

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 April 26, 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 April 26, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Office. We will continue to livestream the meeting on Facebook Live.

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 Hauptert, and Matt Driscoll. Also present were Frankie Dawson, Gary Dawson, Heather Amos, Angie Driscoll, Stacey Meredith, Janette Moore, and Josh Petruniw.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for May 10, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, May 24, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, and June 14, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$70.00 donation from Jodi and Eric Roser of Rusty's Chicken for Northfield High School Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from Jodi and Eric Roser of Rusty's Chicken for Sharp Creek Elementary Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from Edward Jones for Northfield Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$ 250.00 donation from Corteva for Northfield FFA was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

Mr. Keaffaber shared the IHSA 2021 Annual Report which had the Northfield Softball State Champion picture in it.

Mr. Keaffber had this email received from Community Foundation of Wabash County, Joanne Case, Program Officer: *You already know this, but I wanted to tell you what a pleasure it is to work with Jay Snyder and Andrew McDaniel. Over the past couple of weeks, they have arranged several opportunities for consented students to complete the University of Michigan survey. Instead of turning everything over to me – a stranger to most of the students – they took attendance and tracked down missing students, and also arranged make-up times. They treated the initiative like their own project, and the students fell right in line. My job was easy, and I greatly appreciate their thoroughness and energy. Behind the scenes, we had a couple of tech problems, but they were definitely U of Michigan problems, not MSD, so thanks also to Aaron. We appreciate working with you and your team for the benefit of all our students. Have a wonderful day.*

From Northfield Principal Jay Snyder. Northfield received notification from the IDOE on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, that NHS had successfully renewed their designation as a Family Friendly School for the 22-23 school year. The Family Friendly Schools designation focuses on addressing the academic, physical, emotional, and social needs of students, while providing the needed resources and fostering the active involvement of their families through schools and the community. A thank you to Mr. Eltzroth for working on this renewal for NHS.

The A Cappella Choir sang at the ISSMA choir organizational contest at Norwell High School last Saturday, April 23, 2022, and received a gold rating in their division! A select number of 8th graders also joined the group for the performance. This is the first time the A Cappella Choir received an ISSMA rating since 2003, and we are excited to be able to bring this to Northfield once again. Congratulations to Mr. Johnston and all 14 singers! We are very proud of your hard work!

From Metro North Principal Janette Moore. While sitting at a track meet on Friday, a staff member from Charley Creek Gardens shared how amazing our Little Norse preschoolers were during their field trip to the gardens last week. In spite of the rain and cold, our preschoolers were excited and engaged and incredibly well-behaved. There was not a single complaint or whine about the cold and rain. It was also shared how engaged our teachers were with our students, during short wait times, the preschool teachers practiced rhyming, counting and sorting skills.

Just to provide an update on our ongoing preschool enrollment for the 2022-23 school year. We currently have a waitlist for our Little Norse and Little Knights three-year old programs, our Little Knight four-year old program, and are nearing capacity for our Little Norse fours. Our Little Knights Open House is on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, and our Little Norse Open House is Thursday, May 5, 2022.

Registration for our MSDWC Elementary Summer Programming is underway! We currently have 128 elementary students signed up for a variety of programming. Currently we have 48 students enrolled in half-day programming, 35 in full-day programming, 23 participating in Minds in Action I, and 22 enrolled in Minds in Action II.

Staff Spotlight:

Heather Amos, Preschool Teacher, nominated Stacey Meredith, Preschool Teacher for the staff spotlight. Ms. Amos shared this in her nomination. *Stacey is a compassionate grade-level leader. She serves the littles with every ounce of love and grace possible. Stacey treats the students as her own. Working with her is a joy. She always has a positive attitude and a laugh. I love her leadership style as she is willing to share or help daily. She checks in on us, gives the staff little gifts, and always has a hug when we need it. Stacey is such a light at MNE and we are blessed to have her as a coworker.*

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, April 26, 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 Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert 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 and Operations Fund.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Conner Hobbs, Teacher, Southwood Elementary, effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year; Delayne Ball, SLPA, WMAP, effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year; Mary Lowery, Cook, Northfield High School, effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year, were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll shared an update concerning the grant through the United States Economic Development Administration. May 23, 2022, will be the Senior Certificate/Honors Program.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber shared information concerning the IDOE memo about Virtual Student Instructional Days and the 180-day requirement as part of new legislation.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake reviewed the process for the textbook adoption for Math and Social Studies.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the Classified and Administrator raises for the 2022-2023 school year was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the changes to the MSD Salary Handbook was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the updated PERF Resolution was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight/extended/out of state trip for Northfield AP Physics, Chemistry, and Calculus to Cedar Point, Math and Physics Day, Friday, May 13, 2022, in Sandusky, OH was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Math and Social Studies Textbook Adoption was approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Board Policy:

The Board had the second reading for policy #3015 Uncompensated Leave Policy. The recommendation to approve policy #3015 Uncompensated Leave Policy was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

No questions.

Items from Board Members:

None.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 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