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 24, 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 24, 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, and Chris Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent were present. A roll call of members on the Board were shown to be present as follows: Kevin Bowman, Matt Driscoll, Scott Haupert, and Christian Rosen. Absent was Tim Drake, Chief Academic Officer. Also present were Brian Ridgeway, Sherry Ridgeway, Mitch Meyer, Richard Leming, Jane Leming, Kevin Leming, Jay Snyder, Mike McDivitt, Andrew McDaniel, and Steve Downs.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled September 14, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, September 28, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, and October 12, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

Recommendation to approve the donation of $700.00 to provide students with a new Scholastic book each month throughout the school year. Donors include: Kari Johnson, Senora Gray, Sheryl Hodson, Amber Bretzman, Lisa Bever, Mariann Milam, Shae Lauer, Mary Knight, Jodi Roser, Megan Heyde, Jessica Savage, Monica Sparling, Megan Lehner, Lecretia Swan JoEllen Studio, Keisha McKillip, Tammy Keaffaber, Becky Wagoner, Melissa Denney, Tonya Roser, Amy Poole, Teresa Cohee, Jennie Terrel. Books will be purchased each month for every student at Metro North in Mrs. Ross’ kindergarten class and Mrs. Mills’ first grade class was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

Recommendation to approve the donation of $260.00 to provide students with a new Scholastic book each month throughout the school year. Donors include: Linda Mirante, Merd Diener, Robin Unger, Lori Hitchcock, Teresa Frehse, Kim Hendrix, Lisa Rife, Kerri Hanneken, Becky VanMeter, Yvette Engle, Connie McKillip, Terry Hann, Cari Snyder, Tracy Azbell, Pama Poe, Robin Merrick, Judy McKillip, Delinda Pinson, Nancy Krom, Lynn Smalling, David Ault, and Nancy Jo Hammel. Books will be purchased each month for every student at
Metro North in Mrs. Stearley’s second grade class was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

None.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, August 10, 2021, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

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

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

Dr. Kuhn shared the Operation Fund estimated cash flow then continued with the 2022 Budget review, Form 4 review (Tax Rates).

The recommendation to approve the advertising of Form 3 in Gateway was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Cody McClure, JH Golf Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Stephanie Selleck, Secretary, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 27, 2021, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Rebekah Macy, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective August 27, 2021; Sarah Gaylorud, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective August 10, 2021; Kristin Pegg, JH Volleyball Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Alyssa Spann, JH Volleyball Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Cheyanne Ruff, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective August 23, 2021; Tiffany Livesay, Elementary Volleyball Coach, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective immediately; Jessica Freeman, Secretary, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 30, 2021; Abby Denney, Elementary Volleyball Coach, Southwood Elementary, effective immediately; Amy Matthews, Elementary Volleyball Coach, Southwood Elementary, effective immediately, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.
The recommendation to approve the leave of #126, to begin approximately September 21, 2021, with an approximate return date of November 16, 2021; #127, to begin Approximately February 7, 2022, with an approximate return date of April 29, 2022, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported on the most recent Heartland Career Center Board of Directors meeting. School started off very well with 640 students attending this year which is up about 50 students from last year. He also talked about that there has been meetings with architects regarding their new building.

Superintendent’s Report:

Superintendent Mike Keaffaber reported witnessing the staff making school and student learning a reality while dealing with the ongoing pandemic. We have great people who are very dedicated!

Curriculum Report:

No report.

New Business:

The President, Todd Dazey opened the public hearing for Formal Bargaining (I.C. 20-29-6-1). After hearing no comments, the meeting was closed.

The recommendation to approve the adult meal price change due to the IDOE School Nutrition memo, was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Northfield Jr/Sr High School track to be named Leming Track (after Richard Leming) was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Jr/Sr High Schools’ school improvement plans were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

None.
Board Policy:

The Board had the second reading and vote of Board Policy #1220-Electronic Participation by Board Members in Board Meeting. The recommendation to approve the Board Policy #1220-Electronic Participation by Board Members in Board Meeting was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

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 6:56 p.m.