementary would like to recognize Miss Shelby Grumpp. She is our most recently hired paraprofessional and is doing a wonderful job. Shelby's pleasant personality allows her to relate well to students and she comes to the building with a great attitude each day.

We also wish to celebrate our cafeteria manager, Amanda Rhoades. Amanda has had to make adjustments time and time again this year due to things outside of her control. Her attitude and approach have remained calm and positive throughout. Thanks for your leadership with our kitchen staff!

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday February 23, 2021, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

Claims were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

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

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Dick Leming, Assistant Track Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective the spring season; Hillary Moore, JH Track Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective the spring season; Katie Singleton, Temporary Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, to continue through May 25, 2021, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.
The recommendation to approve the resignation of Kevin Kling, Teacher, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective March 6, 2021, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #120, extension of the leave through May 26, 2021, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent’s Report:

Superintendent Mike Keaffaber thanked the Heartland staff who presented at the Kiwanis meeting. He gave a COVID-19 update stating numbers are very low in our schools and the county is designated as blue.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Tim Drake wanted to recognize Melissa Ball for coordinating the Academic Banquet and Lisa (Duncan) Strieter, DDS, Southwood graduate, for presenting.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the calendar change for March 19, 2021: eLearning Day to In-Person Learning Day was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Board Policy:

None.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

None.

Items from Board Members:

None.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at
6:17 p.m.

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KEVIN BOWMAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

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CHRISTIAN ROSEN, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

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MATT DRISCOLL, SECRETARY