

MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE METROPOLITAN
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABASH COUNTY

The annual reorganization meeting of the Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of Wabash County, Indiana, was held at the Administrative Office at 204 N. 300 W., Wabash, Indiana, on January 10, 2023, 6:00 p.m. (EST) pursuant to notice duly given to all members in accordance with I.C. 20-26-4-1 and the 2020 rules of the Board.

MSDWC School Board met in regular session on January 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Office. We will continue to livestream the meeting on Facebook Live. The public may comment in person or on Facebook Live during the appropriate times.

Kevin Bowman, Board Vice-President, called the meeting to order. Mike Keaffaber, Superintendent, Chris Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent, and Tim Drake, Chief Academic Officer, were also present. On call of the roll the members of the Board were shown to be present as follows: Matt Driscoll, Christian Rosen, and Jeff Porter. Scott Hauptert was absent. Also present were Josh Petruniw, Janette Moore, Casey Stouffer, Ann Higgins, Jon Higgins, Malachi Higgins, Gary Dawson, Frankie Dawson, Katelyn Ranck, Sarah Ranck, Brian Ranck, and William Carroll (Wabash Plain Dealer Editor).

Kevin Bowman called for nominations for offices. Matt Driscoll made a motion to nominate Kevin Bowman as President with Christian Rosen seconding that motion, and unanimously carried. Christian Rosen made a motion to nominate Matt Driscoll as Vice-President with Jeff Porter seconding that motion, and unanimously carried. Matt Driscoll made a motion to nominate Christian Rosen as Secretary with Jeff Porter seconding that motion, and unanimously carried. Jeff Porter made a motion to nominate Scott Hauptert as the Indiana School Board Association's Legislative Liaison delegate, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried. Christian Rosen made a motion to continue with Matt Driscoll being the representative of the Board of Managers at Heartland Career Center, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The Board requested the continuation of The Law Office of Downs, Tandy, & Petruniw, P.C. as the Corporation Attorneys, at \$200.00 per hour. Approval was granted upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The request to retain current Corporation Treasurer, Dr. Chris Kuhn and Deputy Treasurer, Laura Baer with a bond of \$200,000.00, High School Bookkeepers with a bond of \$20,000, and Elementary Bookkeepers with a bond of \$10,000 were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the current salary of the Board members will be \$2,000.00 per year. The Heartland Career Center Board representative will receive an additional \$25.00/meeting not to exceed 12 meetings. The maximum yearly salary per MSDWC Board member cannot exceed \$2,000.00, as according to State standards, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the mileage rate for all school employees to be the same as the amount in the current teacher master contract (\$.44/mile), was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the continuation of the Board Scholarship was made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried. The Board gives one (\$500.00) scholarship to a Northfield High School Graduating Senior and one (\$500.00) to a Southwood High School Graduating Senior.

The recommendation to appoint the Superintendent of M.S.D. Wabash County, Mike Keaffaber as the Local Education Officer for the ensuing year with authority to file applications for federal funds on behalf of the school corporation, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.


The recommendation to approve the continuation of the Wabash Plain Dealer to place legal advertisements, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to continue participation with WMAP and HCC to facilitate better accountability with the State Board of Accounts and the Department of Education, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve Kevin Bowman as the School Board Appointment of a non-voting member to the County was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

THE REORGANIZATION OF THE
METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA



KEVIN BOWMAN, PRESIDENT



MATT DRISCOLL, VICE PRESIDENT



SCOTT HAUPERT, BOARD MEMBER



JEFF PORTER, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Christian Rosen', written in black ink.

CHRISTIAN ROSEN, SECRETARY

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
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Kevin Bowman, 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, Matt Driscoll, and Jeff Porter. Also present were Josh Petruniw, Janette Moore, Casey Stouffer, Ann Higgins, Jon Higgins, Malachi Higgins, Gary Dawson, Frankie Dawson, Katelyn Ranck, Sarah Ranck, Brian Ranck, and William Carroll (Wabash Plain Dealer Editor).

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for January 24, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building; January 24, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Board of Finance Meeting at the Administration Building; February 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building; and February 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from Peerless Machine & Tool Corp. for Southwood Elementary Robotics Team was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the donation of various school supplies from Bradley Harmon in memory of Kari Harmon for all schools was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,000.00 donation from HAK Enterprises, LLC for Southwood Elementary Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$100.00 from Daniel & Bobby Schul and Family for Southwood Elementary Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$50.00 donation from Michael & Patricia Devore to assist with students in need of lunch money at Southwood Elementary was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$56.70 donation from Box Top for Education (General Mills) for student use at Southwood Elementary was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Student Spotlight:

Malachi Higgins was selected to receive the Ford Family Community Scholarship. The scholarship will provide a four-year full tuition to any Indiana college or university of his choice. Congratulations Malachi!

Katelyn Rank was selected to receive the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. The scholarship will provide a four-year full tuition to any Indiana college or university of her choice. Congratulations Katelyn!

School Recognition:

Casey Stouffer, Southwood Elementary Principal, shared with the Board that each week at SES they select two students (1 boy and 1 girl) per grade level as Knights of the Week. He shares those students in his newsletter *Knight's Tale*. This week's students selected were: Pre-K, Max Stantz and Myah Shoemaker; Kindergarten, Raidyn Sessoms and Emmalenna Wilson; 1st Grade, Callen Reed and Avery Cordle; 2nd Grade, Andrew Werling and Mary Smith; 3rd Grade Ryder Shenefield and Kali Ellis; 4th Grade, Niko Bryant and Natalie Hileman; 5th Grade, Dominic Cain and Destin Banks.

Southwood Elementary would like to recognize Mrs. Megan Wright for her excellent work at SES. Mrs. Wright consistently goes above and beyond to create a supportive and nurturing environment for her students. Her dedication to special education and commitment to helping her students succeed is unmatched and inspiring. We at SES appreciate her hard work and dedication to our students and staff.

Janette Moore, Metro North Elementary Principal, would like to recognize and thank our amazing substitute teachers that helped us throughout the months of November and December! Kim Treska, Kathy Lowery, Nancy Jo Hammel, Angie Baer, James Ehle, Jennifer Nesler, Katie Johnson, and Marty Hauptert.

We welcome two student teachers to Metro North for the spring semester. Mr. James Ehle is completing his Masters of Arts in Teaching through WGU and will work alongside Ms. Amy Stearley, and Miss Renae Stoll is completing her bachelor's degree in elementary education and special ed education through Huntington University. Miss Stoll is working alongside Mrs. Mary Donaldson and Mrs. Bailey Trump.

Mrs. Moore stated that registration is open for this summer's Minds in Action. Currently 78 students have registered.

From Andrew McDaniel, Principal, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, the Boys Basketball Team received an Exemplary Behavior Report from referee Scott Geist after their performance at the basketball game vs. Manchester on Friday, December 16, 2022. The report reads, "The game was fun to referee as both coaches were professional on the sideline and teams, although rivals, were competitors throughout but not overly physical. Opposing players would help athletes up after a fall, and captains were respectful when asking for clarification on calls they did not understand. All of the referee team was appreciative.

The Southwood Community would like to recognize the momentous accomplishment of Katelyn Ranck . . . this year's recipient of the Lilly Endowment Scholarship. Miss Ranck is an excellent student and athlete and represents Southwood very well. We have no doubt that she will continue to excel and be successful in whatever path she chooses in her future.

Southwood would like to recognize the efforts of 10th grade student Luke Herring. Luke recently entered the Voice of America Essay Contest through the Veterans of Foreign Wars. His essay entitled, "The Importance of the Veteran" won first prize at District. Luke received a medal, certificate, and \$100 prize for his efforts. Way to go, Luke!

Southwood Junior/Senior High School would like to recognize the efforts of Mrs. Sparling and her Advanced Placement English Class. As a part of the Wabash Reach Out Program, each student in class created 50 Christmas cards for residents of Wabash County nursing homes. What an incredible act of kindness! Thank you, Mrs. Sparling and Students, for a wonderful gesture of Christmas kindness!

The SHS Community would like to commend the efforts of the Boys' Varsity Basketball Team with their recent Friday Knight win over the Apaches. On December 28, 2022, the Boys team lost to Wabash by 30 points. On Friday, January 6, 2023, our guys fought hard and beat the Apaches by 11 in an exciting county tournament rematch! Way to go, Knights!

The Southwood Community would like to express a sincere thank you to Mike "Doc" Emrick. Doc Emrick, SHS graduate, was a famous play-by-play hockey announcer for NBC Sports, covering NHL games in the United States and Canada until his retirement in 2020. Doctor Emrick was the recipient of 8 Emmy Awards for his play-by-play broadcasting. On Friday, January 6, 2023, Doc Emrick made a surprise visit to Southwood and presented his 2014 Emmy to the school. Doc felt it fitting to give the 2014 Emmy because that marked the 50th anniversary of his graduation from SHS. The Emmy will soon be on display at SHS. Thank you, Doc Emrick!

SHS would like to congratulate the following athletes for being named to the All-County Team following their performance at the recent Holiday Tournament in Manchester: Aleia Sweet, Ella Hauptert, and Cole Winer. Way to go, Knights!

SHS would like to recognize Erin Lehner, 2020 Southwood Graduate, for making the Dean's List for the Fall Semester at IU Bloomington. Erin is the daughter of Annie and Brent Lehner. Way to go, Erin!

Joel Martin, Principal, Sharp Creek Elementary, wishes to thank the community for supporting our K-Kids food collection. Over 2,000 items were donated to the FISH food bank just prior to Christmas.

From Jay Snyder, Principal, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to Northfield senior Malachi Higgins for being named the 2023 Ford Family Community Scholarship recipient! The scholarship provides a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to any Indiana college or university of his choice. It is only given to one graduating senior in Wabash County each year. We know Malachi is planning on some sort of engineering and has a couple of colleges in mind. Malachi is an awesome choice, and he has always represented his school and his family very well. We wish Malachi the best as he prepares for his next steps after NHS.

Thank you to the Northfield boys' basketball team for thinking of others at Christmas time. They traveled to what was Miller's Merry Manor now called The Waters of Wabash to celebrate and give some Christmas cheer. They delivered 19 Christmas wreaths to those who do not receive many visitors over the holiday season. The kids even took it upon themselves to sing a few carols as they walked the hallways. Thank you for your positive representation of your team, school, and for thinking of others during the Christmas Season.

Northfield had some athletes recognized at the Wabash County Basketball Tourney that was held over Christmas Break. Congratulations to Dillon Tomlison (Boys) and Elli Baker (Girls) for being named to the All-County Team and to Ty Leming for being presented the Bill Rogge award for JV.

Congratulations to NHS Lady Wrestlers Ella Gahl and Ella France. Both of them qualified for the girls' state wrestling finals in Mooresville this Friday. We wish them the best of luck at state on Friday.

Staff Spotlight:

As Staff Spotlight returns after a long absence, Janette Moore was our Staff Spotlight nominated by Jamie Cripe and Debra Casey who have students at MNE.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, December 13, 2022, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

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

Payroll #11 and #12 were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Dr. Kuhn reviewed the December End of Month balances. He then presented the End of Year Cash Flow and End of Year Education Fund to Operations Fund Transfer.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Jeremy Elzy, Paraprofessional, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective January 4, 2023; Alex Miracle Paraprofessional Southwood Elementary and Bus Driver, effective January 15, 2023, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Jeremy Elzy, Paraprofessional, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective January 4, 2023; Patsy Arwood, Bus Driver, effective January 17, 2023; Nate Plyler, 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Carrie Pugh, Paraprofessional, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective January 17, 2023, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #149 to begin approximately February 21, 2023, through the end of the 2022-2023 school year were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber shared the State of MSD 2022.

Curriculum Report:

No report.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the Local Income Tax Distribution Resolution was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve distribution of the 2023 transfers from Education Fund to Operations Fund was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Treasurer to Pay Claims was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to re-appoint Jonathan Fisher to the Roann Library Board of Trustee for a term ending in January 2027 was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

No report.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

No questions.

Items from Board Members:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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Matt Driscoll, VICE-PRESIDENT



Scott Haupert, BOARD MEMBER



Jeff Porter, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:



Christian Rosen, SECRETARY