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 23, 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 23, 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, Scott Haupert, and Christian Rosen. Absent was Matt Driscoll. Also present were Tina Riggle, Sara Johnson, Joel Martin, and Steve Downs.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled December 14, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, January 11, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, Board of Finance, and Organizational Meeting at the Administration Building, and January 25, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the $10.00 donation from Angela Becker Orthodontics, PC, for Southwood Elementary was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the $500.00 donation from Adam Baldwin Electric; $25.00 donation from Roger and Diana Rapp; $20.00 donation from Ian and Amber Kaehr; $50.00 donation from anonymous employees of Ford Meter Box, all for Southwood Robotics were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the $50.00 donation from the Lagro Century Club for Northfield Library was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:
From Andrew McDaniel, Southwood Jr/Sr High School Principal, Southwood High School received an Exemplary Conduct Report from the Girls' Basketball Game against North Miami on Saturday, November 1, 2021. The report reads, "This was a very competitive match up early on and at times maybe a little too competitive. #22 for Southwood (Aleia Sweet), in my opinion, was one of the better players for them and all game long was either guarding one of the better players on North Miami's team or was being guarded by one of the better players on North Miami’s team. I don't recall how many fouls in total were called on #22, but it was at least three. Not one time did she complain about those calls. In the case where she was fouled, she also didn't complain. She played the entire game at 110% effort and she exemplified what I'd want all student athletes to demonstrate not only for my school, but also for the IHSA. Well done!"

From Jay Snyder, Northfield Jr/Sr High School Principal, a huge thank you to Mr. Ward and his band students for putting on an excellent band concert on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 6 p.m. Mr. Ward has been working hard to keep students involved in band, and it was an awesome turnout. I think in 6th-12th grade we have close to 70 students involved in band which is great to see.

Joel Martin, Sharp Creek Elementary, was present and shared; we would like to recognize and celebrate the lay coaches who play an important part in us being able to provide opportunities for our students. This year so far, we have Maggie Easterday (volleyball), Joel Nesler and Kevin Bretzman (robotics ... along with teacher Amber Bretzman), and Tiffany Stith and Anthony Sorg (boys’ basketball). Thanks to each of these lay coaches.

We want to recognize 6th grade students Madelyn Holley and Montgomrie Dawes who are serving this year as our President and Vice President of K-Kids. These two young ladies also help out our teachers and office staff on a daily basis. We appreciate them using their talents and abilities on behalf of our students and staff at SCE.

Staff Spotlight:

Parent Sara Johnson nominated Sharp Creek Elementary teacher Tina Riggle for the Staff Spotlight. Mrs. Riggle was recognized by Mr. Keaffaber and the Board. A gift was given through the sponsorship of First Farmers Bank & Trust.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, November 9, 2021, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Claims were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.
Payroll was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Dr. Kuhn reviewed the Educational and Operational Estimated Cash Flow.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignations of Lora Nordman, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective November 10, 2021; Katie Singleton, Paraprofessional, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective December 31, 2021, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Joel Nesler, Robotics Coach, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective for the season; Amber Bretzman, Robotics Coach, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective for the season; Robotics Coach, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective for the season; Anthony Sorg, 5th grade Boys’ Basketball, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective for the season; Trent Osborn, Boys’ Basketball Intern, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective for the season; Chad Vigar, Custodian, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective date to be determined were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #130, leave to begin approximately March 28, 2022. Returning the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent’s Report:

Mr. Keaffaber reported on the successful United Fund drive. This is the highest total given by staff at $6,142.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake reported on the iRead data for the 2020-2021 school year which all 3rd grade students take. The state average was 81.2% and MSD 3rd grade was 91.8%. MSD had the highest percentage in the county.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the 2022-2023 MSD School Calendar was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.
The recommendation to approve the 2022-2023 White’s School Calendar was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Senior Class Trip for Northfield to Boston, MA, March 13-17, 2022 was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Scott Haupert, 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 6:28 p.m.

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CHRISTIAN ROSEN, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

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MATT DRISCOLL, SECRETARY