

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 10, 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 August 10, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at Central Office. We will continue to livestream the meeting on Facebook Live. The public may 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: Kevin Bowman, Matt Driscoll, and Scott Hauptert. Absent was Christian Rosen. Also present were Brian Ridgeway, Sherry Ridgeway, Andy Eads, and Mitch Meyer.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled August 24, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, September 14, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, and September 28, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

None.

School Recognition:

None.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, July 27, 2021, were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second Scott Hauptert, 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 Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

Dr. Kuhn continued with the 2022 Budget review. He shared with the Board the Education Fund (draft).

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Warren Daily, Head Baseball Coach, Southwood High School, effective immediately; Katie Arwood, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective immediately; were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Andrea Beeks, Cross Country Head Coach, Northfield High School, effectively immediately; Tricia Barton, Paraprofessional, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective August 10, 2021; Liberty Vigar, Cook, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective August 16, 2021; Mary Cole, Paraprofessional, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective August 18, 2021; Lora Nordman, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective August 10, 2021; Stephanie Selleck, Secretary, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 9, 2021; Hannah Ehle, Music Teacher, Metro North Elementary, effective August 9, 2021; Eric Kirtlan, Assistant Cross Country Coach, Northfield High School, effective immediately; Kelly Bever, Assistant Cross Country Coach, Northfield High School, effective immediately; Telisa Hall, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective August 10, 2021; Ben Bachman, JH Football, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Cindy French, Cook, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 10, 2021; Ashley Harris, Cook, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 10, 2021; Jordan Boyer, Head Girls Golf Coach, Southwood High School, effective immediately; were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Debra Mitchell, Paraprofessional Southwood Elementary, effective immediately; was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfers of Jennifer Miracle, transferring from Special Education Aide to Credit Recovery/Study Hall Aide at Northfield Jr/Sr High School effective August 10, 2021; Sarah Aderman, transferring from Paraprofessional to Library Aide at Sharp Creek Elementary, effective August 9, 2021; Amanda Lyons, transferring from Sharp Creek Elementary Library Aide to Northfield Jr/Sr High School Library Aide, effective August 10, 2021; were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Mike Keaffaber shared that with everyone working together, we had a great start to the school year.. On August 9, 2021, at Southwood Jr./S. High School, all certified staff started their 2021-2022 school year off by meeting and enjoying a breakfast prepared by the cafeteria staff. They then met in the auditorium where Mr. Keaffaber recognized staff who have reached milestone years with the corporation. He recognized the Teachers and Staff of the Year. A new program to assist our students and families was introduced - CarePortal. Promise Indiana/Early Scholarship Awards were reviewed. Dr. Tony GiaQuinta, Pediatrician, and former President of the Indiana American Academy of Pediatrics was the keynote speaker who shared a presentation titled, “Child Brain Development, Trauma, and How Schools Will Rescue Our Children Post-COVID.” He also congratulated and praised the group for keeping the schools open and having a successful year during the world-wide pandemic.

The first student was on August 10, 2021. The day went well other than the extreme hot temperatures for the day. Mr. Keaffaber believes the enrollment numbers are very good. He will report on definite enrollment numbers at a later time.

#### Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake shared with the Board that the last couple of weeks teachers have had professional development going on.

#### New Business:

The recommendation to approve the Supplement to the Re-Entry Plan 2021-2022 was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

#### Unfinished Business:

None.

#### Board Policy:

The Board had the first reading and review of Board Policy #1220-Electronic Participation by Board Members in Board Meeting. The second reading and vote will be held at the August 24, 2021, Board Meeting.

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

Several questions were asked by the public and answered.

#### Items from Board Members:

None.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 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