

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 February 8, 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 February 8, 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, Matt Driscoll, and Scott Haupert. Also present were Josh Petruniw, Andrew McDaniel, Janet Shoue, Beth Egan, Conner Macy, Shelby Macy, Natalee Keller, Brooklyn Stout, Lillian Hobbs, Avery Shrider, Claire Thompson, Gary Dawson, Frankie Dawson, Roger Votaw, Pat Lynn, Victoria Graft, Kyle Wynn, Amy Long, Katie Brandle, and Katey Till.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for February 22, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, March 8, 2022, 5:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, and March 22, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from an anonymous donor for Southwood Wrestling was approved by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

Katey Till from Babe of Wabash County, recognized the Northfield Key Club and National Honor Society students and sponsor, Roger Votaw for all of the help they provided for the toy drive. Babe of Wabash County collected toys at Christmas for families to purchase with points. The students helped all three days that the toys were able to be purchased. Over 800 children received toys for Christmas. Ms. Till stated they would have never been able to do all the work without the students' help.

From Andrew McDaniel, Southwood Jr/Sr High School Principal. SHS would like to congratulate Breklynne Guyer (nee Swisher) for making the Dean's List with a 4.0 GPA in her first semester at Ivy Tech Kokomo. Way to go!

SHS would like to say thank you to Mr. Stetter and Mrs. Johnson, our Student Congress Advisors, and our Student Congress members for organizing this year's Snowball Dance. Also, a big thank you goes to our chaperones. We had a good turnout and the kids had fun.

Southwood would like to recognize Benjamin Roudebush, 2019 Southwood Graduate, for being named to the President's List for the Fall 2021 Term at Trine University. Roudebush is majoring in Computer Science and Information Technology. To earn President's List Honors, Trine University students must complete a minimum of 12 hours and have a grade point average of 3.75-4.00. Way to go, Ben!

From Miss Knee: Congratulations to the students listed below for making the 2022 Wabash County Honors Band! These students will perform at the Honeywell Center in the Ford Theater on Friday, March 11th at 7:30pm alongside other selected students from Northfield, Wabash, and Manchester. Please make sure you congratulate them when you see them in the hallways/class!

Flute-Hattie Cochran, Dakota Wilson, Kaylee Nelson, Aubrey Carey
Clarinet-Lyndzy Silvers, Jared Richards, Megan Davis, McKenzie Moorman
Tenor Saxophone-Luke Herring
Baritone Saxophone-Ethan Lochard
Trumpet-Sarah Smith
Percussion-Alice Guyer

From Jay Snyder, Northfield Jr/Sr High School Principal. Official Jack Urbin at the Rochester game last Friday gave Jake Halderman an exemplary behavior report. Urbin reported that throughout the game Jake retrieved the ball and got it to the officials. He was very even tempered and in control of his emotions in a game that both teams played hard. He had a great attitude! AD Mohr presented Jake with an IHSAA sportsmanship pin prior to Saturday's game against Caston. Thanks for leading by example and for your great sportsmanship Jake!

Congratulations to NHS Wrestling on a great season. A special congratulations to Senior Jaydan Goshert on winning his second sectional, was runner up in regional which qualified him to compete at semi-state on Saturday.

Happy School Counseling week this week to our MSD School Counselors!

Thanks to NHS custodians Ron Nordman, Mike Arrowood, and Lisa Goshert. We have a new hire that started last week at NHS, but they have gone the last month or more working extra between the three of them to keep things clean at NHS. Thanks for all you do to keep the school clean and looking great each day.

From Phil Boone, Southwood Elementary Principal. Southwood Elementary would like to thank New Song Church for their very generous donation of several food items to a family who had expressed a need last week. The timing of our becoming aware of the need and New Song reaching out to us to see if they could help in any way was perfect. We are grateful for community partners who also care deeply about our students and families.

February 7-11 is National School Counseling Week. At Southwood Elementary, we recognize and celebrate one of the very best, Mrs. Valerie Law! Mrs. Law works hard to help students, families, and co-workers operate at their maximum potential in our school community. This happens in a variety of ways such as social skills groups for students, making connections with community partners who want to help in the school community, organizing College Go, and Red Ribbon Week activities, to name just a few. Thank you, Mrs. Law!

Staff Spotlight:

Amy Long was nominated and recognized by Beth Eagan both from Southwood Jr/Sr High School.

Ms. Eagan's words: Mrs. Long wears many hats every day. She is the main office secretary at Southwood Jr/Sr High School, and she is also the school nurse. During these first weeks of school while Southwood had an additional secretarial position posted, Mrs. Long also wore the hat of that position. Her days have been incredibly full but she always has a smile on her face, and a cheerful greeting for everyone. She never hesitates to be of assistance. On a personal note, Amy has been an incredible help to me as I have continued my cancer journey recovery. Her expertise, encouragement and helpfulness are beyond measure. She is quick to notice when she can help, and again, never hesitates to help me. Southwood Jr/Sr High School is very blessed to have Mrs. Amy Long on our staff.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, January 25, 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 Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, 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 End of the Month for January.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Melissa Cardwell, Cook, Metro North Elementary, effective January 14, 2022, was approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Debra St. Clair, Long Term Substitute, White's Jr/Sr High School, effective February 7, 2022 through approximately May 4, 2022; Cynthia Parman, Long Term Substitute, Southwood Elementary, effective approximately February 14, 2022 through May 25, 2022; Matthew Schmidt, Long Term Substitute, Southwood Elementary, effective January 27, 2022, with the end date to be determined were approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the termination of employee #136 effective January 10, 2022, was approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber shared that he had asked principals to report their absences for February 8, 2022, being the first day back after a long break due to a winter storm. He was happy to report that attendance was very good.

Curriculum Report:

No report.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the Out of State field trip for Northfield High School's ACapella Choir and Treble Choir to Choir Festival "Music in the Parks" at Kings Island Amusement Park, Mason, OH, May 13-14, 2022, was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Extended field trip for Northfield Key Club to the Key Club District Leadership Convention at the Indianapolis Airport Crowne Plaza, March 4-6, 2022, was approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Overnight/Extended field trip for Sharp Creek 6th grade to Camp Mollenhour, Silver Lake, IN May 18-20, 2022, was approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, 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 6:40 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

TODD DAZEY, PRESIDENT

KEVIN BOWMAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

SCOTT HAUPERT, BOARD MEMBER

CHRISTIAN ROSEN, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

MATT DRISCOLL, SECRETARY