

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 December 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 December 14, 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, Christian Rosen., and Matt Driscoll. Absent was Scott Haupert. Also present were Janette Moore, Rebecca Elzy, Josh Elzy, Angie Herring, Jennifer Cox, Josh Petruniw, Keith Gillenwater, and Jim Higgins.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled January 11, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, Board of Finance, and Organizational Meeting at the Administration Building, January 25, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, February 8, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$135,504.00 donation from Brighter Futures Indiana-Build, Learn, Grow Stabilization Grant for Metro North Elementary-Little Norse Preschool was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$51,847.00 donation from Brighter Futures Indiana-Build, Learn, Grow Stabilization Grant for Southwood Elementary-Little Knights Preschool was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$100.00 donation for Southwood Elementary Robotics from Jake and Donna Friedersdorf 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. The SHS Community would like to recognize Jason Oprisek and Cole Winer for making the Indiana Football Coaches Association Class 1A Junior All-Star Team! Way to go, Guys!

From Miss Knee: Great job this weekend to Ethan Lochard and Dakota Wilson at the Ball State Honor Band performance. Our two students worked the entire day with high schoolers from all around Indiana and did a wonderful job at the evening concert. Thank you to Ball State University's School of Music Faculty for hosting this educational event for our students.

The SHS Community would like to thank Mrs. Gohmann and the SHS English Department for organizing a theatrical experience for our junior high students. Right in time for the holiday season, students were able to view a production of *A Christmas Carol*. What a great way to get into the holiday spirit!

We would also like to recognize Mrs. McGouldrick for organizing the Deck the Door holiday celebration. Staff members and students decorated doors throughout the building. Thank you, Mrs. McGouldrick, Staff, and Students, for helping us get into the holiday spirit!

From Jay Snyder, Northfield Jr/Sr High School Principal. Thank you to Mr. Johnston and his choir students for putting on an excellent Christmas Choir concert on Friday, December 3rd at 6 p.m. Mr. Johnston has been working hard in his first year at NHS with our Choir students, and we appreciate his work at Sharp Creek and Northfield.

Congratulations to the following NHS football players Eli Kroh and Jacob Snyder. Eli Kroh made 1st team Junior all state punter for class 1A. Jacob Snyder made 1st team linebacker for class 1A. Congratulations on a great season!

Thanks to the Student Council and Key Club for working together to plan activities for students this last week or so before Christmas Break. The two clubs worked great together to help create a fun, safe, festive environment during the holiday season.

Congratulations to the Northfield district students that were the Scholars of the Quarter for the Community Foundation of Wabash County. The awards are given for academic skills, persistence, positive peer leadership, citizenship, and personal responsibility at school. SCE 4th grader Charlotte Harrington, SCE 5th grader Chase Ross, NHS 7th grader Millie Higgins, and NHS 8th grader Brayden Rice will all receive an award certificate, small prize, as well as \$25 in their Early Award Scholarship funds.

IHSAA Official, Justin Markley emailed Northfield's boys basketball coach Rex Reimer and Peru High School basketball coach after the basketball game between the two schools. "Just wanted to say thank you for the opportunity to work for both of you this past Saturday evening. Aaron, Tyrone and I had a great time. Both teams showed great sportsmanship and were very

respectful to each of us. I wish you both a safe and successful season and look forward to working for you again. Have a Merry Christmas!”

From Phil Boone, Southwood Elementary Principal. Congratulations to the Southwood district students that were the Scholars of the Quarter for the Community Foundation of Wabash County. The awards are given for academic skills, persistence, positive peer leadership, citizenship, and personal responsibility at school. SES 4th grader Bette Howell, SES 5th grader Harleigh Hiner, SES 6th grader Alec Getz, SHS 7th grader Brooke Farr, and SHS 8th grader Sophia Temple will all receive an award certificate, small prize, as well as \$25 in their Early Award Scholarship funds.

Metro North Elementary Principal, Janette Moore was at the meeting to present. Nine Metro North artists, along with Mrs. Gray, were recognized at the Honeywell Winter Banner Reception in November. Artists included Liam Aiken, Kinley Merrick, Eliza Vawter, Willow Foster, Brooklynn Laferney, Brogyn Stith, Kendall Case, Isaac Davis and Macie Whiteman. Two Metro North artists were honored as banner winners - Liam Aiken's masterpiece was selected as the kindergarten banner and Brooklynn Laferney's masterpiece was selected as the Metro North winner. Liam and Brooklynn's banners are displayed downtown through winter.

Our Metro North Robotics Team, composed of 2nd graders, participated in their first robotics league at SES on Friday, December 10. After two nights of league competition, our Metro North Blue Team was ranked in the first-place position. Our Metro North Polar Bots are looking forward to our next league night. Special thanks to Erica Tyson and Amy Schmidt for organizing and leading this league opportunity. Team members include Riddik Dietrich, Grady Lehner, Ridge McKillip, Tytus Dawes, Declan King, Connor Krom, Millie McKillip, Faye Leffert, Kaitlyn Laferney, and Olivia Hicks.

In November, over 200 students and their families joined us for our Metro North Family Night. Families rotated throughout the school building participating in different stations focused on our favorite books and characters.

Our kindergarten team orchestrated another Kindergarten Ornament Day. Kindergarten students create 12 different ornaments with the help of parents, grandparents and volunteers. Our kindergarten team does an amazing job of organizing this memory-making event.

#### Staff Spotlight:

Metro North Preschool Teachers, Kassie Harrell and Jessica Holley nominated Rebecca Elzy for the Staff Spotlight. Mrs. Elzy worked the 12-week maternity leave of Mrs. Harrell. Mrs. Harrell and Mrs. Holley praised Mrs. Elzy for her great leadership. 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 23, 2021, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second Matt Driscoll, 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 Educational and Operational Estimated Cash Flow for November 2021.

#### Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignations of Carrie Haycraft, Athletic Secretary, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective December 10, 2021; Chad Vigar, Custodian, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective December 13, 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 Katie Arwood, Cook, Southwood Elementary, effective January 3, 2022; Patsy Arwood, Cook, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective January 3, 2022; Madeline Dazey, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective January 3, 2022; Tonya Boone, Head Track Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective the 2022 season; Steve Swinson, Head Baseball Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective the 2022 season; Kiel Aderman, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective the 2021-2022 season; Heather Hyden, Head Track Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective the 2022 season; Kyle France, Head Softball Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective the 2022 season were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #131, leave to begin approximately April 11, 2022. Returning the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year was 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:

Mr. Keaffaber shared that staff continue to work and support the students as the pandemic continues, even though there are many challenges. Staff and students are excited for the Christmas break.

## Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake reported that this current senior class will be the last class to take ISTEP. Mr. Drake recognized Shirley Haynes, Student Information Specialist, for her work in collecting all data and submitting to the IDOE. Students and teachers are wrapping up ISTEP testing and will prepare for WEIDA testing in the spring. Juniors and Seniors took PSAT and SAT tests will have scores available soon.

## New Business:

The recommendation to approve the Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) Six-Month Requirement: Review and Recommendation to approve no changes to the current re-entry plan and supplement was approved, for no changes, upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the resolution of the Board of School Trustees of MSD of Wabash County approving action taken by the City of Wabash, IN, Redevelopment Commission to establish a residential housing development program was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the End of Year Resolution was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the purchase of an Activity Bus to replace A7 was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight/extended/out of state trip for Northfield 8<sup>th</sup> grade to Washington D.C., March 24-27, 2022, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight/extended/out of state trip for Southwood Wrestling Team to Danville, IL, December 29-30, 2021, (10<sup>th</sup> Annual New Year's Challenge Tournament) was 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):

Mr. Drake read the comments.

Items from Board Members:

None.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 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