

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 July 11, 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 July 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Office. We will continue to livestream the meeting on Facebook Live.

Matt Driscoll, Vice-President, called the meeting to order. Mike Keaffaber, Superintendent and Tim Drake, Chief Academic Officer were present. Chris Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent was absent. A roll call of members on the Board were shown to be present as follows: Jeff Porter, Scott Haupert, and Christian Rosen. Absent was Kevin Bowman. Also present were Josh Petruniw, Dave Nelson, Brian Ridgeway, Sherry Ridgeway, and Frankie Dawson.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for July 25, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, August 8, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, and August 22, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

School Recognition:

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, June 13, 2023, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

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

Payroll #23 and #24 were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

Mr. Keaffaber reviewed the End of Month for June.

Mr. Keaffaber reviewed the 2024 Rainy Day Budget in Dr. Kuhn's absence.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Bailey Roberts, Technology Assistant, Southwood Elementary, effective immediately; Hannah Ehle, Teacher/Paraprofessional, Metro North and Sharp Creek Elementaries, effective immediately; Suzanne Bechtold, Cafeteria Manager, Southwood Elementary, effective immediately; Amanda Rasmussen, Cook, Southwood Elementary, effective July 24, 2023, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Scott Hearn, North Maintenance Team, effective July 17, 2023; Johnathon Wakefield, North Maintenance Team, effective July 17, 2023; Karen Daniels, Educational Diagnostician, WMAP, effective August 7, 2023; Jessica Fishback, Secretary/Bookkeeper, Metro North Elementary, effective July 31, 2023; Nate Plyler, Teacher, White's Jr/Sr High School, effective July 24, 2023; Hannah Griffith, Classroom Instructor, White's Jr/Sr High School, effective July 24, 2023; Christina Houlihan-Willett, 3 Hour Cook, Metro North Elementary, effective August 8, 2023, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Elizabeth Lamb from Southwood High School to Southwood Elementary, Lead Cook, effective August 8, 2023, was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

The Board heard a presentation on the cost for renovations needed. The Board approved the new home to be built.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber updated the Board on the summer projects. Southwood Jr/Sr High School's gym floor is progressing, although no painting has started, Southwood Elementary's roof is being replaced, Northfield and Southwood's EIFS (External Insulation and Finishing Systems) is being replaced. At Metro North Elementary, the island in the parking lot is being removed along with ten feet to the south to expand for parking. All of the front driveway is being redone. A new chiller in Metro North will be replaced once it is delivered some ten months from now. Enhanced safety projects will also be completed this summer. The locker room renovations are in the design phase. The tennis courts will be completed next summer.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake shared that the teachers involved in the Science book adoption had changes they wanted to make, therefore the Board will need to review and vote on that new vendor on the July 25, 2023, Board meeting.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve no changes for the 2023-2024 school meal prices was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

The Board completed the first reading for revisions to Policy #6160, Capital Asset and for Policy #3230, Teacher Appreciation Grant (TAG). The second reading and vote for both policies will be July 25, 2023.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

No 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 6:18 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

Kevin Bowman, PRESIDENT

Matt Driscoll, VICE-PRESIDENT

Scott Haupert, BOARD MEMBER

Jeff Porter, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

Christian Rosen, SECRETARY