

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 August 22, 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 August 22, 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: Scott Hauptert, Jeff Porter, Matt Driscoll, and Christian Rosen. Also present was Josh Petruniw, Sherry Ridgeway, Katie Davis, Sandy Gutzwiller, Amber Lewis, Steve Holley, Sheryl Holley, Diane Woodworth, Gary Dawson, and Naomi Davis.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

A moment of silence for Kim Frank, long-time bus driver who passed away and former board member, Ronald Sparling who also passed away. Followed by the prayer.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for September 12, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, September 26, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, and October 10, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from Jessie Whiteman, Lela Gillmann, Noelle Hunter, Robin Hodge, Lisa Krueckeburg, and Kary Martin through Amazon Class Wish List for Mrs. Heather Click's, Preschool 4's classroom was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from the Daughters of the American Revolution for a grant for Early Childhood Education in Mrs. Heather Click's Preschool 4's classroom was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from LIFE Sunday School Class from Bachelor Creek Church of Christ for Metro North Elementary individual students supplies, shoes, and meals was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from Doug Wells, Nikki Holmes, Lis Little, and Shae Lauer for Scholastic books; Doug Wells, Nikki Holms, Hallie Schuler, Madeline Dazey, LuAnn Wendell for floor puzzles for Mrs. Ange Herring's kindergarten classroom at Metro North Elementary was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$350.00 donation from Madeline Dazey: Books, line readers, eraser caps (value of approximately \$40.00); Michelle and Tim Shepherd: Bookcases, puzzles, lamination sheets, standing table, small whiteboard easel, line tracers, doorbell, and magnetic tape (value of approximately \$310.00) for Miss Ashley Hunt's 1<sup>st</sup> grade classroom at Metro North Elementary was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$122.00 donation from Cathy and Steve Kirtlan: dry erase markers, zipper pouches, food coloring, dot markers, pocket chart, sticker dots, magnetic cube, and dough characters (value of approximately \$95.00); The Family of Wyatt, Ashlyn, and Liam Brane: magnetic circles, books, and dry erase markers, (value of approximately \$27.00) for Mrs. Stacey Meredith's Preschool class at Metro North Elementary was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

#### Staff Spotlight:

Two Southwood Jr/Sr High School staff members were recognized. Staff Member of the Year, Katie Davis and Sandy Gutzwiller, as Teacher of the Year. Both received \$50 vouchers for the MSDWC Online store sponsored by First Farmers Bank & Trust.

#### School Recognition:

Joel Martin, Sharp Creek Principal recognize head custodian Mr. Howard Goshert for his daily dedication to our students, staff, and school building. Thanks for all your hard work and efforts at Sharp Creek.

Thank you to the food service staff members who take such good care of us at Sharp Creek: Deb Honeycutt, Carla Dietrich, Brandi Rife, Jennifer Dillingham, and Amanda Rhoades, all do a wonderful job.

#### Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, August 8, 2023, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

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

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

Dr. Kuhn reviewed the Education Fund and Operation Fund.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Tim Smith, Custodian, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective immediately was approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Shannon Pier, Head Custodian, Metro North Elementary, effective August 28, 2023; Kim Jacobs, Cook, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective date to be determined; Adam Zweibel, Assistant Football Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective for the 2023 season were approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported that the start of school went well. The current enrollment is 628 students.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber reported that the projects continue to move along. The roof is still being worked on at Southwood Elementary and the gym floor at Southwood Jr/Sr High School is just about finished.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake shared the IREAD scores with the Board. Although, scores are not as high as we would like, they are above the state average. Our schools are working to improve our small group reading support systems for younger students. Our schools and staff are also investing significant time and resources into the Science of Reading through LETRS training hosted by Region 8 ESC to help classroom teachers improve student reading.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the Social Media Action Suit was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the appointment of Valerie Doud to assume the Board position currently held by David Doud. The term will start September 15, 2023, and end September 15, 2027, to the Roann Public Library Board of Trustees was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the re-appointment of Mary Jo McClelland to the Wabash Carnegie Library Board of Trustees for the term, August 13, 2023-August 13, 2027, was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the extended field trip for Southwood Jr/Sr High School 6<sup>th</sup> grade to Chicago, IL, March 14, 2024, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

After much discussion of the three options for north grades 3-5 as part of the Strategic Plan #4, the recommendation to approve option 3 with part of option 2 including oversight of the project by the school board was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

No Board Policy.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

A comment was made by a member of the public thanking the Board for their work.

Items from Board Members:

No items from the Board Members.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

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Kevin Bowman, PRESIDENT

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Matt Driscoll, VICE-PRESIDENT

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Scott Haupert, BOARD MEMBER

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Jeff Porter, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

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Christian Rosen, SECRETARY