

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 September 27, 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 September 27, 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, Matt Driscoll, Scott Hauptert, and Christian Rosen. Also present were Jay Snyder, Andrew McDaniel, Gary Dawson, Frankie Dawson, and Josh Petruniw.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for October 11, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, November 8, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, and November 22, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from Harbor Freight for Southwood High School's Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,500.00 donation from CIE for Northfield Athletics was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$398.00 donation from Terrell Realty for Metro North Elementary to provide students in Mrs. Mills' class a new Scholastic Book each month throughout the school year was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$354.00 donation from Doris Hanaway, Pat Meyer, Leah Nellis, Leigh Taylor, Nancy Halderman, Nicole McDorman, Kari Davenriner, Bill Gates, and anonymous donors to support Ms. Hunt's Donors Choose project "Warm and Mindful" (classroom lighting, a bar code scanner, and fluorescent light covers) was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,255.00 donation from Lundquist Appraisals and Real Estate for Southwood 6th, 7th, and 8th grade football jerseys was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,000.00 donation from an anonymous donor: 500.00 for Northfield Tennis and \$500.00 for Northfield Football was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$100.00 donation from Head to Head Games, LLC for Northfield Esports was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

Andrew McDaniel, Principal at Southwood Jr/Sr High School, I would like to send out a positive note about our Student Congress Advisors and the Homecoming Celebration last week. Our students participated in dress up days (Adam Sandler Dress Up Day, Twins Day, Back to the Future (each class dressed up in the fashions of the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, etc), Pink Day, and Spirit Day. During the pep session, our kids participated in Peach Fuzz Volleyball and had a great time. Lastly, on Sunday, September 18, our seniors had the opportunity to paint their own parking spaces. Good times at Southwood this week!

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the football game for homecoming. Congratulations to Coach Snyder and the guys for an epic win against Wabash High School by a score 52-14. In the last 47 head-to-head matchups, Southwood Football holds a 41-6 record over the Apaches. Additionally, the Knights beat Manchester Friday, September 23, 2022, by a score of 55-22. The Knights are once again victorious in the county.

We would like to give a big shout out to Coach Finicle and the VolleyKnights for their performance this season. The Varsity Volleyball Team currently has a record of 13-1. Last week, they defeated a very talented Northfield team on Tuesday and then beat #7 ranked Wabash on Thursday. Way to go, Lady Knights!

Please join me in congratulating Katelyn Ranck and Duke Sparks for making the 2023 Indiana All-State Honor Choir! This is Katelyn's fourth year making this ensemble, which I think is a record for Southwood, and Duke's first year with the group. They will rehearse for the next few months with the other students in our region to prepare for their performance in January at the IMEA convention.

Southwood Junior/Senior High School received an exemplary behavior report from the volleyball tournament on Saturday. According to Christopher Blankenship, tournament official, "Upon asking the official about a call, the athlete accepted the clarification and explained to the coach and the teammates. The athletes went on to play the match to the best of her ability." The athlete referenced in the report was senior Alaina Winer.

Mr. McDaniel wanted to thank Roger Boone, Guidance Counselor, and the guidance staff for their work promoting College Go Week. Universities and branches of the military were recognized.

The last item he updated was the status of the 6th grade class which was moved to Southwood High School this year. Students are settling in very well for the changes they have had. Upperclassmen have been very good at helping 6th grade students.

From Jay Snyder, Principal at Northfield Jr/Sr High School. NHS would like to recognize Addie France for making the 2023 All-State Honors Choir for the second year in a row. Addie will join other Honors Choir members in January for a performance. Congratulations!

Thank you to Student Council Sponsors Mrs. LeMaster and Mr. Zimmerman as well as the student council members for planning a fun filled homecoming week for students and staff last week. They had dress up days, bonfire, corn hole tournament, and a homecoming dance on Friday night. We appreciate all the time, effort, and planning by our sponsors and student council members. Thanks to Coach Baker and the Football Team for finishing off a great homecoming week with a big win over Manchester 48-27.

Congratulations to Coach McClure and the NHS Girls Golf Team for advancing to Regionals. We have 4 players on the team - Alex Cartwright, Hannah Wilson, Kylie Leland, and Hannah Otey. This is the 4th time NHS has had a team advance. Alex Cartwright is the first NHS student to win a golf sectional outright. Hannah Wilson came in right behind Alex in second place. Everyone played one of their best rounds at the right time to make this happen.

Northfield Football team received an exemplary behavior report from official Scott Thompson following the Northfield Wabash game at Wabash on Friday, September 23, 2022. Mr. Thompson stated that both teams demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship throughout the contest. Northfield did win the game 42-7, so congratulations to the Norse football team on a big win. A special Congratulations goes to Coach Brandon Baker. This game was Coach Baker's 100th win.

Grades are being reviewed for all students as we prepare for the end of the first quarter. Students will be given additional help if their grades are not passing. PSAT testing will be coming up as well.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, September 13, 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 Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

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

Dr. Kuhn reviewed the Cash Flow.

He then shared that all students will be eligible for free breakfast, through the Universal Free Breakfast program.

Dr. Kuhn and Todd Dazey met with the auditors for an exit review. The audit was virtual for the first time and they were reviewing school years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. Overall, the audit was one of the best ever.

2023 Budget Adoption:

The recommendation to approve the 2023 Budget was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2023 Bus Replacement Plan was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2023 Capital Projects Plan was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates (Form 4) was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Resolution of transfers of funds to Rainy Day Fund was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Trisha Baldwin, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective October 3, 2022; Jennifer Hamm, Paraprofessional, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective September 26, 2022, were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Tarah Holbrook, Metro North Elementary, transferring from ESSER Paraprofessional to Preschool Paraprofessional, effective October 3, 2022, were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the fall coaches for Southwood Jr/Sr High School are as follows: Kenneth Norman, Head Girls Basketball; Rod Cole, Assistant Girls Basketball; Sydney Helfin, JV Girls Basketball; Jason Corn, Volunteer Assistant Girls Basketball; Chris Whitaker, 8th

grade Girls Basketball; Adam Winer, 8th grade Girls Basketball; Randy Pershing, 7th grade Girls Basketball; Sean Cline, 6th grade Girls Basketball; John Troyer, 5th grade Girls Basketball; Erica Troyer, 5th grade Girls Basketball; Christian Perry, Head Boys Basketball; Devin Dale, Assistant Boys Basketball; Jim Hogan JV Boys Basketball; Mike Barrett, 8th grade Boys Basketball; Sean Unger, 8th grade Boys Basketball; Cole Wyatt, 7th grade Boys Basketball; Cary Hammel, Head Wrestling; Harley Hiner, Assistant Wrestling; Joel Makin, Assistant Wrestling; Jackson Taylor, Assistant Wrestling; Ryan Sweet, Assistant Wrestling were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the fall coaches for Northfield Jr/Sr High School are as follows: Jared Haupert, 4th grade Boys Basketball; Scott Haupert, 5th grade Boys Basketball Volunteer; Anthony Sorg, 6th grade Boys Basketball; Kevin Pratt, 8th grade Boys Basketball; Ryan Dubois, 8th grade Boys Basketball; Kyle Oswalt, C Team Boys Basketball; Rex Reimer, Head Varsity Boys Basketball; Matt Burkhart, Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball; Matt Brown, JV Boys Basketball; Shane Vigar, Volunteer Boys Basketball; Troy Baer, Volunteer Boys Basketball; Hillary Eltzroth, Head Varsity Girls Basketball; Brandon Baker, Varsity Assistant Girls Basketball; Danielle Tolson, JV Girls Basketball; Tiffany Livesay, 8th grade Girls Basketball; Troy Baer, 7th grade Girls Basketball; Chris Kuhn, 6th grade Girls Basketball; Tiffany Stith, 6th grade Girls Basketball; Jeremy Elzy, 5th grade Girls Basketball were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported that Heartland has lost two instructors and are looking for their replacements. The Board discussed a possible reorganization for the Board of Managers.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber shared the Fall, 9/16/22, ADM count which was up 114.5 students from Fall 2021. The ADM count was 2139.47. He also shared population data (2010-2020 census) of the twenty counties in Indiana which have only one school district. Another data point was reviewing northeast Indiana counties similar in size to Wabash and how they compare. The other counties have three school districts with three high schools and have increased in population. With the proposed project of MSD of Wabash County combining the two high schools, we would line up with those counties who have had an increase in population. Finally, the upcoming New School Informational Meeting dates, times, and locations were shared again.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake shared that everything is moving along very well for the first nine weeks.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the field trip for Southwood Jr/Sr High School 6th grade to Chicago, IL, March 16, 2023 was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The Teacher Contract Tentative Agreement Meeting was a review of the Teacher Contract and any changes that were proposed. This is the second year of a two-year contract with a re-opener being implemented due to the increase in ADM. Veteran teachers will receive an increase and be placed on the compensation model that matches their experience. Teachers new to MSDWC were already placed on the right row of the new compensation model. This solves the compression issue which has occurred over the last several years. \$40,000 is the new starting salary as per Indiana statute. This is pending the ratification of the contract by the School Board on October 11, 2022.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Board Policy:

No report.

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 6:48 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