

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 May 24, 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 May 24, 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 Jeff Dawes, Chris Collins, James Derck, Michael Rigney, Shelly Myers, Sheryl Holley, Angie Driscoll, Janette Moore, Carol Cly, Cheri Paul, Nancy Krom, Lindsay Knee, Jeremy Waite, Leice Waite, Steve Smith, Suzanne Smith, Erik Long, Becky Burkhardt, Matt Burkhardt, Mary Kramer, Adam Stakeman, Kevin Brainard, Hayley Renbarger, Janet Lyons, Ryan Rosen, Steve Ford, Kenneth Workman, and Josh Petruniw.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for May 31, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Additional Meeting, at the Administration Building, June 14, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, June 28, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, and July 12, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$319.01 donation from Donors Choose for Mrs. Kassie Harrell's Pre-school class for individual student chair pockets and nametags 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 International Violin Competition of Indianapolis-2022 Juried Exhibition of Student Art. The monetary donation is in appreciation of Mrs. Katie Gray and the Metro North Art Program was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

From Andrew McDaniel, Southwood Jr/Sr High School Principal. Congratulations to Mo Lloyd, Grade 12, for being named Baseball Across Indiana High School Player of the Week! In his last five games, he was 9-15 with 7 home runs and 20 RBIs. That's pretty good!

Southwood Junior/Senior High School would like to recognize Angie Loschiavo and Tyler Cook for their work coordinating the 8th grade field trip to Washington, DC. The students were able to visit various Smithsonian museums, the Gettysburg Civil War Battle Site, the Lincoln Memorial, the Pentagon 9/11 Memorial, and many other significant historical landmarks. Also, a special thank you goes to Mr. Jeffrey Finicle for helping chaperone the trip!

The Southwood Community would like to recognize Miss Eagan who will be retiring after 43 years of service to MSD. Miss Eagan served as special education teacher but fulfilled so many different roles in the school. We appreciate her dedication to the students, staff, and school! Best wishes in your retirement, Beth!

Southwood Junior/Senior High School is proud to announce that seniors Joey Bland and Mya Denney have been nominated for the Albright Gemlick Excellence Scholarship. This \$8,000 scholarship honors exceptional senior student athletes who have demonstrated excellence on the field, in the classroom, and in the community.

From Jay Snyder Northfield Jr/Sr High School Principal. Congratulations to Ainsley Dale, Emily Pennington, and Jake Halderman for honors they received at the TRC Banquet last Wednesday. Jake and Emily each received the Mental Attitude Award, and Ainsley received the Scholar Athlete and Distinguished Academic Honor Awards.

NHS Senior Mya Hunter was awarded the Wabash Kiwanis Club/Midwest Eye Consultants Self-Reliance Award last Tuesday. She will use this \$1000 to get her started as she pursues a social work degree from Ball State University in the Fall. Congratulations!

On May 10th, two NHS Seniors took home awards at the Wabash County INovate Pitch Competition. Congratulations Heath Tackett - 1st Place and Annie Schuler - 2nd Place and for putting in all the hard work and preparation for this competition.

Ty Leming and Ruby Weaver each received Jr. High Citizenship awards at our Jr. High Awards day at NHS. These are very distinguished and important awards because they are in honor of past NHS students Jonathan Snyder and Rhonda Shaw. These are awards that are received because of how these students treat staff and their fellow classmates as well as their hard work. Congratulations Ty and Ruby and thank you for your positive example and leadership you set at NHS.

From Janette Moore, Metro North Elementary Principal. We have 217 elementary students participating in summer programming this summer. Sixty-six students are taking part in our Minds in Action programming, and 151 will participate in our academic programming at MNE and SES.

Our Little Knights Preschool successfully completed our licensing visit for the third year in a row. This visit is quite a task to ensure all of our staff members that interact with our preschoolers have the accurate credentialing - fingerprinting, TB test, drug screening, first aid,

CPR, 12 hours of professional development. Thank you, Little Knights staff, for going the extra mile to ensure we had all of our ducks in a row!

#### Staff Spotlight:

Aubrey Carey, student at Southwood Jr/Sr High School, nominated Lindsay Knee, Band and Choir Teacher at Southwood Jr/Sr High School for the Staff Spotlight. Ms. Cary wrote: *Ms. Knee loves what she does as a teacher. She is so nice; she has helped me so much. She loves to interact with the students and make them smile. She makes me smile every day. I am so thankful that she filled in for Mr. Hickman whenever he retired. She has helped me so much as a student and I am so thankful for her.*

#### Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, May 10, 2022, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

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

Payroll was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Matt Driscoll, 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 Telisa Hall, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year; Hannah McDivitt, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year; Marsha Kratzer, Cook, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year, Faye Satterthwaite, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Amy Unger, Psychologist Intern, WMAP, effective August 8, 2022; Angela Myers, DHH Intervention Teacher, WMAP, effective August 8, 2020; Lisa Hayslett, Data/Technology Assistant, effective June 1, 2022; Matthew Schmidt, Music Teacher, Southwood Elementary, effective August 8, 2022; Karen Vanderpool, 5<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher, Southwood Elementary, effective August 8, 2022; Allison Bartoo, Custodian, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective May 25, 2022; Toni McKillip, Assistant Volleyball Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Summer School employment are as follows: Janette Moore, Elementary Director; Tonya Boone, Secondary Director, Adam Phelps, Edmentum; Cathy Gohman, Edmentum; Makayla Myer, SAE; Tim Calloway, SAE; Patty Steel, Minds in Action; Kami Ross, Minds in Action; Eva Simpson, Minds in Action Aide; Tara Haupt, Primary Reading Teacher; Teresa Coe, Primary Reading Aide; Alissa Deeter, Primary Reading Teacher; Mary Dye, Primary Reading Aide; Stacy James, Primary Reading Aide; Angie Herring Summer School Teacher; Jennifer Cox, Summer School Teacher; Megan Wright, Summer School Teacher; Alison Monce, YMCA Teacher; Nicole Knox, YMCA Teacher; Ronda Dubuque, YMCA Teacher; Patty Steele, YMCA Teacher; Katie Johnson, YMCA Teacher; Heather Amos, YMCA Teacher; Becca Elzy, Summer School Aide (ESSR)-Kindergarten; April Howard, Summer School Aide (ESSR)-Kindergarten; Madeline Dazey, Summer School Aide (ESSR)-1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades; Meredith Kelly, Summer School Aide (ESSR)-1<sup>st</sup> grade; Kelly Bare Summer School Aide (ESSR)-2<sup>nd</sup> grade; Shelby Drake, Summer School Aide (ESSR)-Kindergarten were 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 latest meeting held at Heartland. They have had communication with the EDA regarding the new building project which is for adult learning programs. The question is if HCC students can use the building. They were told yes, if the student needs to get certified in their field, but not for students receiving credits from their home school districts.

#### Superintendent's Report:

Congratulations to the students who completed the 2021-2022 School Year.

#### Graduations:

- White's Jr./Sr. High School Bridge - June 4 @ 3:00 p.m. (SHS Auditorium) and others ongoing.
- NHS - June 5 @ 2:00 p.m.
- SHS - June 5 @ 5:00 p.m.

Summer School begins next week on May 31 - June 30

Our students at White's Jr./Sr. High School finish June 28.

Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year:

(First Student Day: 8/10/2022)

- Online Registration July 25 - August 1
- Onsite Online Registration August 1 North & South 10:00-6:00

Meals for 2022-2023: still in question but probably not free to all.

Thanks to the United States Department of Agriculture for doing this the last couple of years.

Curriculum Report:

No report.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the 2022-2023 Curricular Material/Course Fees was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the PERF Resolution was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Scott, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2022-2023 Board of Education Meetings was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Janette Moore presented to the Board the changes for the 2022-2023 Elementary Handbook. Those changes will be voted on at the June 14, 2022, Board Meeting.

Joe Lacey presented to the Board the changes for the 2022-2023 High School Handbook. Those changes will be voted on at the June 14, 2022, Board Meeting.

The recommendation to approve the overnight/extended camping trip for Northfield Cross Country Team to Mississinewa CampGround, June 6-9, 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 trip for Southwood Wrestling Team to Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN sports camp, June 12-15, 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 Minds in Action II students to Indiana Dunes State Park and Spring Mill State Park, June 1-3, 2022, was approved upon a motion by Scott Hauptert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Preliminary Determination Hearing:

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of the Metropolitan School District of Wabash County (the "School Corporation") was held at 204 N. 300 W., Wabash, IN on May 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Board, Todd Dazey. Present for the Hearing was Mike Keaffaber, Superintendent, Chris Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent, and Tim Drake, Chief Academic Officer. Board members present were Kevin Bowman, Christian Rosen, Scott Hauptert, and Matt Driscoll.

(Among other proceedings had and actions taken were the following:)

The President presided over the hearing, welcoming everyone.

It was explained to the Board that pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5, whenever a school corporation proposes to enter into a lease agreement and/or issue bonds for the construction or renovation of a school building or buildings resulting in total costs in excess of certain threshold, the school corporation is required to hold two public hearings on its preliminary determination to issue such bonds and enter into such lease agreement. This meeting represents the first of such hearings. Notice of both public hearings was published in the Wabash Plain Dealer on May 14, 2022, and was sent via first-class mail to the Wabash County Clerk and any organizations which requested such notice as provided in Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20. The proof of publication of the notice of the hearings was presented to the meeting.

It was further explained that at this hearing all interested people may give testimony and/or ask questions concerning the proposed (i) acquisition of real estate and construction of a new high school, (ii) renovation and repurposing of the Northfield Jr/Sr High School and Southwood Jr/Sr High School (collectively, the “Project”). The purpose of the hearing is two-fold (1) to inform the public as to the proposed Project; and (2) to allow all interested parties, taxpayers and patrons of the School Corporation to voice their opinions as to the Project and ask any question.

After the purpose of the hearings was explained, the presentations regarding the need for the Project were given. An evaluation of the existing facilities was then presented, as well as a discussion of the details of the proposed Project. The estimated cost and schedule for the Project were then presented to the public. It was explained how this Project could be funded, and the potential tax rate impact the Project would have on the community.

After the above presentations, the President announced that the Board would now hear testimony and questions from the public.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Board Policy:

None

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 7:43p.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