

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 March 26, 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 March 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Office. We will continue to livestream the meeting on Facebook Live.**

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

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for April 23, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, May 28, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, and June 11, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building.

School Recognition:

From Amber Lewis, Principal at Southwood Jr/Sr High School. SHS was awarded \$1,500 through "The Growing Together Grant" which will go towards Southwood's outdoor garden startup. Thank you to Keri Salb-Mertz, Community Wellness Coordinator with the Purdue Extension Nutrition Education Program, who assisted SHS in obtaining this funding.

From Janette Moore, Principal at Metro North Elementary. Our Metro North Little Norse Preschool and our Southwood Elementary Little Knights Preschool were recognized as Paths to Quality Level 3. PTQ level 3 recognizes our preschools' commitment to ensuring a high-quality early learning environment in which children are safe, healthy and learning.

Thank you to all of our Little Norse and Little Knights staff for compiling paperwork and tasks to ensure our success. Completing these processes provides our families with access to tuition support like On My Way PreK and CCDF vouchers.

From Jay Snyder, Principal at Northfield Jr/Sr High School. Our NHS Robotics teams had a fantastic day Saturday, March 23, 2024, at the State Meet. Our 7th grade team made it to the semi-finals in teamwork and received a trophy! They placed 12th in the State in skills. Our 8th grade team made it to the State finals and also received a trophy. They tied for 3rd in the state in skills. The 8th grade team of Collin Biehl, Nate Hodson, Madelyn Holley, Gavin Lester, Karson Brown, and Preston Moore earned the privilege of heading to the World Competition in

Dallas, Texas in April. These kids DREAMED BIG and WORKED HARD and represented Northfield very well!

NHS Senior Layne Denton entered his welded sculpture, Metal-onna w/ Child in the IUK High School Art Contest. Layne was awarded The People's Choice Award from IUK for his work. This work was chosen due to receiving the most votes from visitors of the IUK Gallery during this year's High School Art Exhibition.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from March 12, 2024, were approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

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

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

Dr. Kuhn shared the cash flow for February. He also reviewed the Education Fund and the Operation Fund.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Melisa Brooks, Cook, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective March 11, 2024; Lauren Koldus, Math Teacher, Southwood Jr/SR High School, effective March 14, 2024, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Ashley Campbell, Temporary Teacher, Southwood Elementary, effective April 26, 2024, through the end of the 2023-2024 school year was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Abby Watkins, Kindergarten Teacher at Metro North Elementary to 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Sharp Creek Elementary, effective August 5, 2024, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Barry Bowyer, White's Jr/Sr High School, effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #174 to begin April 27, 2024, returning approximately October 21, 2024, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber reminded everyone that Spring Break is coming up, March 29-April 7, 2024. He will be sending an automated call reminding parents that upon returning from Spring Break, April 8, 2024, students will have an early release due to the Solar Eclipse.

Mr. Keaffaber congratulated all the robotics teams (8) that competed in the state competition. He shared that qualifying for Worlds has changed this year. The Northfield 8th Grade team received a bid to the Worlds competition in April.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake reported that testing has finished, other than iLearn which will be after spring break. He noted that staff have been attending a lot of professional development.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve Gaunt & Sons Asphalt, Inc. as the vendor for the Tennis Court projects at both high schools was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

No Board Policy.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

Items from Board Members:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 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