

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 March 22, 2022, 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 March 22, 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, 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, Scott Haupert, and Matt Driscoll. Also present were Cynthia Bell, Tammy Shafer, Amanda Rhoades, Douglas Rhoads, Becky Bradley, Maria Marshall, Willow Marshall, Libee Price, Gary Dawson, Frankie Dawson, and Josh Petruniw.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for April 26, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, May 10, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, and May 24, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building. There will be no meeting on April 12, 2022.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from Mark Hewitt dba Head2Head Games for Northfield Esports was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$100.00 donation from Tami and Eric Overman for Sharp Creek Robotics programs was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from McKillip Seed for Sharp Creek Robotics programs was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

Cynthia Bell, Teacher at Southwood Jr/Sr High School shared one of her Chemistry student's (Libee Price) eLearning assignment demonstration. Ms. Price did a TED Talk on Naming the Ions.

Tammy Shafer, Teacher at Sharp Creek Elementary shared her 6th grade students' Middle Ages Project.

From Andrew McDaniel, Principal at Southwood Jr/Sr High School, Congratulations to our Knights on an outstanding Basketball Season! They won their third consecutive Sectional Title with wins over Northfield, North Miami, and Lakeland Christian. On Saturday, March 12, 2022, they fell short in the first game of regional play to Lafayette Central Catholic. Thank you to Coach Burrus, the coaching staff, and the players on a great season!

Southwood High School is proud of the outstanding musicians who participated in the Wabash County Honors Band and Choir Performance on Friday, March 11, 2022. Band Members: Hattie Cochran, Dakota Wilson, Kaylee Nelson, Aubrey Carey, Lyndzy Silvers, Jared Richards, Megan Davis, Mckenzie Moorman, Luke Herring, Ethan Lochard, Sarah Smith, and Alice Guyer. Choir Members: Isaac Bragg, Meryn Norman, Libee Price, Katelyn Ranck, Lyndzy Silvers, Sarah Smith, and Duke Sparks. Special recognition to Lyndzy Silver and Sarah Smith for participating in both County Honors Band and County Honors Choir. Lastly, a special thank you goes to Miss Knee, Band and Choir Teacher, for her efforts leading these students! Great job Knights!

Congratulations to our 8th Grade RoboKnights on their awesome robotics season! They competed Saturday, March 12, 2022, at the VEX State Robotics Championship at Lucas Oil Stadium on Saturday. They placed 8th in the state for Skills (driving and programming) in the middle school division. Way to go, RobotKnights! A special thank you goes to Miss Kaehr and the robotics coaches for all their work this season!

Congratulations to Southwood 10th Grader Grace Denney--she won a Level 3 Award in the Indiana State Library Letters about Authors Contest! Way to go, Grace!

The Southwood FFA Chapter participated in the Discovery Degree Quiz Bowl Contest at Huntington University on Saturday, March 12, 2022. Members of the team were Adreonna Lovell, Olivia Simpson, Annika Lovell, and Braxton Hubbard. Participating in the FFA Exhibit were Kaylee Nelson and Kendall Sarll. Way to go, FFA Knights!

From Jay Snyder, Principal at Northfield Jr/Sr High School, Congratulations to Mr. Johnston and our Junior-High Choirs. The NHS 7th and 8th grade Choirs participated in the ISSMA Junior High Choir Contest at Manchester High School last Saturday and received a GOLD rating in their division! Each singer has worked really hard the last few months and it has shown! Congratulations, singers - a huge accomplishment! A plaque will be placed in the Choir

Room and each singer will also receive a gold medal from ISSMA. The Choirs also enjoyed donuts compliments from Ohh My Cakes downtown.

Our Jr. High Northfield Robotics team who had an awesome day in Indianapolis at state on Saturday, March 12, 2022. They were a Jr. High State Tournament finalist (2nd place alliance) and qualified to attend the World Championships in Dallas, Texas in May! Congratulations to Coach Lyons and team members Logan Graft, Cody Yeiser, Mason Lyons, and Logan Lyons.

Thanks to these Northfield Students for representing NHS and performing Friday, March 11, 2022 at the Honeywell Center Ford Theater as part of the Wabash County Honors Band and Choir for 2022. Thanks to Mr. Ward and Mr. Johnston for working with our NHS students. Honors Band Students: Landon Shoue, Claire Thompson, Hailey Barton, Turner Stephens. Isaiah Beall, Madison Griffin, Alexis Leffel, John Nesler, Kyler Wynn, and Natalee Keller. Honors Choir Students: Kayden Cruz, Anna Hodson, Addie France, and Jazmyn Kelly.

From Phil Boone, Principal at Southwood Elementary. Congratulations to the Red Circuit Breakers (4th grade) & the Circuit Knights (6th grade) for representing Southwood Elementary at the VEX Robotics State Championship in Indianapolis on Saturday, March 12, 2022. This officially wrapped up the season for the school year. Along with these teams, we are super proud of the effort given and teamwork shown by our other two teams--the Circuit Bytes (3rd grade) & the Gray Circuit Breakers (5th grade). We appreciate the time investment of our coaches this year--Mrs. Erica Tyson, Mrs. Kelly Bare, & Mrs. Amy Schmidt. Thanks to our district leadership and community supporters who've made participating in another successful robotics season possible!

Every Southwood Elementary student recently had artwork on display at the Honeywell Center for the FAME Festival. Big thanks to Mrs. Tyson for getting all of that work collected and her time spent setting up & tearing down for the FAME Festival. We also salute all SES kindergarten students for their wonderful singing performance at the festival. They sang five songs in front of a crowded Legacy Hall.

Twenty-five SES artists were recognized recently at the Spring Banner Art Show & Reception at the Honeywell Center. Special congratulations to Jacob W., 2nd grader, whose artwork was selected to be printed on one of the large banners that is now hanging in the downtown Wabash area.

Trot T., 1st grade, was honored this past Sunday in Indianapolis at the Symphony in Color Tea Awards! Trot's artwork was one of 36 finalists across the state.

Twenty-two 4th-6th graders competed last night at the first annual "Booking in the 'Bash" friendly reading competition. Teams from SES & Sharp Creek answered several questions from a collection of books they've been reading and studying for the past few months. The two SES teams and Sharp Creek team were all tied up after the first few rounds of competition. One of our SES teams answered one more tiebreaker round question correctly than the other teams to eke out a narrow victory. Many parents & family members showed up to support their students. We

appreciate the work and extra time invested by this year's coaches, Mrs. Jennifer Finney & Mrs. Alissa Deeter.

The elementary winter sports season wrapped up recently with the conclusion of wrestling. Southwood Elementary would like to thank all of our coaches in the respective sports for teaching our students about teamwork, commitment, and perseverance. 5th & 6th Boys Basketball--Brian Bassett & Cole Wyatt; 5th & 6th Girls Basketball--Sean Cline & Randy Pershing; JH Wrestling--Cary Hammel & Harley Hiner.

From Joel Martin, Principal at Sharp Creek Elementary. A huge congratulations to all four of our Sharp Creek Norsebot robotics teams who all earned invitations to the Dallas, TX VEX Robotics World's competition in early May. We are so proud of you all and a special thanks to coaches Mr. and Mrs. Bretzman and Mr. Nesler for all their time and effort with the students.

Good job Sharp Creek "Booking in the Bash 2020" competitors ... your time and effort in preparing for yesterday's competition is appreciated. Thanks for representing Sharp Creek Elementary!

Congratulations to Sharp Creek art teacher Mrs. Katy Gray and these students for their impressive showing at the Symphony in Color Awards ceremony recently. Abbonie Hughes won People's Choice Award and a gold ribbon also earning gold ribbons were Teagan Baer, Toriah Leonard, Eona Black, Jaylynn Turner, and Adalyn Hawkens.

Staff Spotlight:

Amanda Rhoades, Food Service Manager was nominated by Becky Bradley, Food Service Director. Mrs. Bradley shared these words *"Amanda Rhoades is currently kitchen manager at two schools, Sharp Creek Elementary and Northfield Jr./Sr. High School. She is always willing to do whatever is asked of her and always thinks of new ways to improve the overall quality and service of the food service department. She shows a positive attitude when it comes to her job, is willing to help others, and leads by example"* Congratulations Mrs. Rhoades!

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 2022, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Claims were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen 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 Education Fund Estimates 2022 and Operation Fund Estimated Cash Flow 2022.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Phil Boone, Principal, Southwood Elementary, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year; Ryan McFarland, Teacher, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year; Linda Miracle, Cook, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective March 17, 2021 were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Morgan Blocher, Social Worker, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective March 28, 2022; Jim Sparks, Baseball Assistant Coach Volunteer, Southwood High School, effective 2022 season; Payton Deeter, Baseball Assistant Coach Volunteer, Southwood High School, effective 2022 season; Trisha Oswalt, JH Track Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective 2022 season; Sarah Aderman, JH Track Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective 2022 season; Kiel Aderman, JH Track Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective 2022 season; Michelle Rice, JH Track Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective 2022 season; Kyle Oswalt, JH Track Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective 2022 season; were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Nancy McColley, Bus Aide, effective May 24, 2022, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #137, leave to begin the 2022-2023 school year, all of first semester was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported on the recent meeting at Heartland Career Center. A consultant has been hired for the Expansion Project to assist in keeping the grant compliant. Mr. Keaffaber presented a proposal to amend the current HCC agreement. Matt also shared that the potential land sale proposal was withdrawn.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber shared that earlier this month, the short legislation session ended, but not without much being accomplished. There were approximately 18 house and 17 senate bills enacted dealing with education. The two bills directly affecting the School Boards were HB1130, Open Meetings and SB 83, Open Meetings. MSDWC already meets the requirements and more. MSDWC will continue to Live Stream each meeting. HB 1130 requires a governing body of a school corporation (school board) to allow each member of the public attending a meeting

(attendee) the opportunity to provide oral public comment. It allows a school board to permit oral public comment at a public meeting that is conducted electronically during a state or local disaster emergency. We are no longer in a Public Health Emergency so the agenda will be revised to align with the new law.

Other bills of interest are HB 10450 increases tax credits for the 529 College Savings Accounts; HB 1251-various education matters-allows school districts to hire adjunct teachers like they do in college; and HB 1093-eLearning Days. MSDWC is following this closely because the bill limits eLearning Days to three that are asynchronous, but there are waivers yet to be determined.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake shared that there will be a Math Textbook recommendation at the April 26, 2022, Board Meeting. Social Studies Textbook recommendations will also be presented then.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the Southwood Elementary School 6th grade students and staff to transition to Southwood Jr/Sr High School starting with the 2022-2023 school year was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the revised 2022-2023 White's Jr/Sr High School calendar was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, 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 7:10 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