

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 August 13, 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 August 13, 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, Kevin Bowman, and Matt Driscoll. Also present were Josh Petruniw, Brian Ridgeway, Sherry Ridgeway, Travis Jaynes, Martina Jaynes, Janette Moore, Steve Holley, and Dana Wannemacher.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for August 27, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, September 10, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, and September 24, 2024.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$3,575.00 donation from: Jennifer Drancik-\$50.00; Brainard Snow Removal-\$200.00; Shepherd's-\$50.00; Lindsay Swihart-\$50.00; Rodney and Andrea Birk-\$100.00; Troy and Stacy Baer-\$100.00; JoJo's Olfactory-\$100.00; Dennis and Diana Siders-\$100.00; Kevin and Jolene Baer-\$100.00; Thorne Insurance-\$50.00; Kyle and Trisha Oswald-\$100.00; Deb and Ron Schenkel-\$100.00; John and Susan Martin-\$100.00; Kim and Jay Custer-\$50.00; Larry Hoffman-\$50.00; Treska Bros. Excavating-\$25.00; Still Remains Jewelry-\$100.00; Hoosier Chiropractic-\$100.00; Jason and Jennifer Warnock-\$50.00; Jonathan and Lisa Lawyer-\$50.00; Guenin Law Office-\$25.00; Wabash County Truck Wash-\$100.00; Hauptert Family Farms-\$100.00; Atlas Building Services-\$100.00; Builders Mart-\$50.00; Hoffman's Nursery-\$200.00; Agro-Chem-\$100.00; Beacon Credit Union-\$25.00; Friermood Tire-\$50.00; Zoomers RV-\$100.00; K and J Farms-\$100.00; Transform Consulting Group-\$50.00; Grandstaff-Hentgen-\$100.00; McKillip Seed-\$200.00; John and Janet Shoue-\$100.00; Mitch and Shawna Meyer-\$100.00; Eads & Son Bulldozing-\$200.00; Gaunt & Son-\$100.00; Wabash County Sheriffs Dept.-\$100.00; First Farmers Bank & Trust-\$50.00 all for Northfield Volleyball was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

No School Recognition.

Presentations:

Dana Wannemacher from Barton-Coe-Vilamaa was here to present the updates on the project.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from July 23, 2024, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

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

Payrolls #2 was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

2025 Budget Review:

Dr. Kuhn reviewed the Education Fund budget.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Cynthia Bell, Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 1, 2024; Tanna Chellis, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective date to be determined; Samantha Gressley, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective July 26, 2024; Ashley Harris, Bus Driver, South, effective July 24, 2024, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Sara Long, Bus Driver, North, effective August 6, 2024; John Ayres, English Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 5, 2024; Olivia Taylor, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective August 7, 2024; Jennifer Nesler, Library Aide, Metro North Elementary, effective August 7, 2024; Alora Coss, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective August 7, 2024; Shelby Gibson, Music Teacher, Metro North Elementary, effective August 19, 2024; Cora Roser, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective August 7, 2024; Emily Gibson, Cook, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective August 6, 2024; Natalie House, Paraprofessional, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective August 7, 2024; Joseph Delgado, Volunteer Football Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Jennifer Deck, Paraprofessional, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective August 12, 2024; Samantha Gressley, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary,

effective August 15, 2024; Emily Myers, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr high School, effective the 2024 season; Kaylee Merrick, 5<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball Coach, effective the 2024 season; Rachel Eppard, Substitute Teacher, effective immediately were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Kim Weaver, Bookkeeper, Southwood Elementary, effective August 31, 2024, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #180, leave to begin August 26, 2024, through October 4, 2024; #181, leave to begin approximately November 13, 2024, through January 15, 2025, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Krissy Cunningham, Southwood Elementary, from Paraprofessional to Bookkeeper, effective August 19, 2024; Allison King, ECA Treasurer, Northfield and Southwood Jr/SR High Schools to Southwood Jr/Sr High School, Special Education Teacher, effective August 7, 2024, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

#### Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported on the July meeting. A contractor for NIPSCO attended the meeting to answer questions on the work they want to do that will affect Heartland.

A separate meeting with NIPSCO was held at a later date with all those who will be affected by this same project.

#### Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber welcomed all new staff for the 2024-2025 school year. There continues to be a lot of construction around Northfield and Sharp Creek. A couple of weeks ago the Maintenance Team worked on the HVAC at Sharp Creek Elementary. The chiller at Metro North Elementary has been installed and working well. The locker rooms and weight rooms at both Northfield and Southwood are closer to completion. The tennis courts at both schools are in the early stage of construction.

#### Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake briefly updated the Board on the Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed (GPS & GPS Plus) Diplomas. Universities have sent letters in opposition of the proposed plan.

#### New Business:

Board President Scott Haupert opened the Public Hearing for the Formal Bargaining (I.C.20-29-6-1) for comments. After there were no comments, the hearing was closed.

The recommendation to approve the Adjunct Teacher positions and permits for the 2024-2025 school year was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Bid Phase #2 vendors were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Corporate Authorization Resolution was approved by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to appoint David Doud to the Roann Library of Trustees for a term ending September 15, 2027, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

No Board Policies.

Public Comment (All Items):

A statement was read by a parent.

Items from Board Members:

No items from the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

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Scott Haupt, 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