

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 November 9, 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 November 9, 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, and Scott Hauptert, Absent were Matt Driscoll and Christian Rosen. Also present were Valerie Trail, Lindsey Trail, Shellie Sarll, Gary Dawson, Frankie Dawson, and Josh Petruniw.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled November 23, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, December 14, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, and January 11, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$1,00.00 donation from Cary & Nancy Hammel for Southwood High School Wrestling was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$300.00 donation from MSD Wabash County for Southwood Wrestling 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 Early Learning Indiana-Quality Program study for Metro North's Little Norse Preschool was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,500.00 donation from Todd Dazey to be used as follows: \$500.00 for Little Knights 3-year-old program; \$500.00 for Little Norse 3-year-old program; \$250.00 scholarship for outstanding Southwood High School Band senior; \$250.00 scholarship for outstanding Northfield High School Band senior was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

### School Recognition:

Mike McDivitt, White's Jr/Sr High School Principal shared his vision for the school when he was first hired. He felt the school needed to add the Arts to their curriculum. Choir has already been added and a coding club, but his vision was for an Art class to be added. He reached out to Indiana Wesleyan University last spring for anyone who would be interested in starting this program. This fall one student has been coming into the school and teaching an art class starting out with a girl's class and now they have just added a boy's class. Many students have communicated with Mr. McDivitt their love for the class.

From Jay Snyder, Northfield Jr/Sr High School Principal, Kayden Cruz, Emma Beall, and Kyle Wynn all received checks prior to Fall Break from AP TIP Notre Dame for scores on AP tests last Spring. Other 2020 graduates, Michael Fisher, Emma Brainard, and Addison Harner also received checks.

The week before Fall Break Mrs. Dyson's Human and Social Services class with the help of Sharp Creek, Metro North and people in the community helped collect 500 cake mixes and 400 tubs of icing, which saved Lighthouse Mission \$900. The class delivered the items to Lighthouse Mission. It's great to see staff and students seeing needs in our community, working hard, and thinking of others.

Thanks to Coach Andrea Kirtlan, Eric Kirtlan, and Kelly Bever for all their time and dedication to cross country at NHS. Congratulations to NHS Cross Country as the girls' team qualified for Regional as well as Layne Denton and Karson Pratt for the boys.

From Andrew McDaniel, Southwood Jr/Sr High School Principal, congratulations to Casey Boardman for making it through sectionals and competing at regionals in Cross Country. Although he didn't move on to semi-state, he ran hard and represented us well.

Congratulations to our Gridiron Knights for their opening round win vs. North Miami in sectional football competition.

We would like to recognize our volleyball team for their success this year. They ended the season as sectional champs and won the first round of regional play but subsequently fell to Kouts in the championship round of regionals. Congrats to our Lady Knights and volleyball coaches on an exceptional season.

Additionally, we would like to recognize seniors Marissa Metzger and Mya Denney for being recognized by the Indiana High School Volleyball Coaches Association receiving Academic All-State Honors.

The SHS Community would like to recognize the Gridiron Knights as they ended their season against Adams Central. The Knights suffered a number of injuries this year, yet continued to play with courage and determination.

Southwood would like to recognize Miss Knee and both Southwood and Northfield students who presented the fall play *Clue* over the weekend. Students did a great job!

Phil Boone Principal at Southwood Elementary shared that their robotics teams organized a food drive to benefit the Blessings in a Backpack program last week. At last year's state robotics competition, our Circuit Knights were awarded the Jack Klein Memorial Award. Jack is a former Indianapolis Public Schools student and robotics enthusiast who died after a battle with lymphoma a few years ago. Winners of his award are asked to find ways to "pay it forward" in their communities throughout the year. Robotics team members helped to collect and count school donations last week. In all, 1,599 items were collected for Blessings in a Backpack. Our 6th grade team members and coaches used these food items to create a food sculpture as part of a contest held at November's First Friday event in Wabash to get area organizations involved in the drive to donate to Blessings in a Backpack. Southwood Elementary is super proud of our robotics teams for spearheading this schoolwide collection and to all our SES families for the tremendous response in helping our community!

Congratulations to the six students who were winners in the school portion of the Elks Hoop Shoot competition. One boy & one girl from each age group (8-9, 10-11, 12-13) will now represent Southwood Elementary at the area competition to be held at Sharp Creek Elementary on Saturday, December 4, 2021. Good luck to our free throwers at the next level of competition!

#### Staff Spotlight:

Shellie Sarll, White's High School Secretary nominated Valarie Trail for the Staff Spotlight. Mrs. Trail is a Classroom Instructor and Library Aide at White's.

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

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, October 12, 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 Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

Dr. Kuhn reviewed the October End of Month.

#### Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignations of Heather Hyden, Track Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately, was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Faye Satterthwaite, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective November 1, 2021, was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Judy Decker, Bus Driver, South, effective December 18, 2021, was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #129, leave to extend through the end of the first semester.

The recommendation of winter coaches for Northfield are as follows: Danielle Tolson, JH Girls Basketball; Brian Hoffman, JH Girls Basketball Volunteer; Scott Haupert JH Girls Basketball Volunteer; Chris Kuhn, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Basketball; Kyle Oswald, JH Boys Basketball Volunteer; Ryan DuBois, JH Boys Basketball Volunteer; Alina Reed, JH Assistant Cheer Volunteer; Tiffany Stith, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball; Jared Haupert, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Boys Basketball; Jared Haupert, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Boys Basketball; Todd McKillip, 4<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball; Jason Dawes, 5<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball; Chris Moore, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball; Arie Kennedy, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Basketball were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation of winter coaches for Southwood are as follows: Travis Easthom, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball; Cole Wyatt, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball; Brian Bassett, 5<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball; Nate Plyler 6<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball Volunteer; Ryan Wilcox, JH Boys Basketball Volunteer; Ryan Chambers, JH Boys Basketball Volunteer; Ryan Pershing, Elementary Boys Basketball Volunteer; Tanner Wilcox, Elementary Boys Basketball Volunteer; Jackson Taylor, Wrestling Volunteer; Danielle Shenefield, JH Cheer; Sean Cline 5<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Basketball; Randy Pershing, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Basketball; Adam Winer, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Basketball; Chris Whitacre, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Basketball, were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

No report.

Curriculum Report:

No report.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the Metro North Elementary restroom renovation bids was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the extended day field trip for Sharp Creek Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> grade to Chicago, IL, May 6, 2022, was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the reappointment of Holly Kendall to serve on the Roann Public Library Board of Trustees from January 26, 2022, to January 26, 2026, was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Kevin Bowman, 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 6:27 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