

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 November 8, 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 November 8, 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 and 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, Scott Hauptert, and Christian Rosen. Absent was Matt Driscoll. Also present was Josh Petruniw.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for December 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building; January 10, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building; January 10, 2023, 6:00 p.m. Board of Finance Meeting, at the Administration Building; January 10, 2023, 6:00 p.m. Organizational Meeting, at the Administration Building. The November 22, 2023, Regular Meeting has been canceled.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$750.00 donation from: David Mann-\$250.00; Hoffman's Nursery & Landscaping-\$250.00; Gaunt & Son-\$250.00 for Northfield Girls Basketball was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from Harbor Freight for Sharp Creek Robotics (for organizational tools) was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$100.00 donation from Northfield Class of 1971 for Northfield Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,044.00 donation from Motion Industries for Southwood Jr/Sr High School Robotics (for 3 pneumatic kits) was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$300.00 donation from Dan Wright for Southwood Jr/Sr High School Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from Barabbas Barbecue for Northfield Wrestling was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$640.00 donation from: Denise Stouffer-\$40.00; Hoosier Chiropractic, LLC-\$200.00; Katie Pratt-\$200.00; Vanderpool Law Firm-\$200.00 for Northfield Wrestling was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from an anonymous donor for Southwood Jr/Sr High School Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$736.00 donation from Ryann Harrington for Sharp Creek Elementary Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$736.00 donation from Tiffany Hauptert for Sharp Creek Elementary Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$641.00 donation from: Danielle Tolson-\$341.00; Jeff & Kaye Krom-\$50.00; McKillip Seeds-\$250.00 for Northfield Girls Basketball was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$2,400.00 donation from: Tiffany Hauptert-\$2,000.00; Houlihan Lawnmower Sales-\$200.00; Tri-W-\$200.00 for Northfield Wrestling.

#### School Recognition:

From Jay Snyder, Principal at Northfield Jr/Sr High School. Northfield Football received an exemplary behavior report from official Brandon Shramek for the first-round sectional game at Southern Wells on October 21, 2022. Mr. Shramek stated that, "We are honored to report no unsportsmanlike fouls for either team at our sectional game. There was a mutual respect felt on the field as both teams played prideful football. It was apparent that the coaching staffs for both teams take sportsmanship very seriously, as they should for high school athletics. Thank you, Southern Wells Raiders and Northfield Norsemen, for your exemplary sportsmanship."

Congratulations to our Norse Football Team on another great season. The Norse won their Round 1 Sectional Game at Southern Wells on Friday, October 21, 2022. They then went on

to surprise a very good Madison Grant team in Round 2 to earn a spot in the Sectional Championship Game. The Norse were defeated in the Sectional Championship by an undefeated and very good Adams Central Team last Friday. We thank the players and coaches for all their hard work, dedication, and good sportsmanship throughout this football season.

Northfield has enough girls this year to have a girl's wrestling team. This past Saturday the Ladies Wrestling team traveled to New Palestine High School to compete in the 2nd annual Dragons Women's Invitational hosting 45 teams totaling 175 young women. The Lady Grapplers finished 7th place out of the 45 teams at the Invitational. Good Luck Lady Norse Wrestlers on the rest of the season.

Congratulations to our Northfield football players that have received all conference for their efforts on the field. Northfield All Conference players: Eli Kroh-WR, Malachi Higgins-OL, Jordan Kinsey-LB, and Mason Fisher-DB. Honorable Mention players: Jaxton Peas and Joseph Delgado. Way to go Norse!

Congratulations to our Northfield volleyball players that have received all conference for their efforts on the court. Northfield All Conference player: Josie Lynn. Honorable Mention player Eden Hoover. Way to go Norse!

From Andrew McDaniel, principal at Southwood Jr/Sr High School. SHS would like to recognize Emily Lochard, Malia Mahan, and Luc Neal for making the 2022 Indiana All-Region Honor Band. They will represent our band department on November 12th and 13th at Marion High School where they will be practicing and performing with 30+ students from around our region. The concert on the 13th is at 4:00PM and free to the public.

Lyndzy Silvers and Dakota Wilson both made the 2022 Indiana All-District Honor Band. They will represent our band department on November 19th-20th at Plymouth High School, where they will be practicing/performing with 30+ students from around our region. That concert on the 20th is at 4:00pm and is free to the public.

Congratulations to the Southwood Gridiron Knights for their performance on Friday, October 14, 2022. Formerly unbeaten 3A Tippecanoe Valley traveled to Southwood to take on the Knights. In a nailbiter of a football game, the Knights came away victorious and Tippecanoe Valley is no longer an unbeaten team. Congratulations to players for their outstanding efforts Friday and a tip of the coaching hat to Coach Dave Snyder for his shrewd use of timeouts to ice Tippecanoe Valley's kicker at the end of the game. Way to go, Knights!

While the entire Knight football squad played exceedingly well, one player from the group, senior Jason Oprisek, was nominated for the MaxPreps Athlete of the Week! Way to go, Jason!

Congratulations to our Lady VolleyKnights for their efforts during Sectionals on Saturday. They began the morning competition with a 3-0 victory against Caston and then closed out the evening with a victory over Northfield to take the Sectional Title! The Lady Knights face regional opponents at Clinton Central on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Way to go, Lady Knights!

Once again, our Lady Knights prevailed in tournament play. With victories over Faith Christian Academy and Daleville, our Knights advance to Semi-State to take on Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian. Play is set to begin at 4PM at Plymouth High School.

We would like to congratulate our Knights on an outstanding season. Our Gridiron Knights finished the year with a 7-3 record, 7-1 in conference play with a share of the Three Rivers Conference. Additionally, our Knights defeated all other Wabash County teams and defeated a previously undefeated 3A Tippecanoe Valley Football Team in arguably one of the best football games this season.

I would like to share a little more information about Friday's game (10/21/22). During the third quarter, an Adams Central player intercepted a pass and was tackled on the sideline on the run back. The player suffered an injury that required the ambulance to come onto the field, stopping the game temporarily. One Adams Central parent reached out to SHS administration via email about the event: "I wanted to commend your football team for the integrity they showed Friday night when their whole team came over to the AC football team and led a prayer for our injured player. The maturity of those young men was impressive. We talked to a few of the players after the game but would appreciate if you could let the whole team know how much that meant to our boys and the fans. I hope your coaches and school officials realize what a great group of boys you have on that football team and the great leadership they exhibit. You should definitely be proud of them."

Southwood High School would like to express appreciation for Mrs. Gohmann's work to bring the Hoosier Shakespeare Festival to Southwood for a performance of MacBeth for SHS and NHS seniors. The play was an outstanding performance. Thank you to Mrs. Gohmann for all her work making this happen.

From Joel Martin, Principal at Sharp Creek Elementary. Sharp Creek Elementary wishes to recognize our Community Foundation "Scholars of the Quarter" for the 1st quarter of this school year: 4th grader Nori Martin; 5th grader Aiden Stanfield; and 6th grader Emerson Zwiebel. Congratulations to these students!

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, October 11, 2022, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

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

Payroll #7 and #8 were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

Dr. Kuhn reviewed the October End of Month and October Cash Flow.  
Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Brittany Dawes, Volunteer JH Cheer Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Nick Hauptert, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach, effective immediately; Casey Hudson, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective immediately; Michelle Prus, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective immediately; Jeremy Elzy, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Evan Deaton, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Southwood Elementary, effective immediately; Alex Miracle, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective November 2, 2022; Amber Andrick, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective October 31, 2022; Brian Bassett, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Tabitha Floor, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective immediately; Brittany Reavis, Temporary Occupational Therapist, WMAP, effective approximately January 4, 2023, through March 3, 2023; Ashley Mann, Temporary Teacher, Southwood Elementary, effective approximately January 4, 2023, through March 6, 2023; Jolleen Schemenaur, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective October 24, 2022; Katy Johnson, Temporary Teacher, Metro North Elementary, effective approximately March 1, 2023, through May 1, 2023; Carlos Delgado, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective immediately; Rachel Eppard, Volunteer JH Cheer Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Jena Mitchell, Volunteer JH Cheer Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Scott Deaton, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Southwood Elementary, effective immediately; Ryan Smith, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Southwood Elementary, effective immediately; Ryan Pershing, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Kaila Barlow, JH Cheer Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective October 31, 2022; Amber Andrick, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective November 1, 2022, were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Trisha Eckman, from Paraprofessional to Health Service Assistant at Southwood Elementary, effective October 24, 2022; Haley Lanning, transferring from Kindergarten Paraprofessional to PK Paraprofessional at Southwood elementary, effective October 24, 2022; Abby Siders, from Paraprofessional to Temporary PK Teacher, Southwood Elementary, effective approximately February 6, 2023, through the end of the school year; Rina Ruiz, transferring from Custodian at Southwood Jr/Sr High School to Cook at Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective November 7, 2022; Allison Bartoo, Custodian at Southwood Jr/Sr High School to Custodian at Southwood Elementary, effective November 11, 2022, were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

In Matt Driscoll's absence, Mike Keaffaber reported that HCC is asking the Member Schools to investigate using the Indiana Common School Loan process for future renovations to replace the roof, HVAC system, and controls.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber reported on the recent parent-teacher conferences.

The NHS & SHS combined school musical, *Beauty and the Beast*, was well done with over 600 people attending.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake reported on the testing happening in the schools. MSD sets aside money for PSAT.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the overnight field trip for Southwood High School Art, Band, and Choir to Chicago, IL, June 12-14, 2023, was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight field trip for Northfield 8<sup>th</sup> grade to Washington D.C., March 23-26, 2023, was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Board Policy:

No report.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

No questions.

Items from Board Members:

Todd Dazey spoke on the election. His hope was for all to get back to being nice to one another as he felt the community needed to get back together.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

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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