

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 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 Haupt. 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 Haupt, 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

enough at this competition, they will qualify for the National Competition. This competition has been held in Louisville in previous years, but will be held in Dallas this year. Because of the pandemic, teams will be competing virtually.

Southwood Junior Senior High School would like to recognize our varsity basketball team for a dominating performance in this year's sectional basketball tournament. The Knights beat Southern Wells, North Miami, and Lakeland Christian to achieve the sectional championship trophy. They play next at Frankfort High School in Regional Competition. They will face Seton Catholic at noon on Saturday, March 13, 2021.

Southwood would like to recognize those students who have been selected to participate in the County Honors Band and Choir concert on Friday, March 12, 2021. Those students who made it to Honors Band are Maggie Ball, Skyler Claussen, Hattie Cochran, Alice Guyer, Breanna Higgins, Monica Hobson, Ethan Lochard, Grant Petro, Jared Richards, and Dakota Wilson. Choir students who made it to the County Honors Choir are Isaac Bragg, Olivia Cummins, Micah Dale, Isabel Davis, Cage Dubois, Isaac King, Makenlie Lambert, Katelyn Ranck. Also, congratulations to Lyndzy Silvers who made it to both County Honors Band and Choir this year! Way to go, Knights!

Southwood Junior/Senior High School would like to recognize our Robotics Teams for their efforts in the State Robotics Competition. Our B Team came in 13th place and the C Team ranked 7th place. Team B received the Create Award which is presented to the team who has built a robot that incorporates the most creative engineering design solution to the challenges of this season's game. Team C received the Build Award which is presented to a team that has built the most durable robot. Team B students are Grace Drake, Daedric Kaehr, Logan Shellhamer, and Emily Lochard. Team C students are Natalie Sutphin, Colleen Boardman, Ryan Nelson, and Cooper Drake. Jodi Kaehr is our Robotics Team Head Coach. Way to go, Knights!

From Jay Snyder, Principal at Northfield Jr/Sr High School. Congratulations to Logan Cox for making Indiana Highschool Coach Association (IHSWCA) Academic All State!

Congratulations to Clayton Tomlinson on scoring his 1000th career Varsity basketball point a few games ago. Earlier in the season Clayton also recorded his 1000th assist.

Northfield Jr./Sr. High School received another Exemplary Behavior Report for the 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Hauptert, 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 Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

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

Payroll was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, 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.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

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TODD DAZEY, PRESIDENT

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KEVIN BOWMAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

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SCOTT HAUPERT, BOARD MEMBER

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CHRISTIAN ROSEN, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

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MATT DRISCOLL, SECRETARY