

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 February 27, 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 February 27, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Office. We will continue to livestream the meeting on Facebook Live.**

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

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for March 12, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, March 26, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, and April 23, 2024.

School Recognition (Student and Staff):

Mr. Keaffaber shared this note *"I wanted to drop you a quick line and thank you for the culture and environment that you have created at Southwood HS. I travel to many schools in my work, and always am impressed when schools are so welcoming to "outsiders." Your workers, your students and your environment are special, and I felt you needed to know that. As I was driving back to Fort Wayne, I felt that Southwood is a school I would feel comfortable with my own child attending – that's usually how I gauge school environments (very unscientifically, I know). This wasn't my first trip to Southwood, and I'm sure it won't be my last, but I always feel so welcomed there by all that I encounter. I felt you needed to know. What a great turnout last night for Senior Night and for the volleyball state championship recognition. PSM is grateful to be a school partner with both Southwood and Northfield and look forward to future years of partnership. Enjoy the rest of your week! ""CANDICE DUNKIN MS, LAT, ATC DIRECTOR OF SPORTS MEDICINE"""*

Jay Snyder, Principal of Northfield Jr/Sr High School shared, congratulating the NHS Junior High basketball teams on a great season. The 7th grade fell short against Southwood in the Championship game. The 8th grade team was able to secure a win in the Championship against Manchester this past Saturday for back-to-back RRC Championships as 7th and 8th graders.

On February 18, 2024, the Fort Wayne Museum of Art held its Regional Scholastic Art Awards. Layne Denton received the Juror's Choice Award for our Region in Scholastics. This award is chosen by Jurors who nominate an outstanding work from their panel/region. Layne received this award for his portfolio, entitled Metal Sourced. This award has monetary value, and Layne was recognized for this accomplishment at the ceremony. Layne created 6 works that make up his award-winning portfolio that will go on to New York for a chance at winning a National Award.

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

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from February 13, 2024, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

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

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

Dr. Kuhn shared the Education & Operation Funds and estimated cash flow.

#### Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Danielle Whiteman, Temporary P.E. Teacher, Metro North and Sharp Creek Elementaries, effective March 18, 2024, through the end of the 2023-2024 school year; Sheryl Hodson, Temporary Social Worker, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective April 26, 2024, through the end of the 2023-2024 school year; Matt Denney, Assistant Baseball Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective the 2024 season; Molly Gray, Assistant Tennis Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective the 2024 season; Jamie Rife, Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective the 2024 season; were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #173, leave to begin approximately April 26, 2024, through the end of the 2023-2024 school year was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

#### Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported donations of cosmetology supplies, an arcade game flight simulator that will try to be fixed and then sold, and carbide tips.

The Garland Company shared their cost for roofing of the school; approximately \$900,000 for a soft roof and \$1,400,000 for a metal roof.

### Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber gave an update on the progress of the locker-room projects. The poured concrete floors between the gyms are finished and the Northfield weight room should be completed by the end of the school year. Total completion is expected in August.

On February 27, 2024, Mr. Keaffaber traveled to Indianapolis for Legislation Day. Legislators were available for a question and answer session.

### Curriculum Report:

No report.

### New Business:

The recommendation to approve the Resolutions Approving the Master Lease Purchase Agreement for 1:1 computer refresh (Staff and Students) was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve vendors for the wireless refresh were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the pause for the Sharp Creek Elementary 6<sup>th</sup> grade transition to Northfield Jr/Sr High School was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the extended/out-of-state field trip for Sharp Creek 5<sup>th</sup> grade to Chicago, IL, on April 19, 2024, was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

### Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

### Board Policy:

No Board Policy.

### Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

Dr. Kuhn answered a question that was asked.

Items from Board Members:

Scott Haupert would like to see seniors offered the MacBooks that will be sold, first if they would need them for college.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

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Scott Haupert, PRESIDENT

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Christian Rosen, VICE-PRESIDENT

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Matt Driscoll, BOARD MEMBER

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Jeff Porter, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

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Kevin Bowman, SECRETARY