

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 May 11, 2021, 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.

MSDWC School Board met in regular session on May 11, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the 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, Scott Hauptert, and Christian Rosen. Also, present were Phil Boone and Josh Petruniw.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled May 25, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, June 8, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, and July 13, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$750.00 donation from First Farmers Bank and Trust for the staff appreciation meals provided by Pizza King (the week of May 3-7, 2021) was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$400.00 donation-\$300.00 from Hoosier Chiropractor; \$100.00 from Dawn Hess for Northfield Baseball was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the anonymous donation of an enrollment in the Casey's Rewards Program (estimated value \$8.80) for Southwood Elementary students was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from Dairyland Seed Company for Southwood FFA was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the donation of office chairs to Metro North Elementary from Bachelor Creek Church of Christ was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$630.00 donation made in memory of Mrs. Julia Keaffaber to the Little Norse Preschool at Metro North Elementary was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$19.00 donation from General Mills-Box Top for Education for Southwood Elementary was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

From Phil Boone, Principal at Southwood Elementary. Southwood Elementary would like to thank the Kiwanis organization of Wabash for their recent donation of novels for our 5th grade students. Students voted on a number of possibilities. When the votes came in, *Pax* was selected as the novel of choice. Every student received their own copy of the novel. Kiwanian Dr. Greg Garner recently visited SES to read to the class from a portion of the novel.

Mrs. Kendall's 6th grade readers recently completed their book report projects for the fourth nine weeks. The book report rubric asked students to incorporate story elements they had been learning about throughout the school year, such as plot, conflict, summarizing, and character attributes. Students then took their information and created a "Book Report T-shirt". Along with the required written elements, students also created an illustration to go along with their story. Students did an amazing job, and Mrs. Kendall was very pleased with and proud of the results!

From Andrew McDaniel, Principal at Southwood Jr/Sr High School. The SHS Community would like to recognize Mr. Hickman and Mrs. Keefer for the outstanding performances from band and choir students last week. The junior high band and choirs performed on Tuesday and the high school band and choirs performed Thursday. Teachers were able to navigate students coming and going due to quarantine issues and still delivered an outstanding performance.

According to the May 10, 2021, regular season poll produced by the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association, Southwood is ranked number 1 in 1A baseball. They currently hold a 13-2 record. Way to go, Knights!

From Janette Moore, Principal at Metro North Elementary. Metro North would like to graciously thank Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, doctors Gorman and Bunch, and MSDWC for honoring, celebrating, and appreciating our staff last week.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, April, 27, 2021, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

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

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

Dr. Kuhn reviewed the April End of Month. Then he reviewed the 2022 Budget Agenda.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Katherine Singleton, Paraprofessional, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 10, 2021; Stacy James, Special Education Teacher, Southwood Elementary, effective August 9, 2021; were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Jack Givens, Educational Diagnostician, WMAP, effective the end of the 2020-2021 school year; Nick Perlich, Technology Assistant, White's Jr/Sr High School, effective the end of the 2020-2021 school year; were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #124, leave to begin June 29, 2021, for approximately 8 weeks, 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 stated that the Indiana School Boards Association tracks the bills introduced by the Indiana General Assembly. The final count of K-12 education bills on the list that will become law is 41. Overall, there were 219 new laws enacted by the Indiana General Assembly. Thus, 19% of the new laws are relevant to public education. If you are keeping score, that brings the total of new K-12 education laws in the past four sessions to 148.

Mr. Keaffaber thanked all of the partners who contributed to Teacher Appreciation Week. Pizza King made 75 pizzas for staff for lunch and Bachelor Creek Church of Christ provided Modoc's drinks for staff. One other business wanted to show their support for staff, but it was decided that they would find another time to do that.

Mr. Keaffaber recognized Laura Langebartels for organizing the new MSDWC website, which is now up and running.

Mr. Keaffaber shared the “thank you” from Wabash Area Community Theater for the use of Northfield’s auditorium for their presentation of “*Play On*”. Our own Board President, Todd Dazey, who was a part of the production, thanked Northfield as well.

Curriculum Report:

Tim Drake reported that testing is finishing. He shared with the Board that the IDOE reduced Title I Basic and D grants, and noted that much work went into redoing those grants and covering the loss of funding.

New Business:

Additional Appropriation Hearing:

The Additional Appropriation Hearing with the Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Wabash County was held May 11, 2021, pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Board, Todd Dazey. The President presided over the meeting. Dr. Kuhn presented to the Board proof of publication of the hearing to be held at this meeting on the matter of the additional appropriation proposed to be made on account of the renovation of and improvements to school facilities throughout the School Corporation, including roofing and interior improvements at Northfield Jr/Sr High School and Southwood Jr/Sr High School (the “Project”), which proof of publication shows that the notice was published in the *Wabash Plain Dealer* on April 28, 2021.

After hearing no comments relative to the additional appropriation, on a motion duly made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Hauptert, the resolution attached hereto as Exhibit A was unanimously carried.

The firm of Ice Miller LLP, bond counsel of Indianapolis, IN had been consulted relative to the procedure to be followed in connection with the proposed bond issue and the rendering of an opinion approving the legality of the bonds. After due consideration of the final bond resolution, on a motion duly made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman to approve the Final Bond Resolution Exhibit B was unanimously carried.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Additional Appropriation Hearing was closed.

The recommendation to approve Wolf Commercial Roofing, Inc. for the High School Roofing Project, was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the payment of pandemic stipends and positions out of ESSER grants was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) concerning staff stipends with the MSD Wabash County Teacher Association (MSDWCEA) was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2021-2022 grade configuration at Metro North Elementary: PreK-2, and Sharp Creek Elementary: 3-6 was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the extended day/out of state field trip for Northfield's AP Physics, Chemistry, and Calculus classes to Cedar Point, Sandusky, OH, May 14, 2021, 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):

One question was asked and answered.

Items from Board Members:

None.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

TODD DAZEY, PRESIDENT

KEVIN BOWMAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

SCOTT HAUPERT, BOARD MEMBER

CHRISTIAN ROSEN, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

MATT DRISCOLL, SECRETARY