

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 April 23, 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 April 23, 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.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for May 28, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, June 11, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, July 9, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from: Ryann Harrington for \$200.00; Anonymous Donor for \$150.00; The Nutrition Spot for \$50.00; Beacon Credit Union for \$50.00, Hauptert Livestock Farms for \$50.00 all for Sharp Creek Robotics program was approved upon the motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$10,000.00 donations from Meals on Wheels for MSD Wabash County Benevolence Fund was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

From Jay Snyder, Principal at Northfield Jr/Sr High School. NHS wants to share a positive email received after the North Miami relays last Friday night regarding NHS boys track participants - Brayden Rice & Baden Turner. This email is from North Miami Parent Christina Westerhouse. "Hey there I just wanted to reach out about a young man I noticed at the North Miami relays last night. It was a student on your boys' team, I found out his name was Baden. I was so impressed by his kindness & sportsmanship to not only his teammates but every other team. He was standing by the finish line helping each runner coming off the track, holding them up telling them good job until they could stand. Then he'd help the next runner. In a dark world I

love to see kindness and sportsmanship like this. It brightened my night. What an amazing guy! Just wanted to make sure he got recognized for his wonderful behavior!! You all should be proud. He was representing your school very well! Thank you for your time." - Christina Westerhouse. (I believe she was referring to Baden Turner, but Brayden Rice has been seen doing this too.)

From Amber Lewis, Principal at Southwood Jr/Sr High School. Congratulations to Luke Herring, Landon Mitchell, and Brody Overlander, who won the Innovate WithIN Northeast Regional Pitch Competition with their SkyGuard precision agriculture application drone. This event was held at the Parkview Mirro Center for Research & Innovation on Monday, April 22, 2024, Luke, Landon, and Brody each were awarded \$1,000 and they will represent the northeast region at the state competition held at Butler University on June 21st where they will be one of ten teams to compete for \$25,000.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from March 26, 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 #18 and #19 were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Dr. Kuhn shared the End of Month for March. He also reviewed the Education Fund and the Operation Fund cash flow.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Haley Hadden, 3rd Grade Teacher, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective August 5, 2024; Bridgett Hagen, Custodian, Metro North Elementary, effective April 29, 2024; Rebecca Petrich, Cook, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective date is to be determined; Sheryl Hodson, Temporary Social Worker, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective April 15, 2024, through the end of the 2023-2024 school year; Debra St. Clair, Temporary Guidance Secretary, White's Jr/Sr High School, effective May 1, 2024, with the end date to be determined; John Ayres, Substitute Teacher, all schools, effective immediately; Samantha Gressley, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective April 22, 2024; Mackey Hyde, Assistant Tennis Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Lottie Smith, Custodian, Metro North Elementary, effective March 28, 2024; Amelia France, School Counselor, Southwood Jr/Sr High

School, effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year; Kim Jacobs, Cook, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year; Deborah Hively-Garrison, Special Needs Bus Driver, effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Norine Ramsey, transferring from Cook at Northfield Jr/Sr High School to Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year 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 shared after the human resource report was approved talked about each of the retirees and their years of service.

Dr. Kuhn and Mr. Keaffaber attended the ISBA Spring Regional meeting. They reviewed all of the Indiana Codes & Laws.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake reported that the state of Indiana has mandated all schools to adopt a reading curriculum-K to 5. We will be working to accomplish that with the vendors that have been given. Professional Development is already being planned for the 2024-2025 school year. Teachers are planning for the Reading Endorsement.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve Logan Swick Mowing to mow for the 2024 season was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the extended/overnight/out-of-state trip for Northfield Robotics Team to the World Robotics in Dallas, TX, April 27- May 2, 2024, was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the extended/out-of-state field trip for Northfield AP Physics, AP Chemistry, and Calculus students to Cedar Point, Math and Physics Day, May 20, 2024, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Kevin Bowman, 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 6:36 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

Scott Haupert, PRESIDENT

Christian Rosen, VICE-PRESIDENT

Matt Driscoll, BOARD MEMBER

Jeff Porter, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

Kevin Bowman, SECRETARY