

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 November 14, 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 November 14, 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 and Jeff Porter. Absent were Matt Driscoll and Christian Rosen. Also present were Josh Petruniw, Jaymes Slone, Tammy Shafer, Sophia Allard, Gary Dawson, Frankie Dawson, Lori DuBois, Lydia DuBois, Rick Slone, Maguire Dyson, and Casey Dyson.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for November 28, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building (**Canceled**), December 12, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, January 9, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, January 9, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Board of Finance Meeting at the Administration Building, and January 9, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Organizational Meeting at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$4,000.00 from IN-MC Matching Grant (a division of Purdue University) for Sharp Creek Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from Kalenborne for Sharp Creek Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from Manchester Family Dentistry for Sharp Creek Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff porter, and unanimously carried.

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

The recommendation to approve the \$1,000.00 donation from Poet for Sharp Creek Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,000.00 donation from Zoomers for Sharp Creek Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the donation of a Mobile White Board valued at \$276.89 from VIA Credit Union for White's Jr/Sr High School was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,933.80 donation from Harmon Photography Inc. for Southwood Elementary staff and students was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,950.00 donation from: Eads and Son Bulldozing Inc.-\$500.00; Grandstaff Hentgen Funeral Service-\$500.00; Wabash Veterinary Hospital LLC-500.00; Stine Tire-\$150.00; Gaunt and Son-\$150.00; Hoffman's Nursery-\$150.00; all for Northfield High School for the County Tourney was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff porter, and unanimously carried.

#### School Recognition:

Sharp Creek Elementary's News Team with the guidance of teacher, Tammy Shafer, presented to the Board. They had short clips of their news that the students got to see.

Congratulations to Ryan Deeter who earned 2023 IATCCC Boys Cross Country Academic All-State Honorable Mention. Nominees must be a junior or senior with a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, recognized as a varsity athlete on the sectional roster, and have achieved a minimum SAT of 1200 or ACT composite of 26, or PSAT of 1140 if a junior athlete.

Congratulations to Kaden Johnson (trumpet) for making the Indiana All-Region Honor Band. He performed Sunday, November 12, 2023, at Marion High School. Congratulations to Kaylee Nelson (flute) and Kenzie Moorman (Bb clarinet), who made the Indiana All-District Honor Band. Kaylee and Kenzie will perform on Sunday, November 19, 2023, at Plymouth High School.

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

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, October 10, 2023, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

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

Payroll #7 and #8 were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Dr. Kuhn reviewed the End of the Month for October.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Teryn Renbarger, Speech and Language Pathologist, WMAP, effective immediately; Jason Hyden, Classroom Instructor, White's Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Daniel Snyder, Teacher/Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year; David Snyder, Football Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective the end of the 2023 season; Amanda Stevenson, Cook, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective November 15, 2023; Carlos Delgado, Paraprofessional, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective October 20, 2023, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Dakota Pelphrey, Custodian, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective October 18, 2023; Donna Millspaugh, Paraprofessional, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective October 30, 2023; Desirae Handrich, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective November 13, 2023; Aneva Kennedy, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective November 6, 2023; Deborah Dahlstrom, Classroom Instructor, effective December 4, 2023; Melisa Brooks, Cook, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective November 27, 2023, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Winter Coaches for Northfield Jr/Sr High School are as follows: Fayth Leming, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball; Jenny Wilson, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Volunteer Girls Basketball; Jared Brooks, Assistant Wrestling; Spencer Miller, Volunteer Assistant Wrestling; Sherm Gray, Swimming were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Winter Coaches for Southwood Jr/Sr High School are as follows: Ryan Sweet, Assistant Wrestling; Cierra Treska, Interim Varsity Cheer; Brittany Blocker, JV Cheer; Danielle Shenefield, JH Cheer; Scott Deaton, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball; Ryan Smith, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball; Herb Carter, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Lynnette Good, Cook, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective January 9, 2024, was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber congratulated Coach Tom Finicle and the Southwood Girls' Volleyball Team for their State Championship win. He also congratulated Tom Finicle for being inducted into the Indiana High School Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Mr. Keaffaber congratulated Lindsey Knee and the Southwood and Northfield students who were in the theater play "*Little Mermaid*" for an excellent performance.

Curriculum Report:

No report.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the 2024-2025 MSD District Calendar was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2024-2025 White's Jr/Sr High School Calendar was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of the Sharp Creek Elementary School 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and staff to transition to Northfield Jr/Sr High School starting with the 2024-2025 school year was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve Shawnee Construction for the High School Locker Room renovation project was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

The recommendation to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and vote of the (Replace) Board Policy #3160-Criminal History Checks-School Employee was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and vote of the (New) Board Policy #3165-Criminal History Checks-Applicants and Contractors was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and vote of the (Replace) Board Policy #5035-Challenges to Library, Media, and other Supplemental Materials was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

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 6:51 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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