

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 January 9, 2024, 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 January 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Office. We will continue to livestream the meeting on Facebook Live.**

Kevin Bowman, Board President, called the meeting to order. Mike Keaffaber, Superintendent and Chris Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent were also present. Absent was Tim Drake, Chief Academic Officer. On call of the roll the members of the Board were shown to be present as follows: Matt Driscoll, Christian Rosen, Jeff Porter, and Scott Hauptert. Also present were Josh Petruniw, Gary Dawson, Frankie Dawson, Shellie Sarll, John Ketchel, Derek Lucas, and Mike McDivitt.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for January 23, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Board of Finance 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, and February 27, 2024, Regular Meeting at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$3,850.00 donation from: Bowen Center-\$150.00; Friermood Tire & Alignment-\$150.00; Thorne Insurance Agency-\$150.00; Round Barn Metal Works-\$500.00; Frantz Lumber-\$500.00; Truland Equipment-\$500.00; F.J. Rettig & Son, Inc.-\$150.00; Shepherd's Chevrolet, Inc.-\$500.00; Brainard Snow Removal, LLC-\$150.00; George & Terri Eckert-\$150.00; Truland Equipment-\$500.00 all for County Tourney, Northfield Jr/Sr High School were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from: Flow-Tech Plumbing & Heating-\$200.00 and Gebhart Holding-\$300.00 all for Northfield Wrestling were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$174.00 donation from: Three (3) Anonymous donors, Karen Gonzalez, Alex Altman, LJ Chesterman, Alexander Richards for Mrs. Kassie Harrel's Little Norse (PK4) classroom at Metro North Elementary for "just right" seating at the instructional table were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$250.00 donation from Grow Wabash County for Metro North Elementary Robotic was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition (Student and Staff):

Principal Mike McDivitt recognized Shellie Sarll, Staff of the Year.

Other recognitions were:

From Amber Lewis, Principal at Southwood Jr/Sr High School, congratulations to SHS senior Randy Boone for being selected as the recipient of the Ford Family Community Scholarship. The Ford Scholarship is a full tuition, four-year scholarship awarded to a Wabash County high school student who has been actively involved in the betterment of Wabash County through extracurricular activities, volunteer service, and participation in community events. Randy is an outstanding leader and role model whose strong leadership and advocacy skills are evident in the academic, athletic, and community arenas. Randy plans to attend Indiana Wesleyan University to major in pre-occupational/physical therapy.

From Jay Snyder, Principal at Northfield Jr/Sr High School, NHS Varsity Girls Basketball Coach Hillary Eltzroth received an exemplary behavior report from IHSAA official Greg Finley from the NHS game on December 16, 2023. Mr. Finley said that he would like to commend the Varsity Girls Basketball Coach at Northfield High School. Hillary Eltzroth was a very sharp and clear contrast to her counterpart from the opposing team. While the opposing team's coach whined the entire game, yelled across the court, would throw their arms into the air, and loudly complained about nearly every call throughout the game. The exact opposite was seen from Coach Eltzroth. She remained very professional, and coached her team rather than yelling at us all night. She did have a couple of calls that she disagreed with, but she quietly let us know her concerns, and we moved on. It could not have been a sharper contrast in styles. THANK YOU, Coach Eltzroth, for a very fun game. Congratulations on the victory!!

Mr. Keaffaber recognized each Board Member for their service with a certificate for School Board Appreciation Month.

Presentation:

Verkada Security Systems made a presentation to the Board.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, December 12, 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 Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

Payroll #11 and #12 were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Dr. Kuhn reviewed the End of the Year/Month Balances, End of Year Cash Flow, and End of Year Education Fund to operations Fund Transfer.

#### Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Tiffany Taylor, Custodian, Southwood Elementary, effective January 2, 2024; Ashley Harris, Cook, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective January 8, 2024; Jessica Brewer, Teacher, Southwood and Northfield Jr/Sr High Schools, effective January 5, 2024 were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment Kristin Tackett, Bus Driver, North, effective January 8, 2024; Jennifer Nesler, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective January 8, 2024, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #169, leave to begin December 7, 2023, with a return date to be determined; #170, leave to begin February 20, 2024. Returning May 15, 2024.; #171, leave to begin December 6, 2023, with a return date to be determined, were approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

#### Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll updated the Board on the recent Heartland Career Center Board of Directors meeting. At that meeting the Board Members had claims paid and learned of donations. Twelve students qualified for the CDL training. On January 12, 2024, they will host the superintendents of HCC for their first meeting of the new year.

#### Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber shared the State of MSDWC 2023 Review.

#### Curriculum Report:

No report.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the Budget Reduction Resolution was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Local Income Tax Distribution Resolution was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Scott Haupert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2024 transfers from Education Fund to Operations Fund Resolution was approved upon a motion made by Scott Haupert, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Treasurer to Pay Claims was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight/extended/out of state field trip for Northfield Robotics Team to CREATE Foundation U.S. Open Robotics Tournament, March 13-17, 2024, in Council Bluffs, Iowa was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

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 7:13 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