

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 February 28, 2023, 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 February 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Office. We will continue to livestream the meeting on Facebook Live.

Christian Rosen, Secretary, 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: Jeff Porter and Scott Hauptert. Absent were Kevin Bowman and Matt Driscoll. Also present were Josh Petruniw, Gary Dawson, Frankie Dawson, Jay Snyder, Janette Moore, Marianne Milam, and Randi Knotts.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for March 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building; March 28, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, and April 25, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$2,185.00 donation, (\$851.00 from the Vanessa Baer Memorial) and (\$1,334.00 from the Joan Beghtel Memorial) was approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Staff Spotlight:

Marianne Milam, Teacher at Northfield Jr/Sr High School, was nominated by parent Randi Knotts. She shared these words: She is very fun. She stays calm and very patient with students. I have seen her at multiple sports events and I love to see teachers involved. I have two students that love having her as a teacher.

School Recognition:

From Northfield Jr/Sr High School Principal, Jay Snyder. NHS would like to congratulate these outstanding musicians for making the roster for the 2023 Wabash County Honors Choir: Addie France (4th year) Anna Hodson (2nd year), Freshmen (1st year): Wyatt Barton, Burton Black, Drake King, Aaliysha Mackey, Ayriana LeBaron. These students made the 2023 Wabash County Honors Band: Landon Shoue, Emily Rehak, Claire Thompson, Sophia Holley, Hailey Barton, Isaiah Beall, Turner Stephens, Madison Griffin, Alexis Leffel, James Griffey, Natalee Keller, John Nesler

Addie France sang at the ISSMA Vocal Solo State Contest at Perry Meridian High School in Indianapolis on Saturday, February 18, 2023, and received a 9.5 Gold rating WITH DISTINCTION.

On Saturday, February 4, 2023, some of our Northfield Band students participated in the ISSMA (Indiana State School Music Association) Solo & Ensemble Contest. The following students ALL received gold ratings for their performances: Kiana Bretzman - Flute, Tyce Frank - Snare Drum, Madelyn Holley - Clarinet, John Nesler – Cello

An Exemplary Behavior Report was submitted by official Ralph Carie following the Northfield Boys' Varsity Basketball win over Tri-Central last Friday. Ralph Carie wrote, "I would like to recognize the Northfield Boys' Varsity basketball team for the sportsmanship they displayed during a very competitive game vs Tri-Central. Both teams played hard and were respectful toward each other."

Congratulations to our 7th grade Lady Norse Basketball Team on winning the RRC Championship on Saturday. The team played Tippecanoe Valley in the morning and then Southwood for the Championship and did this with 5 players. Great job Andrea Widemon, Teagan Baer, Ali Copeland, Emily Miller, Kyra Aderman and coaches Troy Baer and Tiffany Livesay.

The Jr. High Robotics Team won the Muncie South Invitational this past Saturday, February 25, 2023. Congratulations Team members Collin Biehl, Nate Hodson, Preston Moore, Gavin Lester, Madelyn Holley, Stella Stephens and Coach Matt Hodson. This qualifies the team for the state meet on March 25, 2023.

From Janette Moore, Metro North Elementary Principal. Our MN PTO hosted our first daddy-daughter night, Ties and Tiaras, on Saturday, February 18 in the MN gym. We had 80 girls and their dates participate. We had lots of dancing, games, crafts, and fun!

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, February 14, 2023, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

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

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

Dr. Kuhn reviewed The Education and Operation Funds Estimated Cash Flow.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Allison Bartoo, Custodian, WMAP, effective March 3, 2023; Tana Chellis, Classroom Instructor, White's Jr/Sr High School, effective February 16, 2023, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second from Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Beth Beery, Spanish Teacher, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective August 7, 2023; Megan Petro, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective March 1, 2023; Myles Scott, Head JV Baseball Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective 2023 season; Sam Cole, Assistant JV Baseball Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective 2023 season were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the termination of #151 effective February 24, 2023, was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve Northfield Coaches: Eric Kirtland, Head JH Wrestling; Greg Gahl, JH Wrestling; Jim Olinger, JH Wrestling; Anthony Sorg, JH Golf; Pam Peas, Volunteer Track; Kyle Oswald, Volunteer Track; Kiel Aderman, Volunteer Track were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber shared what an enjoyable time the staff had at the appreciation dinner on February 17, 2023, before the Southwood vs Northfield games. He talked about the new online store for anyone to get school attire.

The last thing he discussed was House Bill 1001. The bill was passed by the House of Representatives and will move on to the Senate.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake shared NWEA winter scores for the district. NWEA sets their baselines for achievement and growth rates at 50%. Our goal is for students to surpass that rate. This year 253 students in grades K-6 improved their scores at a rate equal to, or higher than, 90% of the national growth rate. (That is 27.8% of our K-6 students!) With 27 of those students with incredible growth (+90%) also demonstrated skills to achieve an overall RIT score equal to, or better than, 90% of the national average. Four classes (across the entire grade level) significantly

improved their NWEA scores from 2022 Winter to 2023 Winter (+75%). Two classes (across the entire grade level) achieved strong RIT scores.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the 2023 Summer School Course Descriptions was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight camping trip for Sharp Creek 6th grade, May 17-19, 2023, at Camp Mollenhour, Silver Lake, IN was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the out-of-country for Southwood Jr/Sr High School students grades 6-12, to Italy and Greece, June 25-July 4, 2024 was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

The Board had the second reading of new Board Policy #6170 Student Residence Verification. The policy was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

No questions.

Items from Board Members:

Scott Haupert discussed parent pick-up at Metro North Elementary.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

Kevin Bowman, PRESIDENT

Matt Driscoll, VICE-PRESIDENT

Scott Hauptert, BOARD MEMBER

Jeff Porter, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

Christian Rosen, SECRETARY