

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 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 August 27, 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, Amber Lewis, Teresa Springer, Jeff Springer, Gary Dawson, and Frankie Dawson.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for September 10, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, September 24, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, and October 8, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building,

Public Recognition:

No Public Recognition.

School Recognition:

Amber Lewis, Principal at Southwood Jr/Sr High School, recognized her Teacher of the Year, Jeff Springer, who was in attendance. She also recognized Ricky Reed as the Staff of the Year.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from August 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 Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Payrolls #3 was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

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

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Heather Clark, Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 5, 2024; Kyra Stouffer, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective August 19, 2024; Amy Darland, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective August 19, 2024; Erica Garber, ECA Treasurer, Northfield and Southwood Jr/Sr High Schools, effective September 6, 2024; Jeanna Lowry, Substitute Speech and Language Pathologist, effective August 20, 2024, through December 7, 2024; Deborah Schenkel, Substitute Teacher, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective immediately; Angie Baer, Substitute Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective August 26, 2024, through October 2, 2024; Kathy Lowery, Substitute Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective August 29, 2024, through October 4, 2024, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Cora Roser, Temporary Teacher, Metro North Elementary, effective September 3, 2024, through November 22, 2024; Lori Schultz, Temporary Teacher, Metro North Elementary, effective August 26, 2024 through October 4, 2024, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Robotics Coaches for Northfield Jr/Sr High School are as follows: Scott Ross, 8th grade; Kami Ross, 8th grade; Matt Hodson, 9th grade; Sheryl Hodson, 9th grade; Jason Lyons, 10th and 11th grades; Amanda Lyons, 10th and 11th grades; Sherm Gray, 12th grade, 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 August meeting. The school's enrollment is currently 602. Several donations were given to the school. The main item up for discussion was the operating agreement.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber shared a brief update on the construction projects. Phase I of the locker room/weight room project is complete, and Phase II is near completion. A punch list will continue to be completed. The tennis court is progressing well. Bid Phase #3 for the Northfield Elementary/Metro North Elementary project will have the bid opening on September 10, 2024.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake shared the iRead and iLearn test results. Starting this year all 2nd and 3rd grade students will take the iRead test.

He was excited to share the AP exams scores with the Board.

Mr. Drake was pleased to announce that MSDWC will participate in the IDOE iLearn Checkpoint pilot program for the 2024-2025 school year.

New Business:

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

The Board then discussed the NIPSCO Project at Heartland Career Center.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

No Board Policies.

Public Comment (All 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 6:49 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