

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 December 12, 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 December 12, 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, Sheryl Holley, Steve Holley, Janette Moore, Jay Snyder, Tom Finicle, Gail Williams, Roger Williams, Adam Zwiebel, Aaron Holley, Jessica Holley, Diane Woodworth, Gary Dawson, Frankie Dawson, Ashley Shafer, Lea Shafter, Marcia Johnson, Dylan Markley, Scott Herman, and Deb Corn.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for January 9, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, January 9 or 23, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Board of Finance Meeting at the Administration Building, January 9, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Organizational Meeting at the Administration Building, January 23, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, February 13, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$4,050.00 from: Charcroff Investments, LLC, DBA Wings-\$150.00; Metzger's Insurance, LLC-\$150.00; Parkview Health-\$2000.00; Crossroads Bank-\$500.00; Poet, LLC-\$150.00; Manchester Farm Center-\$150.00; Manchester Realty-\$500.00; Downs, Tandy, & Petruniw-\$150.00; PT Investment, LLC-\$150.00; Beacon Credit Union-\$150.00 all for County Tourney, Northfield Jr/Sr High School was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$300.00 anonymous donation for Southwood Wrestling was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$10.00 donation from Angela Becker Orthodontics for Southwood Elementary (student use) was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$600.00 donation from Wabash County Community Foundation for metro North Little Norse Tuition Scholarship was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

Principal Janette Moore recognized Jessica Holley, Teacher of the Year, and Ashley Shafer, Staff of the Year, both for Metro North Elementary

Principal Jay Snyder recognized Adam Zwiebel, Teacher of the Year, and Deb Corn, Staff of the Year, both for Northfield Jr/Sr High School.

Mr. Keaffaber recognized retiring Attorney Steve Downs for 14 years as MSD School Attorney.

Mr. Keaffaber recognized Board Member Matt Driscoll for 25 years serving as a Board Member.

Tom Finicle, Athletic Director and Head Girls Volleyball Coach for Southwood High School presented the Board with State Volleyball Championship medals.

Other recognitions were:

From Jay Snyder, Principal at Northfield Jr/Sr High School, congratulations to Senior Layne Denton for being awarded the Bob and Peggy McCallen Award at the Honeywell Winter Street Banner Contest on November 15, 2023. This special award is given to one person in memory of Bob and Peggy McCallen. Layne was selected from those nominated by their Art teachers which recognizes the impact of the program. Congrats also to grade level banner winners Emma Bone, Emerson Zwiebel, and Chloe Youngblood.

TRC Awards All Academic All-Conference - Northfield would like to recognize the following students for achieving all conference academic first team for the fall semester. Elli Baker, Jo Jo Drancik, Eden Hoover, Macy Overlander, and Emma Warnock. Honorable Mention all-conference goes to: Blake Aderman, Isaiah Beall, Ava Copeland, Maddux Daniels, Camryn Kuhn, Jaeda Lynn, Josephine Lynn, Gabriel Hauptert, Jaxsen Martin, Ryland Miller, Madeline Moore, Carter Rodgers, Turner Stephens, Mara Zolman. The TRC awards this award based on the following criteria: First team is in the top 15% of their class and above a 3.8 GPA for the first semester. Honorable Mention is Top 30% of their class and at least a 3.4 GPA for the first semester. Northfield is extremely proud of our student athletes and want to compliment them for their work in the classroom.

Ryan Bales, Northridge High School, submitted an Exemplary Behavior Report for our Wrestling Team this past Saturday, December 9, 2023, Mr. Bales said, "We hosted an 8-team wrestling event filled with a lot of competitive matches this past weekend. There was great sportsmanship displayed throughout the day by all athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators. A

special thank you to the wrestlers and coaches from all the participating schools for their display of effort and great attitudes on the day."

From Janette Moore, Principal at Metro North Elementary, Metro North had three students recognized as Honeywell Winter Street Banner winners. Congratulations to Chloe Davis (school banner winner), Lyla Martin (grade level banner winner) and Eliza Vawter (grade level banner winner) and Mrs. Katy Gray (proud art teacher).

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, November 14, 2023, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

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

Payroll #9 and #10 were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Dr. Kuhn reviewed the End of the Month and Cash Flow for November.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Aneva Kennedy, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective November 21, 2023, was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Lori Schultz, Temporary North Bus Driver, effective March 18, 2024, through May 25, 2024; Devin Dale, Temporary Math Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective Mid-January 2024, through Early April 2024; Carmela Turner, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective December 4, 2023; Rita Scholes, Cook, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective January 8, 2024; Rachel Eppard, JH Cheer Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately, Danny Pulley, 6th grade Girls Basketball Volunteer, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the termination of #167 effective December 1, 2023, was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #168, leave to begin March 18, 2024 through the end of the 2023-2024 school year was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll was unable to attend the recent meeting. Mr. Keaffaber shared that improvement projects have been discussed.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber was pleased to announce that there have been no delays or cancellations for 81 days. Consistency is very important and not having delays or cancellations helps.

He also reported that the Southwood locker room work has begun and Northfield's will begin after the County Tourney.

Curriculum Report:

No report.

New Business:

The recommendation to salvage an Allis Chalmers 7000 pulling tractor was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the End of Year Resolution was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to distribute the Teacher Appreciation Grant stipends was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc) for the Northfield and Metro North Project was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried. Weigand Construction will be the CMc for the project.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

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 6:46 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