

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 October 10, 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 October 10, 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. A roll call of members on the Board were shown to be present as follows: Scott Haupert, Jeff Porter, Matt Driscoll, and Christian Rosen. Also present were Josh Petruniw, Brian Ridgeway, Sherry Ridgeway, Kelly Taylor, Tara Haupert, and Joel Martin.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for November 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, November 28, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, and December 12, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from Harbor Freight for Southwood Jr/Sr High School Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,200.00 donation from: \$600.00-Rhett Mast; \$150.00-Brian Evans; \$150.00- Wabash County Sheriff's Department; \$300.00- Vanderpool Law Firm for Northfield Wrestling was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

Staff Recognition:

Joel Martin, Principal, Sharp Creek Elementary, introduced his Teacher of the Year, Tara Haupert and Staff of the Year, Kelly Taylor. These ladies were nominated by their co-workers.

School Recognition:

Mr. Keaffaber shared a recent call he had. Parent Danielle called and wanted to recognize Mr. Jay Snyder for the work he does with students. He takes care of issues, loves the students, and communicates with parents.

Jay Snyder, Principal at Northfield Jr/Sr High School shared NHS Senior Volleyball Player Josie Lynn set a goal to achieve 100 successful blocks by the end of this season, and she accomplished that goal last week at North Miami. Now she is working to see how many over 100 she can get! Congratulations!

NHS would like to say great start and keep up the great work to the two new North Maintenance workers. Jonathon Wakefield and Scott Hearn are both getting many things done and always looking for the ways to make our schools look and run better. Thank you!

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, September 26, 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 Christian Rosen, a second by Scott Hauptert, 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 End of the Month for September.

2024 Budget Adoption:

The recommendation to approve the 2024 Budget was approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2024 Bus Replacement Plan was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2024 Capital Projects Plan was approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Resolution for Appropriation and Tax Rates (Form 4) was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Hannah Griffith, Classroom Instructor, Whites Jr/Sr High School, effective September 25, 2023, was approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Megan Davis, Temporary Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective October 23, 2023; Jason Hyden, Classroom Instructor, Whites Jr/Sr High School, effective to be determined were approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #163, leave to begin October 9, 2023, with the end date to be determined; #164, leave to begin January 31, 2024, through the end of the 2023-2024 school year; #165, leave to begin October 23, 2023, with the end date to be determined; #166, leave to begin approximately January 18, 2024, through April 8, 2024, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the temporary transfer of Abby Siders to Preschool 3-year-old Teacher, effective October 23, 2023, was approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Winter Coaches for Northfield Jr/Sr High School are as follows: Hallie Zolman, Head Cheer; Ashlyn Niccum, JV Cheer; Brittini Dawes, JH Cheer; Braelyn Deeter, JH Cheer; Hillary Eltzroth, Varsity Head Girls Basketball; Brandon Baker, Varsity Assistant Girls Basketball; Dannielle Tolson, JV Girls Basketball; Troy Baer, 8th Grade Girls Basketball; Tiffany Livesay, 8th Grade Girls Basketball; Ariel Dale, 7th Grade Girls Basketball; Tiffany Stith, 6th Grade Girls Basketball; Rex Reimer, Varsity Head Boys Basketball; Troy Baer, Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball; Matt Brown, JV Boys Basketball, Kyle Oswald, C-Team Boys Basketball; Mick Jarrett, 8th Grade Boys Basketball; Michelle Prus, 7th Grade boys Basketball; Scott Hauptert, 6th Grade Boys Basketball Volunteer; Jared Hauptert, 5th Grade Boys Basketball; Tabitha Floor, 5th Grade Boys Basketball; Casey Hudson, 5th Grade Boys Basketball; Ed Shenefield, Head Wrestling; Dr. Greg Gahl, Assistant Wrestling; Kacey Gahl, Assistant Wrestling; Scottie Pennington, Elementary Wrestling; Eric Kirtlan, JH Wrestling; Micah Higgins, Assistant Wrestling; Jim Olinger, Assistant Wrestling; Brodie Stith, 3rd Grade Boys Basketball; Troy Hauptert, 3rd Grade Boys Basketball; Jason Dawes, 4th Grade Boys Basketball; Dylan Poole, 4th Grade Boys Basketball; Nick Hauptert, 4th Grade Boys Basketball; Jordan Culver, 5th Grade Boys Basketball; Jeffrey Driscoll, 6th Grade Boys Basketball were approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Winter Coaches for Southwood Jr/Sr High School are as follows: Casey Stouffer, Head Wrestling; Bart Stouffer, Assistant Wrestling; Gage Kelly, Assistant Wrestling; Dave Peebles, JH Wrestling; Ryan Rosen, Assistant Wrestling Volunteer; Tanner Chamberlain, Assistant Wrestling Volunteer; Joel Makin, Assistant Wrestling Kenneth Norman, Head Girls Basketball; Rod Cole, Assistant Girls Basketball; Sydney Helfin, JV Girls Basketball; Jason Corn, JV Assistant Girls Basketball; Meredith Norman, Assistant Girls Basketball Volunteer; Randy Pershing, 8th Grade Girls Basketball; Shawn Cline, 7th Grade Girls Basketball; Christian Perry, Head Varsity Boys Basketball; Devin Dale, Assistant Boys Basketball; Jim Hogan, JV Boys Basketball; Michael Barrett, Freshman Boys Basketball; Cole Wyatt, 8th Grade Boys Basketball; Brian Bassett, 7th Grade Boys Basketball; Evan Deaton, 6th Grade Boys Basketball were approved upon a motion made by Scott Hauptert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber shared the ADM report that was collected on October 22, 2023. The current enrollment is 2,152 students.

Upcoming events, Parent-Teacher Conferences will be October 12, 2023, and students will not attend school on that day. Fall Break will be October 16-20, 2023.

Curriculum Report:

No report.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the 2023-2025 Teacher Contract was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the extended field trip for Northfield 8th grade to Washington, D. C., March 14-17, 2024, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried,

The recommendation to approve the extended field trip for Northfield Senior class to New York, NY, March 9-14, 2024, was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

The Board had the first reading of (Replace) Board Policy #3160-Criminal History Checks-School Employees. Second reading and vote will be November 14, 2023.

The Board had the first reading of (New) Board Policy #3165-Criminal History Checks-Applicants and Contractors. Second reading and vote will be November 14, 2023.

The Board had the first reading of (Replace) Board Policy #5035-Challenges to Library, Media, and other Supplemental Materials. Second reading and vote will be November 14, 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 6:28 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