

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF WABASH COUNTY

A meeting of the Board of Finance of the Metropolitan School District of Wabash County, Indiana, was held at the Administration Building, 204 N. 300 W., Wabash, IN, January 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. (EST) pursuant to notice duly given to all members in accordance with I.C. 36-1-2-17 and I.C. 5-13-7-5 and prior compliance with the requirements for media notice.

MSDWC School Board met in regular session on January 24, 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 President, called the meeting to order. Mike Keaffaber, Superintendent, Chris Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent, 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, Scott Hauptert, Christian Rosen, Jeff Porter. Also present were Josh Petruniw, Gary Dawson, Frankie Dawson, Joel Martin, Kim Baer, Deb Schenkel, Kelly Ross, Amanda Swick, and Elizabeth Swick.

Mr. Bowman opened the Board of Finance meeting.

Mr. Bowman advised the Board that the purpose of this meeting was to organize the Board by election of a President and Secretary. Matt Driscoll made a motion that the President and Secretary be the same as the regular Board positions. Christian Rosen made a second and motion was unanimously carried. President is Kevin Bowman and Secretary is Christian Rosen.

Chris Kuhn, Treasurer of MSDWC reported on investment procedures and reviewed the Investment Policy. The current and unwritten procedures we use to invest our cash holding are very simple. We have short term investments based on the amount of cash available during the period of investments. The checking/savings accounts from which we write payroll and claims checks at First Farmers Bank and Trust are held in commercial checking accounts. This allows us to maximize the interest made on the money held in those accounts. The commercial accounts also help us keep our banking fees down. Dr. Kuhn provided a list of interest earned in all funds for 2022.

Dr. Kuhn then gave a financial report of 2022 on the financial condition of the school corporation using the fiscal and qualitative indicators determined by the fiscal and qualitative indicators committee. (DUAB)

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m., with the minutes of this meeting to be considered for approval along with

and evidenced by the approval of the minutes of the Board to follow at the next Board of Education meeting held February 14, 2023.

THE BOARD OF FINANCE OF THE
METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

KEVIN BOWMAN, PRESIDENT

MATT DRISCOLL, BOARD MEMBER

SCOTT HAUPERT, BOARD MEMBER

JEFF PORTER, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

CHRISTIAN ROSEN, SECRETARY

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 January 24, 2023, at 6:30 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.

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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, Jeff Porter, and Scott Haupert. Also present were Josh Petruniw, Gary Dawson, Frankie Dawson, Kim Baer, Deb Schenkel, Kelly Ross, Joel Martin, Amanda Swick, and Elizabeth Swick.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for February 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building; February 28, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, and March 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$100.00 donation from an Anonymous donor for Southwood Wrestling was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$3,000.00 donation from an Anonymous donor for Southwood Softball was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$250.00 donation from Craig & Tonya Hoppes for Northfield FCA was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

Staff Spotlight:

Deb Schenkel, 4th grade Teacher at Sharp Creek Elementary, was nominated by parent Amanda Swick.

School Recognition:

Southwood Jr/Sr High School Principal, Andrew McDaniel, shared that SHS is proud of Duke Sparks and Katelyn Ranck as they will be performing at the 2023 Indiana High School All-State Honor Choir at the Embassy Theater at 6:00PM on Saturday, January 14, 2023. Qualifying for this choir is a very challenging process, so we are proud of these two students.

Southwood Jr/Sr High School recently received an Exemplary Behavior report from the IHSAA, submitted by one of the game officials. The report read, "I was at Whitko on Friday, January 13, 2023, and I want to give a huge shoutout to both teams! Very kind and promoted sportsmanship! There was always a thank you or a yes sir even in a tough situation. These small things do not go unnoticed. Keep up the good work, guys!"

Northfield Jr/Sr High School Principal, Jay Snyder, shared NHS would like to recognize Ella France and Ella Gahl who advanced from Regional to State for Northfield Girls Wrestling. A HUGE Congratulations to Sophomore, Ella Gahl, for winning an individual state championship! Ella pinned all three of her opponents at the state level on her way to the championship.

A couple weekends ago Visual Art students from Northfield competed in the Scholastics Art Competition (National Art Competition). Northfield students did an outstanding job and were awarded 26 different awards. Students who won awards include: Emma Bone, Brihanna Booher, Layne Denton, Ella Gahl, Emme Hanes, Anna Kissel, Jaycie Krom, Skylar Lamson, Victoria Layne, Saige Martin, Mae Napier, Jessica Ray, Peyton Turley, and Emma Warnock. Congratulations and good luck as your projects continue on in the competition.

NHS Senior Addie France auditioned last September and was accepted into the Indiana All State Honors Choir that sang at the Embassy Theatre in Fort Wayne on Friday, January 13, 2023, and Saturday January 14, 2023. She joined a handful of other students from Southwood, Manchester, and Wabash that made up the 300+ singers from around the state. They sang a number of advanced choir songs that required many hours of individual practice. This was Addie's third All-State Honors Choir appearance. We are proud of Addie and her accomplishment of making All-State Honors Choir 3 years in a row.

Sharp Creek Elementary Principal, Joel Martin, shared Sharp Creek Elementary wishes to recognize the time and effort of our dedicated paraprofessional staff members ... Deb Elliott, Sarah Aderman, Tammy Slone, Teresa Coe, Melissa Metz, Tricia Miracle, and Carrie Pugh. We are also fortunate to have technology assistant Lisa Bever available to our students and staff. You are all appreciated!

Sharp Creek Elementary PE teacher Mr. Gary Norman recently submitted his retirement letter effective at the end of this school year, also tonight it will become official that Mrs. Tina Riggie will retire from teaching at the end of this school year. So, at this time on behalf of all Sharp Creek Elementary students and staff, both past and present, I want to say thank you to Gary and Tina for their many years of service and dedication to the responsibility of inspiring and motivating students to dream big and work hard.

Sharp Creek 4th grade teachers attended the Board meeting to do a brief presentation of the Camp Tecumseh trip that our students have an opportunity to participate in each year. We are fortunate to have teachers, staff, and volunteers who are so willing to do the work necessary to provide such unique and memorable learning experiences for students. Those Sharp Creek Elementary 4th grade teachers who presented were Mrs. Kim Baer, Mrs. Kelly Ross, and Mrs. Deb Schenkel.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Reorganization Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, January 10, 2023, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, January 10, 2023, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

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

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

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Samuel Cole, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective date to be determined; Tana Chellis, Classroom Instructor, White's Jr/Sr High School, effective January 30, 2023; Brenda Carey, Paraprofessional, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective January 24, 2023; Tiffany Livesay, Head Volleyball Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately were approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Amanda Rigney transferring from English Teacher at White's Jr/Sr High School to English Teacher for The Bridge Program effective February 1, 2023; Chris Whitacre transferring from Classroom Instructor to English Teacher at White's Jr/Sr High School, effective February 1, 2023 were approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Tina Riggle, 3rd grade Teacher at Sharp Creek Elementary, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year were approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to terminate #150 effective January 16, 2023 was approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve Northfield Spring Coaches are as follows: Tory Shafer, Head Baseball; Stan Cox, JV Baseball; Braden Ripplinger, JV Baseball; Greg Tomlinson, Varsity Baseball; Joseph Mitchell, Varsity Baseball; Matt Burkhart, Varsity Baseball; Marianne Milam, Head Tennis; Casey Dyson, JV Tennis; Aeyai Saenkeo, Assistant Tennis; Kyle France, Head Softball; Carlos Delgado, Assistant Softball; Abby Hunter, JV Softball; Emily Pennington, JV Assistant Softball; Jordan Eckman, Volunteer Assistant Softball; Nick Gullotti, Volunteer, Assistant Softball; Gary Hunter, Volunteer Assistant Softball; Matt Shrider, Volunteer Assistant Softball; Jeff Krom, Volunteer Softball; Heather Hyden, Head Track; Larry Vaughn, Varsity Assistant Track; Krista Hoover, Varsity Assistant Track; Trisha Oswalt, JH Head Track; Sarah Aderman, JH Assistant Track; Michelle Rice, Assistant Track were approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation of Southwood Spring Coaches are as follows: Tonya Boone, Head Track; Cary Hammel, Assistant Track; Chad Andrews, Assistant Track; Jacob Marlow, Assistant Track; Jeff Hobson, JH Track; Dani Bassous, JH Track; Natalie Unger, JH Track; Gary Dale, Head Golf were approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported on the recent meeting. Mr. Hobbs shared his concerns over House Bill 1002 which could result in changes for CTE.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber mentioned the winter storm that is predicted. If the storm produces significant amounts of snow, then eLearning will be implemented.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake talked about the newsletter from Purdue University in regards to preparing students for college. They were encouraging high schools to talk with students interested in going on to higher education to consider courses offered through Indiana College Core or Project the Lead the Way, but taking courses such as AP Calculus, AP Physics, AP English, etc., should be considered a priority before other programs.

House Bill 1251 requires the IDOE to reduce the number of standards across the core content areas. The goal is to reduce the number by 25%. 33% of the remaining standards will be identified as essential (priority). ILearn will be aligned with the new standards by March 2025.

The district will begin exploring materials for our science teachers to promote scientific literacy. Once the materials have been selected a recommendation will be presented to the Board in March.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the 2023-2024 District Calendar, subject to change due to current and/or possible new legislation, was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve administration moving forward with the bonding process for summer and fall projects in 2023, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight/out-of-state trip for Northfield 7th and 8th grade choirs to “Music in the Parks”, Kings Island Park, Mason, OH, May 19-20, 2023, was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

The Board had the first reading of revised Board Policy #4085-Attendance. The second reading and vote will be February 14, 2023.

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 7:14 p.m.

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Matt Driscoll, VICE-PRESIDENT

Scott Haupert, BOARD MEMBER

Jeff Porter, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

Christian Rosen, SECRETARY