

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

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: Matt Driscoll, Christian Rosen, Jeff Porter, and Scott Haupert. Also present were Josh Petruniw, Gary Dawson, Randa Heckathorn, Jacob Watkins, Abby Watkins, Larry Smith, Tiffany Smith, Sheila Smith, Wayland Thompson, and Dick Leming.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for April 25, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, May 9, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, and May 23, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$670.00 donation: \$20.00 Big City Paints; \$100.00 Wabash Valley; \$250.00 Complete Glass Solutions; \$100.00 Clover Blossom Honey; \$200.00 Siders Premier Properties as for Southwood High School's Knight Flight 5K was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from Canal Lock and Safe for Northfield Track, was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Staff Spotlight:

Jacob Watkins, Sharp Creek Elementary Teacher was nominated by student, Sheila Smith. She shared what she wrote about Mr. Watkins, "He's an amazing teacher who takes the time with the students. He makes everything make sense to the kids. When he is having them do an activity he joins in and does it with them".

School Recognition:

Former Northfield teacher and current assistant track coach, Dick Leming thanked the Board for naming the Northfield track after him. It was a great honor for him. He also would like to thank Steve Holley and his team for completing all of the items he had asked be done for the track & field, so quickly.

From Sharp Creek Elementary Principal, Joel Martin. Congratulations to our SCE Norsebots robotics teams on their State Championship Day performances this past Saturday. As a result, all 4 teams have secured invitations to the VEX Robotics World Championship. Great job all season! Thank you to students, coaches, parents, and volunteers who have made this program thrive.

Sharp Creek would like to recognize and thank these staff members who have continued the tradition of providing our students with special opportunities; 1. Sarah Aderman is running a Tournament of Books contest; 2. Melissa Metz and Tammy Slone organized an opportunity for students to send Valentine's Day hugs and kisses to classmates; 3. Tara Hauptert manages our all school Popcorn Days; 4. Tricia Miracle and Tammy Shafer offer after school Homework Help for students; 5. Jacob Watkins is preparing students for an upcoming Science Fair; 6. Mary Jo Wynn and Kelly Ross are serving as our Math Bowl coaches; 7. Katy Gray had student art work on display at the FAME Festival; 8. Todd Ward and Matt Johnston organized our successful 5th/6th grade music program; and finally our 9. SCE Reading Committee (Amber Bretzman, Tina Riggie, Deb Schenkel, Brenda MacOwan, Sarah Aderman, and Tammy Shafer) has once again put together a reading incentive March Madness event for the last afternoon before Spring Break. We say thank you to all of these people for providing our students these valuable and enjoyable experiences.

From Southwood Jr/Sr High School Principal, Andrew McDaniel. Cole Winer has been named MaxPreps Athlete of the Week! Cole's leadership, defense, and clutch shooting helped propel the Knights past their morning and evening opponents at Lafayette Jefferson High School! Congratulations to all of our Knights as they take on Indianapolis Lutheran on Saturday at Gainbridge Fieldhouse. Not bad for a team that started the year 0-5!

The Southwood Community would like to recognize the efforts of Ms. McClure for organizing this year's Knight Flight 5k. Also, we would like to recognize Brody Height for putting together this outstanding video to advertise the big event: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JjqpLn6-iQiRm5zqkoKiU44iSSgf6kAo/view?usp=share_link

Southwood Junior/Senior High School would like to thank the community, local schools, and others for their support, cheers, encouragement, and fanfare as Varsity Knights made an incredible run for the State Championship. We are so thankful for our fans! The season began with an 0-5 record, reflecting that great things happen when you dream big and work hard!

Congratulations to senior Cole Winer for being named the Ray Craft Mental Attitude Award Winner after the State Championship game! Way to go, Cole! We are proud of you!

The Southwood Community would like to recognize ANOTHER state qualifying team. Southwood Junior/Senior High School Robotics Teams! They received their own walkout in the afternoon on Friday, March 24, 2023. The results of their competition yielded these results: 8th grade finished 11th in Skills; 7th Grade finished 14th in Skills; 6th Grade finished 15th in Skills. We are so proud of the accomplishments of these students and also appreciate the efforts of Ms. Jodi Kaehr and the other coaches. Way to go, Knights!

The Southwood Community would like to recognize the efforts of the MSD Theater Department for their performance of Little Women this past weekend. Students delivered performances Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. We also want to specifically recognize the tremendous efforts of Miss Lindsay Knee, Band Teacher, Choir Teacher, Drama Director! In addition to coordinating three play performances this weekend, she also coordinated getting the pep band to Gainbridge Field House to help cheer on the Knights!

The Southwood Community would like to recognize Athletic Director Tom Finicle and Administrative Assistant Amanda Watson for their efforts these last few weeks in particular. When a team is able to make a run past regionals, the level of support needed from the athletic department increases significantly. Mr. Finicle attended meetings in Frankfort, Lafayette, and Indianapolis in the last few weeks. He and Mrs. Watson had to coordinate events, ticket sales, hotel rooms, practice schedules. . . the list goes on and on. We are so proud of our Varsity Knights, but we also have to include a HUGE THANK YOU to our Athletic Department for the amount of extra work they completed in the last few weeks! We appreciate you!

From Northfield Jr/Sr High School Principal Jay Snyder. Northfield would like to thank Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sincroft, Mr. McClure, and Ms. Spann for their time planning and helping make educational trips possible for our NHS students. In the last couple of weeks our Seniors have been to New York City on a Senior trip, and this past week our 8th graders got to experience Washington, D.C. These teachers planned and organized these trips and all the logistics on their own. We want to thank them for their time and dedication as well as all the parents, bus drivers and all involved for helping make them run smoothly. Thanks to our administration and Board for supporting these trips.

Last week Scholastics announced their National Art Awards and it is my honor to announce that Northfield Jr./ Sr. High School Art Department has won 2 NATIONAL GOLD MEDAL winners in Scholastics! Jessica Ray for her Mixed Media piece 'Calla Lily' and Layne Denton for his Ceramic piece 'Staggered Raku Triptych'. Jessica Ray and Layne Denton will be recognized in a ceremony at Carnegie Hall in New York June 7-9, 2023.

More than 100,000 students submitted more than 260,000 works of art and writing to the 2023 Scholastic Awards. Their work was selected by some of the foremost leaders in the visual and literary arts for excellence in originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision. Less than 2,000 works received a National Medal, which places Jessica and Layne within the top 1% of all submissions!

Randa Heckethorn from Heartland Career Center shared with the Board about the 3E Grant. This two-year grant gives her the ability to place students at HCC in high quality work

based learning opportunities. Through her position she helps place students in internships. Some students do observations in fields of their interests. She has also been helping students apply for scholarships for college.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 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 Scott Hauptert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

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

Dr. Kuhn reviewed Operation Fund Estimated Cash Flow.

Wayland Thompsons with ESCRFT (Educational Service Center Risk Fund Trust) gave a district coverage highlight.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Amy Brainerd, Classroom Instructor, White's Jr/Sr High School, effective April 10, 2023; April Schipper, Data/Technology Assistant; Central Office, effective April 11, 2023; Peyton Deeter, Business Teacher, Southwood/Northfield Jr/Sr High Schools, effective August 7, 2023; Kayla Black, Paraprofessional, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective April 10, 2023, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Andrew McDaniel, Principal, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective April 21, 2023; Dana Bosteter, Custodian, Southwood Elementary, effective May 12, 2023, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second from Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Brenda Carey, Paraprofessional to JH English Teacher, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective August 7, 2023; Allyson Saunders, 6th grade teacher, Sharp Creek Elementary, to JH Math Teacher, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective August 7, 2023, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #153, leave to begin March 21, 2023, with a return date of April 18, 2023; #154, leave to begin August 7, 2023, ending September 15, 2023, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Craig Barnett, Maintenance, North, effective July 31, 2023, was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported that Mark Hobbs has tendered his resignation.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber shared the video that Brody Height, a freshman at Southwood Jr/Sr High School made for the upcoming event Knight Flight 5K. He recapped the past week's events: the Southwood Boys' Basketball team playing in the State Championship, the 10 Robotic teams at their State event, the Spring Play, Elementary programs, and Spring sports beginning. Lastly, he wanted the Board to know they continue to watch House Bill 1001.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake was excited to report that Payton Deeter has been hired to take on the internship program for Southwood and Northfield. Mr. Deeter is a graduate of MSD and has a lot of community contacts that will help the program.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the Second Amended and Restated Agreement and Declaration of Trust of the Educational Service Centers Risk Fund Trust (ESCRFT) was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve appointment to serve as the ESCRFT Trustee was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Food2School 2023-2024 contract renewal was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the resolution approving form of Lease Exhibit A was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the resolution re-approving building corporation Exhibit B was approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the extended/overnight/out-of-state field trip for Sharp Creek Elementary Robotics to VEX World Robotics in Dallas, TX, May 1-5, 2023 was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

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Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

No Board Policies.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

No questions.

Items from Board Members:

No items from the Board Members.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Matt Driscoll, VICE-PRESIDENT

Scott Haupert, BOARD MEMBER

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ATTEST:

Christian Rosen, SECRETARY