

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 July 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 July 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 and Chris Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent, Absent was 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, Kevin Bowman, and Matt Driscoll. Also present were Josh Petruniw, Brian Ridgeway, and Sherry Ridgeway.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for August 13, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, August 27, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, and September 10, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$7,000.00 donation from First Farmers Bank & Trust for Staff Appreciation and Spotlight-Teacher and Staff of the Year was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

No School Recognition.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from July 9, 2024, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

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

Payrolls #1 was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Dr. Kuhn reviewed the Education and Operation Fund cash flow.

2025 Budget Review:

Dr. Kuhn reviewed the Operation Fund budget. He then asked for permission to advertise the 2025 Capital Projects Plan and Bus Replacement Plan which was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Trisha Baldwin, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective August 7, 2024; Stephanie Willmert, Special Education Teacher, 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 employment of Jeff Kamphues, Asst. Football Coach, effective the 2024 season; Cindy Hileman, Cook, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective August 6, 2024; Heather Warner, Cook, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective August 6, 2024; Jeannetteh Lyons, Temporary Paraprofessional, effective August 7, 2024, for approximately 9 weeks; Hubert Baker, Bus Driver, South schools, effective August 6, 2024, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Larry Swan, Bus Driver, North schools, effective immediately was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #179, leave to begin August 7, 2024, for approximately 9 weeks was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the fall coaches for Southwood Jr/Sr High School are as follows: Tonya Boone, Head Cross Country; Danielle Bassous, JH Cross Country; Jonathan Collins, Asst. Cross Country; Thomas Tyree, Head Football; Cameron Ball, Asst. Football; Cameron Campbell, Asst. Football; Jalen Gentry, Asst. Football; Jim Hogan, Asst. Football; Paul Oprisek, Asst. Football; John Ayres, Asst. Football; Joey Books, Asst. Football; Jordan Boyer, Head Girls Golf; Doug Chenoweth, Asst. Girls Golf; Brittany Blocker, Head Cheer; Corynn Hill, Asst. Cheer; Ariel Galligan, Volunteer Asst. Cheer; Katelyn Gribben, JH Cheer; Tim Drake, Asst. Volleyball; Caryn Tinkle, Asst. Volleyball; Bailey Winget, Asst. Volleyball; Rachel Hurst, JH Volleyball; Gina Deaton, JH Volleyball; Gena Smith, JH Volleyball; Kelsey Niccum, JH Volleyball; Stephanie Haecker, JH Volleyball; Tom Finicle, Head Volleyball all were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll did not have a report since their meeting is coming up.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber read two thank you notes, one from Kinsley Miller and the other from Grow Wabash County. He gave a project update. He then made a presentation about the proposed Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed (GPS & GPS Plus) Diplomas.

Curriculum Report:

In Mr. Drake's absence, Mr. Keaffaber reviewed the iLearn scores.

New Business:

The recommendation of the land value for the NIPSCO project at Heartland Career Center for the HCC Board of Managers. Matt Driscoll will share the discussion by the MSDWC Board with the HCC Board of Managers.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

The recommendation to adopt the annual approval of Policy #3230, Teacher Appreciation Grant (TAG) was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

No public comment.

Items from Board Members:

No items from the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:09 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