

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 April 25, 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 April 25, 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, Janette Moore, Kristie Unger, Casey Stouffer, and Megan Wright.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for May 9, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, May 23, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, and June 13, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from Holley Chiropractic for Northfield Track was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,128.00 donation from: Kyle & April Howard-\$28.00; Brad & Kayla Frank-\$42.00; Bonnie & Nathan Baugher-\$50.00; Thorn Insurance-\$175.00; Larry Swan-\$10.00; Paula H. Gough-\$13.00; Marjorie France-\$50.00; Aaron and Jessica Holley-\$500.00; Katie Pratt-\$175.00; Vault 85 Menswear-\$25.00; Bass & Bucks, Inc-\$60.00 all for Northfield Cheer, was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from Guenin Law Office for Southwood Elementary Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$224.00 donation from Rich Valley UM Tenderloin for Northfield Baseball was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,500.00 donation from Brad Farlow for Southwood Girls Golf was approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$4,000.00 donation from IN-MAC Purdue for Sharp Creek Elementary Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,000.00 donation from Renbarger Farms for Sharp Creek Elementary Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$400.00 donation from Techpoint for Sharp Creek Elementary Robotics (\$100.00 per team) was approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$100.00 donation from Doris Paul for Sharp Creek Elementary Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Staff Spotlight:

Meagan Wright, Southwood Elementary Teacher was nominated by parent Amanda Vogelmann. Mrs. Vogelmann was unable to attend but had these words to share “Mrs. Wright is such a caring, loving, and patient teacher. We have had her since our son entered Kindergarten last year. She has always been available to us to help work through issues that arise, or just to talk through the hard things. She has always been very understanding, accommodating, and super resourceful. Very quick to make things happen. Love her commitment to her students and parents! She is one of a kind!”

School Recognition:

Casey Stouffer, Southwood Elementary Principal shared: Southwood Elementary would like to recognize the 5th Grade Robotics Team as they will be heading to Dallas, TX next week to compete at the VEX World competition. The team is made up of Cale Unger, Nash Cunningham, Tia Simpson, Bridge Marshall, Jace Deaton, Kinley Schul, Lily Hanes, and the Coaches: Coach Simpson & Coach Hybarger. Good Luck next week!

I would like to recognize our school counselor Mrs. Valerie Law and Dean of Students, Mrs. Chris Stefanatos. They have both been instrumental in helping me transition into the principal position this year. They both do an outstanding job creating a safe and supportive environment for our students at SES. They are very dedicated to promoting positive behavior and emotional well-being for our students. Their commitment to our students helps them thrive personally and academically. We greatly appreciate their efforts in shaping our students to be the best they can be.

Mike Keaffaber, Superintendent, shared these, from Jill S. Prater, MSN RN CEN CNE, Emergency Department Manager, I have two student interns in the ER this year Kaitlyn Ranck (Southwood) and Noah Burkhart (Northfield). I just wanted to share with you how much we appreciate them being here. They have experienced some eye opening and tragic things while they have been here. (An infant cardiac arrest, drug overdoses, some very violent patients, and some days when we are overflowing with patients in every corner of the ER). They clean rooms, answer call lights, and comfort patients all without anyone asking them to help. They just jump in and go for it. It's refreshing to see 18-year-olds actually be able to carry on a conversation with adults. ER nurses and doctors aren't the easiest people to win over, but everyone has expressed their appreciation for these two students. I hope they are enjoying their experience here as much as we enjoy having them here.

Parent Danielle Saunders wanted to recognize Ann Higgins, WMAP Director. She is very thankful for everything that she does and always there to help. She also assists and goes above and beyond in other areas. She is phenomenal!

Southwood High School Basketball Coach, Christian Perry and some of the players were in attendance to present the Board members with their own runner-up medals from the state finals.

Kristie Unger with the Honeywell-Arts-In-Education spoke to the Board on all of the different types of classroom programs they offer.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, March 28, 2023, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

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

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

Dr. Kuhn reviewed End of Month and Cash Flow.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Jennifer Hamm, Paraprofessional, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective April 13, 2023; Amy Brainerd, Classroom Instructor, White's Jr/Sr High School, effective April 20, 2023; Jeremy Elzy, Paraprofessional, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective April 20, 2023 were approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Abby Ross, Temporary Ag Teacher, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective April 10, 2023; Krista Holbert, Special Education Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective May 3, 2023; Waylon Easterday, Custodian, Southwood Elementary, effective April 17, 2023; Stephanie Smith, Cook, Southwood Elementary, effective August 8, 2023; Jacob Massey, Volunteer Assistant Tennis Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective 2023 season; Kyle Shuler, Volunteer Assistant Tennis Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective 2023 season; Braelyn Deeter, JH Cheer Assistant Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective 2023-2024 season; Casey Stouffer, Head Varsity Wrestling Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective 2023-2024 season; Michelle Rice, 6th grade Teacher, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective August 7, 2023, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the summer school employment of Cathy Gohmann-Secondary (Edmentum); Adam Phelps-Secondary (Edmentum); Makayla Myers-Summer Ag; Tim Calloway-Summer Ag; Angie Herring-Teacher; Jennifer Cox-Teacher; Katy Johnson-Teacher; Heath Amos-Teacher; Renee Stoll-Teacher; James Ehle-Teacher; Tara Hauptert-Teacher; Nicole Knox-Teacher; Shelby Drake-Teacher; Ronda DuBuque-Teacher; Kelly Bare-Teacher; Alissa Deeter-Teacher; Trish Baldwin-Paraprofessional; Becca Elzy-Paraprofessional; Jett Lyons-Paraprofessional; Sharon Weaver-Paraprofessional; April Howard-Paraprofessional; Teresa Coe-Paraprofessional; Lisa Schaaf-Paraprofessional; Eva Simpson-Paraprofessional; Meredith-Paraprofessional; Sydney Chamberlain-Paraprofessional; Patty Steele-Teacher-MIA; Kami Ross-Teacher-MIA were approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the rescinding retirement of Daniel Snyder, P.E. Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective the 2023-2024 school year was approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Rodney Cole, Math Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective the end of the 2022-2023 school year was approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #155, leave to begin approximately September 5, 2023 through November 24, 2023. Returning November 27, 2023, was approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported that interviews for Director were completed and a selection was made. The assessment of the facilities at Heartland were completed and will be discussed at an upcoming Work Session. A Board of Managers meeting will take place prior to the Work Session to vote on the recommendation of the new Director.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber shared that six robotics teams will be competing in the VEX World Robotics in Dallas, Texas. He had a brief discussion on the legislation. He stated they are still waiting to see what will happen with the budget.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake reported the science curriculum discussions are slated for the next Board meeting. Students are beginning to test for iLearn.

New Business:

The hearing on the Lease Agreement and Additional Appropriation was opened by the President.

Dr. Chris Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent of Finance further stated that the proposed Lease Agreement (the "Lease"), plans and estimates for the school buildings to be renovated and improved by the M.S.D. of Wabash County Multi-School Building Corporation (the "Building Corporation") had been on file from the date of publication of the notice until today, in the Administration Building of the School Corporation.

The meeting was then open for questions and for the hearing of all persons interested in the Lease and the additional appropriation of funds not to exceed \$9,955,000 for the purpose of the (i) renovation of and improvements to Northfield Junior/Senior High, including locker room renovations, maintenance improvements and exterior improvements, (ii) renovation of and improvements to Southwood Junior/Senior High, including locker room renovations, maintenance improvements and exterior improvements, and (iii) renovation of and improvements to Metro North and Southwood Elementary Schools, including roof replacement, chiller replacement, and other maintenance, all in the School Corporation (collectively, the "Projects").

After hearing all persons interested, and following discussion by members of the Board, on motion made by Scott Haupert, and a seconded by Matt Driscoll, the resolution attached as Exhibit A was adopted.

Again, after the conclusion of the hearing, on motion made by Matt Driscoll and seconded by Christian Rosen, the resolution attached as Exhibit B was adopted.

It was then explained that a portion of the construction bids and contracts would need to be assigned to the Building Corporation, once they are received. The Building Corporation will use bond proceeds to fund such bids and contracts in order to complete the Projects. On motion made by Scott Haupert and seconded by Matt Driscoll, the resolution attached as Exhibit C was adopted.

The President further advised the Board that it needed to approve the form of Third Supplement to Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and issuance of bonds. On motion made by Matt Driscoll and seconded by Jeff Porter, the Board adopted the resolution attached as Exhibit D.

The President explained that the Board needed to consider and authorize the issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes ("BANs") by the M.S.D. of Wabash County Multi-School Building Corporation. After discussion of the proposed BANs, upon motion made by Christian Rosen and seconded by Scott Haupert, the resolution attached as Exhibit E was adopted.

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 6:55 p.m.

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Kevin Bowman, PRESIDENT

Matt Driscoll, VICE-PRESIDENT

Scott Haupert, BOARD MEMBER

Jeff Porter, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

Christian Rosen, SECRETARY