

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 May 9, 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 May 9, 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 Hauptert. Also present were Josh Petruniw, Janette Moore, Michelle Campbell, Amanda Rhoades, Becky Bradley, Mickey Legesse, Janet Legesse, Brian Ridgeway, Sherry Ridgeway, Brandon Lewis, Amber Lewis, Ashley Shafer, Steve Holley, and Melissa Ball.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for May 23, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, June 13, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, and July 11, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from Aaron and Jessica Holley for Northfield JH Cheer was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$150.00 donation from Oasis Baptist Church for Northfield Lunch Account was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

Previously Board approved donations on April 25, 2023, were clarified: \$500.00 donation from Guenin Law Office for Southwood Elementary Robotics; \$224.00 donation from Rich Valley Tenderloin for Northfield Baseball; \$1,000.00 donation from Renbarger Farms for Sharp Creek Robotics.

Staff Spotlight:

Michelle Campbell, Secretary at Metro North Elementary was nominated by parent Janet Legesse. These words were shared: My daughter, Indy started Kindergarten this year and for the first several months of school it was hard for her to walk down to her classroom by herself. Michelle would make sure she got to her classroom every morning by walking her there. As a

mama of a little one who has a hard time with change, I am so thankful for Michelle and the heart that she has not only for Indy, but for all of the Metro North students.

Southwood Jr./Sr. High School Food Service staff Bobby Schul was nominated by Grandmother Linda Reynolds. These words were shared: From the students I hear she is a fun and a "great salad bar lunch lady"! I hear how she decorates the salad bar and enjoys her job and most of the kids!

Parent Kaila Paul wanted to recognize bus driver Katy Arwood. She is always noticing when my daughter is upset. The little things that are noticed are important. Thank you. She does a good job with the kids.

School Recognition:

Mr. Keaffaber shared a Northfield Art Department video with Adam Zwiebel. Lilly Hobbs, is doing an internship with Laura Langebartels. Laura taught her about video creation this semester; everything from crafting the vision, script creation and interviewing, filming, and even editing with advanced software. Also, thanks to Kari Johnson who continued the Internship along with her duties this year as the Assistant Principal at Southwood.

Logan Arnold received the John R. Emens Award for Outstanding Seniors. This annual award, named for former University President John R. Emens, goes to the most outstanding senior for contributions to the University. The recipients' names (1 of 2) are engraved on a permanent plaque that is in the L.A. Pittenger Student Center Alumni Lounge.

From Principal of Metro North Elementary, Janette Moore. Congratulations to our Metro North artists and Mrs. Katy Gray that were recognized at last night's Honeywell Spring Art Show and Banner Reception. Metro North has three banner winners - Lea Shidler (kindergarten), Braxton Bristol (1st grade) and Rowan Perez (2nd grade). Kindergarten student, Garrett Lorenz was also named the Elementary Best of Show. Additional students honored were Tingleigh Arrendale, Lochlan Mast, Abigail Noland, Brontly Bitzer, Adlie Grossman, Holden Stouffer, Milo Swope, Allison Lovellette, Kinley Merrick, Easton Olinger, Skyler Slone, Meredith Williams, Natalie Black, Coby Hauptert, Khloe Long, and Serenity McDermitt. Artwork is on display in the Clark Gallery until Tuesday, May 16, 2023. Thank you to Kristi Unger and her team for organizing this amazing event celebrating the talents of our students.

Our Metro North Little Norse Preschool and our Southwood Elementary Little Knights Preschool were recognized as Paths to Quality Level 3. PTQ level 3 recognizes our preschools' commitment to ensuring a high-quality early learning environment in which children are safe, healthy and learning. Our Little Knights also successfully completed their annual site visit for preschool licensing. Thank you to all of our Little Norse and Little Knights staff for compiling paperwork and tasks to ensure our success. Completing these processes provides our families with access to tuition support like On My Way Pre K and CCDF vouchers.

Six of our MSDWC robotics teams had the opportunity to travel to the VEX Worlds Competition in Dallas in April/May. The amount of time and planning that takes to orchestrate

these trips is incredible. Our MSDWC coaches do an incredible job of communicating with parents, making travel arrangements, ensuring our teams are well fed and ready to robot. They put in countless hours helping kids do something they love to do.

Transportation Director, Melissa Ball shared the “Drive a Bus Day”. This idea came about because getting new bus drivers is a huge struggle. They decided if they gave people an opportunity to drive a bus with a veteran driver on board it might be a chance for them to get the feel of a bus. Each person was given time in a bus with a current bus driver and the opportunity to drive an obstacle course. Mrs. Ball was very pleased with the turn out and the amount of interested people afterwards. She would like to do another “Drive a Bus Day” sometime this next school year.

Food Service Director, Becky Bradley and two Food Service Managers, Amanda Rhoades and Ashley Shafer gave an update on food service. Mrs. Bradley shared that the three managers and herself are in charge of ordering and planning meals. They also must balance the nutrition for each meal. This year all students were offered free breakfast and free lunches to all county law enforcement. Mrs. Bradley said that the salad bar has been a good addition for students over the last few years. They also have started a “share bowl” for unused and unopened food that students can put in the bowl and anyone who would like to have that may pick it up.

The Summer Feed Program will be held at Metro North Elementary (Door #14), Monday-Friday, June 1-30, 2023. Breakfast hours are 7:45am-8:15am; Lunch hours are 10:45am-12:15pm. All meals must be consumed on site. This is for children ages 18 years old and under who are served free meals.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, April 25, 2023, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

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

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

Dr. Kuhn reviewed April’s End of Month.

Dr. Kuhn also reviewed the 2024 Budget Calendar.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Tracy Kennedy, Summer Secretary, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective June 6, 2023; Amber Lewis, Principal, Southwood Jr/Sr

High School, effective August 1, 2023; Norine Ramsey, Cook, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective August 8, 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 William Gray, North Maintenance Team, effective July 31, 2023; Bridget Harner, Head Custodian, Metro North Elementary, effective July 31, 2023; were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #157, leave to begin approximately August 24, 2023. Returning January 8, 2024. #158 Leave to begin February 24, 2023 extended through the end of the 2022-2023 school year were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Cathy Lyons, transferring from a 3 hour Cook at Metro North Elementary to a 4 hour Cook at Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective August 8, 2023, Michelle Campbell, transferring from Secretary at Metro North Elementary to a 3-year-old Preschool Teacher at Southwood Elementary, effective August 7, 2023, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll shared that Garmann Miller gave a presentation on projects that are needed at the facility.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber presented an update on the 123rd General Assembly Legislative Session. There are many bills that pertain to schools and education.

- 1,162 bills introduced
- 223 bills on the ISBA tracing list
- 252 new laws - 19% or 48 new K-12 education policy, school or local governance, or child-related laws.
- Adding 48 results in 233 new laws in the last 6 years.

He turned it over to Dr. Kuhn who shared that legislation did increase budget support. MSD will receive a 5.2% increase the first year and 1.8% the second year as long as the ADM stays the same. They will be eliminating textbook rental fees, there will continue to be two count days but the second one will occur about three weeks later than normal.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake reported the science curriculum discussions are on hold for now. Students are continuing to test for iLearn.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the classified/administrators raises and update Employee Handbook was approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the MOU with the MSDWCEA was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

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

The recommendation to approve the overnight/extended field trip for Northfield Cross Country to Mississinewa Campground, June 19-22, 2023, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

No Board Policies.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

Heard a few comments.

Items from Board Members:

No items from the Board Members.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

Kevin Bowman, PRESIDENT

Matt Driscoll, VICE-PRESIDENT

Scott Haupert, BOARD MEMBER

Jeff Porter, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

Christian Rosen, SECRETARY