

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 October 12, 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 October 12, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the 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, Scott Hauptert, and Christian Rosen. Also present were Brian Ridgeway, Sherry Ridgeway, Wendy Lynn, Gary Dawson, and Frankie Dawson.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled November 9, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, November 23, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, and December 14, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$1,500.00 donation from an anonymous donor for Metro North Elementary was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,010.00 donation from an anonymous donor for Northfield (\$250.00-Cheerleading; \$250.00-Basketball; \$250.00-Tennis; \$75.00-National Honor Society; \$75.00-Football; \$110.00-Cross Country) was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

From Sharp Creek Elementary Principal, Joel Martin: congratulations and thank you to our Sharp Creek students and families as we exceeded the challenge of collecting 100 cake mixes and 100 icing tubs for Lighthouse Mission. Totals for SCE- 212 cake mixes and 117 tubs of icing.

Southwood Jr/Sr High School Principal, Andrew McDaniel shared from Miss Knee (Choir/Band Teacher): Congratulations to Aubrey Carey (flute) and Luc Neal (Bb Clarinet) for making the 2021 Indiana All-Region Honor Band! These two students will represent Southwood Jr/Sr High School at the honor band performance on Sunday, November 14th at Marion High School.

Also from Miss Knee, Congratulations to Alice Guyer (percussion), Lyndzy Silvers (Bb clarinet), and Dakota Wilson (piccolo/flute) for making the 2021 Indiana-All District Honor Band! These three students will represent Southwood Junior/Senior High School at the honor band performance on Sunday, November 21st at Rossville High School.

Mr. McDaniel shared, with a win over Tippecanoe Valley Tuesday, October 5; our Varsity Lady Knights Volleyball team wins the TRC for this season! Way to go, Ladies!

Congratulations to our Knights Varsity Football Team for getting back on the winning track with a decisive home win on Friday, October 8 against Whitko! Way to go, Fellas!

Southwood High School Government and Economics Teacher Shelly Faust was recognized by the College Board for serving as a test reader over the summer. We are thankful for Shelly's continued commitment to improving her instruction and preparing her students for the AP exams in Economics and Government.

From Phil Boone, Principal at Southwood Elementary, Southwood Elementary would like to thank White's HS for stepping up to help us fill some staffing needs during the week of 9/27-10/1/2021. With a number of our staff affected by illness, the White's staff provided support by subbing in many of our classrooms. We appreciate Mr. McDivitt for making this offer to us and for arranging his staff to fill the various needs.

First run in 1897, the Boston Marathon is one of the most prestigious long-distance races in the world. If you think about it, a Boston Marathon runner applies many tenets of our MSD mission, vision, & tag line: discovering & achieving passion & potential; driven to take initiative; unafraid to fail; and of course...dreaming big & working hard! So, how does that connect to Southwood Elementary...Congratulations to 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Natalie Unger, on finishing the Boston Marathon yesterday in a time of 3:26:22. This time placed her in the top third overall, by gender, and age group. Southwood Elementary is super proud of Mrs. Unger for this great achievement!

#### Staff Spotlight:

Bus Driver, Wendy Lynn nominated Melissa Ball, Transportation Director for the district.

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

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, September 28, 2021, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Claims were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, 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 September End of Month and reviewed the transfers from the Education Fund and the Operations Fund.

#### Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignations of Aaron Creech, Custodian, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective October 15, 2021; Cheyanne Ruff, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective October 1, 2021, were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Hannah McDivitt, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective October 6, 2021; Bailey Roberts, Technology Assistant, Southwood Elementary, effective October 28, 2021, were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the coaches for Northfield Jr/Sr High School for the winter season are as follows: Brandon Baker, Head Girls Basketball; Rex Reimer, Head Boys Basketball; Matt Burkhart, Assistant Boys Basketball; Matt Brown, Assistant Boys Basketball; Sean Cline, Volunteer Boys Basketball; Troy Baer, Volunteer Boys Basketball; Shane Vigar, Volunteer Boys Basketball; Ed Shenefield, Head Wrestling; Scotty Pennington, Assistant Wrestling; Eric Kirtlan, Assistant Wrestling; Greg Gahl, Assistant Wrestling and JH Wrestling Head Coach; Joseph Mitchell, Assistant Wrestling; Neil Bever, Volunteer Assistant Wrestling; Isaiah Vanderpool, Volunteer Assistant Wrestling; Micah Higgins, Volunteer Assistant Wrestling; Aly Rosemeyer, Head Cheer; Deb Schenkel, Assistant Cheer; Hallie Zolman, Head JH Cheer; Sydney Chamberlain, Assistant Girls Basketball; Hilary Eltzroth, Assistant Girls Basketball; Lakelia Hunter, Girls Swimming; Kevin Leming, JH Boys Basketball; Kevin Pratt, JH Boys Basketball; Scott Hauptert, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball Volunteer were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

#### Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

#### Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent, Mike Keaffaber, reported that Parent/Teacher Conferences were going on. He attended the ISBA/IAPSS conference. Southwood High School class of 1970 contacted Mr. Keaffaber for a tour of the school for those who attended their 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion (due to

COVID-19 being postponed last year). Mr. Keaffaber enjoyed giving the tour for those who attended. He thanked the Board for allowing Dr. Kuhn and him to attend Kiwanis and Rotary; both have recently finished their year as President. He continues to meet monthly with the Superintendent's Advisory Team. This group is made up of two students from each grade 9-12 at both high schools. White's High School recently had three graduates.

Other sports related items he wanted to share were the dedication/naming of Northfield's track to Leming Track. Northfield Girls' Cross Country moved on to Regionals and Northfield and Southwood had individual boys moving on. Southwood 7<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball team won the Running Rivers Conference and the high school Volleyball team were the TRC Champs.

#### Curriculum Report:

Tim Drake shared that they are piloting a new Science and Social Studies curriculum. More information will be forthcoming.

#### New Business:

The recommendation to declare items for salvage to be sold at the auction on October 23, 2021, was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Resolution to Transfer funds to the Rainy-Day Fund was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight camping trip for Southwood Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> grade to Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, IN, November 4-5, 2021, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the extended field trip for Northfield's ACP Government, ACP History, and Seniors interested in IUB to Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, November 1, 2021, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Scott Hauptert, 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 6:41 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