

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 31, 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 31, 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 Kari Johnson, Carol Cly, Daniel Cornett, Nancy Krom, Jeff Dawes, Andrea Benbow, Michael Rigney, Robin Daihl, JD Downey, Amy Sullivan, Melissa Ford-Kalsay, Amy Stearley, Susan Keaffaber, Tiffany Hauptert, Brett Evans, Jeremy Waite, Matt Whitesel, Beth Whitesel, Phil Boone, and Josh Petruniw.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for 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 Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

New Business:

Second 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 31, 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 that under Indiana law whenever a school corporation proposes to construct or renovate a school building at a cost in excess of one million dollars it must first hold a public hearing. Additionally, another purpose of the meeting was that under 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 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. The first hearing on the preliminary determination for the Project (as defined herein) was held on May 24, 2022. Notice of both public hearings was Wabash Plain Dealer on May 14, 2022, and was mailed 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 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 presented, including the building plan explaining 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 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.

At the conclusion of the public testimony and questions, the Board considered the Project Resolution to complete the Project at a cost of more than one million dollars.

The recommendation to adopt the project resolution as Exhibit A was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to adopt the preliminary determination resolution as Exhibit B was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to adopt the reimbursement resolution as Exhibit C was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 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