

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 July 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 July 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: Christian Rosen and Matt Driscoll. Absent were Kevin Bowman and Scott Haupert. Also present were Gary Dawson, Frankie Dawson, and Josh Petruniw.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for August 9, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, August 23, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, and September 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

School Recognition:

There were no recognitions.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, July 12, 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 Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen and unanimously carried.

Payroll was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Dr. Kuhn reviewed the Operation fund Budget.

He asked permission to advertise the 2023 Capital Projects Plan and Bus Replacement Plan. Matt Driscoll made the motion to approve, with a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

He then asked permission to advertise the 2021 Annual Financial Report. Matt Driscoll made the motion to approve, with a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Joe Lacey, Assistant Principal, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Kelly Bever, Paraprofessional, Northfield Jr/Sr High School; effective immediately; Sally Bitzel, Athletic Secretary, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Jeffrey Finicle, P. E. Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Katie Arwood (verbal), Cook, Southwood Elementary, effective immediately; Teresa Correll, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective immediately were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Ashley Hunt, Kindergarten Teacher, Metro North Elementary, effective August 8, 2022; Ashlyn Niccum, JH Cheer Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Kaila Barlow, JH Cheer Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Dakota Goetz, Varsity Volleyball Head Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Elizabeth Lamb, Cook, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 9, 2022; Kimberly McAdams, Cook, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 9, 2022; Melissa Metz, Cook, Metro North Elementary, effective August 9, 2022; Jessica France, Bus Driver, North Schools, effective August 10, 2022; Chad Andrews, Special Education Teacher, Southwood Elementary, effective August 8, 2022; Rebecca Metz, Cook, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective August 9, 2022; Tarah Holbrook, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective August 10, 2022, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Amy Oprisek, Math Teacher transferring from White's High School to Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 8, 2022; Cory Blocker 6th grade Teacher transferring from Southwood Elementary to Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 8, 2022; Tabitha Cline 6th grade Teacher transferring from Southwood Elementary to Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 8, 2022; Kami Ross Kindergarten Teacher at Metro North Elementary transferring to 3rd grade Teacher at Sharp Creek Elementary, effective August 8, 2022; Katie Davis Paraprofessional at Southwood Elementary transferring to Paraprofessional at Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 10, 2022, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the coaches for Southwood Jr/Sr High School (all for the 2022-2023 season) were as follows: Tonya Boone, Head Cross Country; Dani Bassous, JH Cross Country; David Snyder, Head Football; Doug Martz; Assistant Football; Cory Blocker, Assistant Football; Zach Ball, Assistant Football; Ben Bachman; JH Football; Jordan Boyer, Head Girls Golf; Tom Finicle, Head Volleyball; Grant Langebartels, Assistant Volleyball; Caryn

Tinkle, Assistant Volleyball; Bekah Dillon, Assistant Volleyball; Stephanie Haecker, JH Volleyball; Rachel Hurst, JH Volleyball; Gina Deaton, JH Volleyball; Tim Drake, Assistant Volleyball were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported that they approved the 3E Grant for \$148,000 to be used to hire a person to go with seniors to line up jobs and shadow them for interviews. Through the grant they have 2-years for this position.

They also approved the contracts for the 2022-2023 school year.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber reviewed the New Bus Driver Referral Incentives.

He thanked those MSDWC staff who managed the 4-H Fair table/display.

He shared preparations for the school year, there are several events happening. Online registration continues, new teacher orientation, administrative retreat, opening day for teachers, and the first day for students is August 10, 2022.

Last, he shared a Referendum update. The County Election Board met on July 27, 2022, to adopt the resolution for the ballot language. Public thanks to Wabash County Clerk, Lori Draper, and Wabash County Auditor, Marcie Shepherd, and the staff for their extra work on completing all of the tasks.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake shared the iLearn reports which now have been released. He also talked about the app that students and staff can use to read books from Pulaski County Library. This summer 44 books have been read through the app by students and staff.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the modified 2022-2023 Calendar based on the State Board of Education approval of the 1003 Flexibility Waiver application (One-year only) was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Board Policy:

The recommendation to annually adopt the Teacher Appreciation Grant was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried. A motion was made by Matt Driscoll to suspend the 2nd reading, 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 6:42 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