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 January 25, 2022, at 6:52 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 January 25, 2022, 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 and Chris Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent were present. Tim Drake, Chief Academic Officer was absent. 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 Josh Petruniw, Tonya Boone, Gary Dawson, Frankie Dawson, Kara Guiff, Tim Guiff, Kylee Vrooman, Kevin Clapp, and Tina Clapp.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for February 8, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, February 22, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, and March 8, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the $30.00 donation from Steve and Becky Bowman For Southwood Cross Country was approved by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the $2,483.33 donation from Educator Brain State (AWS Foundation to purchase books for WMAP staff was approved by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the $10.40 donation from Casey’s General Stores for student use at Southwood Elementary was approved by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the $30.30 donation from Box Tops for Education (General Mills) for student use at Southwood Elementary was approved by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.
The recommendation to approve the $500.00 donation from Krom Farms for Northfield JH Girls Basketball was approved by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the $200.00 donation from an anonymous donor for Sharp Creek Robotics was approved by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the $1,000.00 donation from Tiffany Haupert and Ryann Harrington for Sharp Creek Robotics was approved by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

From Andrew McDaniels, Southwood Jr/Sr High School Principal. SHS would like to recognize the following Southwood graduates who made the Dean's List for the Fall Semester at Ball State University: Kim Hobson, Monica Hobson, Kayla Mays, and Logan Arnold! Way to go, Knights/Cardinals! Also, congratulations to Erin Lehner who made the Dean's List at Indiana University as an elementary education major! Way to go!

From Joel Martin, Principal at Sharp Creek Elementary. Sharp Creek Elementary would like to thank the Urbana Lion's Club and Dr. Lindsay Culver of Midwest Eye Consultants for helping us kick off our current K-Kids fundraising efforts on behalf of Leader Dogs for the Blind. Students are participating in a penny war and other opportunities to assist in funding the training of Lucky, a puppy in training.

Our robotics team programmers had an opportunity to virtually meet with Purdue University’s Vex U programmers recently. Thanks to the SCE coaches for making this happen as our students love to learn from experts!

From Tonya Boone, Bridge Director, in addition to recognizing the Staff Spotlight, Kylee Vrooman, she wanted to thank the entire Bridge staff for their hard work and dedication. Staff have served 427 students plus the 30 they are currently working to enroll and the 10 new applicants. There have been 48 graduates so far with several more by summer.

Staff Spotlight:

Kylee Vrooman was nominated and recognized by Bridge teacher Kara Guiff. Mrs. Guiff had this to say about Mrs. Vrooman: Kylee gives 100% to her job. She is thoughtful, does a great job with getting our students going, and stays on top of things diligently. She is always kind and asks how she can help. She is truly a huge asset to the Bridge Program.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

Several comments were made in support of Mrs. Vrooman.
The Board of Finance Minutes from Tuesday, January 11, 2022, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The Reorganization Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, January 11, 2022, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, January 11, 2022, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Claims were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Sally Bitzel, Athletic Secretary, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective January 31, 2022; Tim Miracle, Custodian, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective January 31, 2022, were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Pam Campbell, Teacher, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Howard Goshert, from Custodian to Head Custodian, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective January 12, 2022, was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #134, leave to begin approximately February 9, 2022, through March 31, 2022; #135, leave to begin February 4, 2022, for 12 weeks, were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported that HCC are still working out details of the building.

Superintendent’s Report:

Mr. Keaffaber shared the Indiana Transfer Report which showed MSD had a net gain of 102 students from the eight neighboring districts and 309 students net gain from the entire state from the Fall 2021 ADM count.
Curriculum Report:

No report.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the purchase of new buses was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the School Board Appointment of Kevin Bowman as a non-voting member to the County Redevelopment Commission was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Board Policy:

None

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

No comments.

Items from Board Members:

None.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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KEVIN BOWMAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

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SCOTT HAUPERT, BOARD MEMBER
CHRISTIAN ROSEN, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

MATT DRISCOLL, SECRETARY