

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 September 14, 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 September 14, 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 Hauptert, and Christian Rosen. Absent was Tim Drake, Chief Academic Officer. Also present were Janette Moore, Joel Martin, Phil Boone, Gray Dawson, Frankie Dawson, and Josh Petruniw.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled September 28, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, October 12, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, and November 9, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

Recommendation to approve the \$1500.00 donation from an anonymous donor for Southwood Softball was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Recommendation to approve the donation of hand sanitizer from POET was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

From Janette Moore, Principal at Metro North Elementary, a huge thank you to our Metro North support staff! Throughout the first month of school, we have had "all hands-on deck." Our support staff jumps in when needed, often coming in early, staying late, and helping any student or staff member when needed. They are patient, flexible, and jump right in! They are the structure that keeps us going each and every day!

Our Metro North Little Norse Preschool successfully completed our licensing visit for the third year in a row. This visit is quite a task to ensure all of our 17 staff members that interact

with our preschoolers have the accurate credentialing - fingerprinting, TB test, drug screening, first aid, CPR, 12 hours of professional development. Having our licensing visit so close to the start of the school year makes things even more interesting! Thank you, Little Norse staff, for going the extra mile to ensure we had all of our ducks in a row!

Thank you to our Wabash County DCS for organizing and arranging our annual Body Safety program with Sgt. Terry Hall.

From Joel Martin, Principal at Sharp Creek Elementary, we want to celebrate and say thank you to our custodial staff, Mr. Vernon Mollette and Mr. Howard Goshert on their hard work all summer and this first few weeks of school. Not only is the building well cared for on a daily basis but we had many summer teacher room relocations including all teacher materials, technology, and furniture. This was all accomplished in an efficient manner by Mr. Mollette and Mr. Goshert along with teachers and additional custodial/maintenance staff arranged by Mr. Steve Holley. We appreciate all who contributed their time and effort to have our SCE building ready for school day #1.

A big thank you to Mrs. Alison Rosemeyer who is doing a great job in her first year as our building secretary and bookkeeper. Each day she has grown in her confidence and knowledge of the position. Her handling of student, staff and parent needs has been nothing but positive. We are blessed to have her on our SCE team.

Sharp Creek would like to celebrate Mrs. Sarah Aderman who is doing a wonderful job as our new Library Aide. Her roles and responsibilities are varied and she has shown a desire to learn quickly. Mrs. Aderman works well with students and has a genuine heart for doing what is right and good for them each day.

Southwood Jr/Sr High School and Principal, Andrew McDaniel, are pleased to report that Cayden Prickett, Southwood graduate of the class of 2021, enlisted in the Marine Corps and just recently successfully completed the Crucible. The Crucible is the 54-hour straight training exercise that validates the physical, mental, and moral training they have endured thus far. We are very proud of you, Cayden! Way to go!

The parent of a Southwood graduate reported that her son recently took part in an exercise that helped transport and welcome American citizens and refugees from Afghanistan to an undisclosed military base. The parent wanted to remain anonymous, but we wanted to recognize that a Southwood graduate, who is also a member of the armed forces, was part of the effort to get American citizens and others out of Afghanistan.

Southwood High School would also like to thank the River Defenders and all other involved groups for making the River Wild Field Trip a huge success!

Southwood High School received another Exemplary Behavior Report from the IHSAA. This document was written regarding the August 27, 2021, Varsity Football Game vs. Oak Hill.

The report reads, "Outstanding sportsmanship from Southwood players and coaches throughout the entire game."

From Lindsey Knee, Choir and Band Teacher at SHS: After rehearsals and auditions, we had two Southwood High School choir students make the 2022 Indiana All-State Honor Choir! Katelyn Ranck and Lyndzy Silvers will represent Southwood in January for a performance at the Indiana Music Educators Association Convention with a hundred other high school students. This is Katelyn's third year and Lyndzy's second year being a part of this ensemble. Only the top students in each assigned area were chosen to perform with this group so it is exciting that we had two make it.

Northfield Jr/Sr High School and Principal, Jay Snyder, want to send out a big thank you to the Wabash River Defenders, First Responders, and all the parents and volunteers that helped make our 7th grade trip down the Wabash River a possibility. A special thank you to Science Teacher Ryan McFarland who really plans the fine details for NHS. It is quite a bit of time to get all the proper paperwork and all completed to take 90 7th graders on a trip like this.

Northfield Cross Country Team hosted the Norse Invite back on Saturday, August 28, 2021, at the Field of Dreams. The NHS Lady Norse Cross Country placed 1st at the Norse Invite. Madeline Moore led the team with an 8th place finish in a time of 24:49. Coming in 10th place was Trinity Bever at 25:23, 12th place was Mara Zolman in a time of 25:53. Rounding out our Lady Norse was Ella Gahl in 16th place, Anna Kissel in 17th, Asia Miller in 24th and Natalee Keller in 39th. We had a Jr. High Boy, Tayten Barlow, won the boys Jr. High race at the invite and the Jr. High boys team finished 2nd. At the Norse invite and for the 2nd meet in a row, Laney Hauptert and Kaleigh Rice finished 1st and 2nd to lead the Lady Norse to victory. All 6 girls ran season best times on a beautiful sunny morning. Teagan Baer finished 5th, Ali Copeland finished 11th and Amarah Bowers improved her lifetime best by 1:22 finishing 16th. Keira Oswalt ran her first ever race to put her first time into the books.

Northfield Girls Golf has had a great season so far. They have a current record of 28-5. They were 5th place at Huntington North Invite out of 12 teams. Alex Cartwright and Ainsley Dale were in the top 10. They were Manchester Invite champions and Wabash Invite champions. Alex Cartwright was the meet champion and Ainsley Dale 3rd overall. We wish Coach McClure and players all the best as they begin Sectional play.

Official John Flanagan gave an IHSAA Exemplary Behavior Report to both Southwood and Northfield after the football game at Southwood on Friday, September 10, 2021. John Flanagan said, "My crew and I had the pleasure of officiating the Northfield at Southwood football game this evening. Going in, we knew this as a huge rivalry game that is often very close. Tonight was just that. But what really impressed me was the culture of sportsmanship that has been established at both schools. While the play on the field was exemplary and the sportsmanship evident (hard play followed by helping each other up and at times even congratulating one another on a good block or great play) what really stood out was the student sections. There was a set of bleachers located in the end zone. It filled up in about the 2nd

quarter. It took me a while to realize it, but these bleachers were filled with students from BOTH schools. Both cheering hard. Both rooting loudly. But right next to each other during a close rivalry game. Not once did I hear anything beyond the "you can't do that" chant. These students had a blast. The teams enjoyed them being there, and there was nothing even close to an incident. Imagine putting adults rooting for their respective teams in this situation! This is a credit to Tom Finicle and the administration at Southwood and the Northfield administration which have obviously established outstanding cultures of sportsmanship. Add to this the professional behavior and attitudes of both coaches (Dave Snyder and Brandon Baker) and this turned out to be one of those games that remind me why my crew and I put in the time that we do to be officials. Well done Southwood! Well done Northfield!"

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

Mitch Meyer commented on Facebook and wanted everyone to know that the sign at Wilbur Dawes Field and Richard Leming Track will be hung on Thursday, September 16, 2021.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, August 24, 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 Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

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

Dr. Kuhn reviewed the August End of the Month totals.

President Todd Dazey opened the 2022 Budget Hearing. Dr. Kuhn review the 2022 Budget with the Board. After reviewing the budget, Mr. Dazey closed the hearing. The adoption vote will be September 28, 2021.

The recommendation to approve the Resolution for Appropriation Modification was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Tory Holloway, Volunteer Cheer Coach, Southwood High School, effective immediately; Maggie Easterday, Elementary Volleyball Coach, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective immediately; Sheryl Hodson, Social Worker (Temporary), Sharp Creek Elementary, effective September 7, 2021; Erica Speakman, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective August 30, 2021; Nicole Powell, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective September 1, 2021; Delayne Ball, Speech and Language Pathologist Assistant, WMAP, effective September 13, 2021; were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the coaches for Southwood Jr/Sr High School for the 2021-2022 season are as follows: Kenneth Norman, Head Girls Basketball; Rod Cole, Assistant Girls Basketball; Britani Bush, JV Girls Basketball; John Burrus, Head Boys Basketball; Christian Perry, Assistant Boys Basketball; Jim Hogan, JV Boys Basketball; Devin Dale, Boys Basketball C-Team; Mike Kennedy, Boys Basketball 8th Grade; Cary Hammel, Head Wrestling; Reena Markstahler, Assistant Wrestling; Harley Hiner, Assistant Wrestling, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Mike Keaffaber shared that Friday, September 10, 2021, was our first eLearning day. Teachers had the opportunity to hear Dr. Adam Drummond, International Center for Leadership and Education. Dr. Drummond spoke on Best Practices of Instruction.

Curriculum Report:

No report.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the PERF My Choice Resolution was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2021-2022 Fundraisers was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight field trip for Sharp Creek Elementary 4th Grade to Camp Tecumseh, October 14-15, 2021, was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Elementary school improvement plans were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, 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 6:52 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