

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 September 10, 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 September 10, 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, Mike McDivitt, and Frankie Dawson.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for September 24, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, October 8, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, and November 12, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$2,800.00 donation from Thorne Insurance Agency for all NHS students to have an athletic pass was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$2,800.00 donation from Complete Glass Solutions for all SHS students to have an athletic pass was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$50.00 donation from the Happy Homemakers for Sharp Creek Elementary student's milk/lunch program was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$120.00 donation of Walmart gift card from the Northfield Class of 1979 for Northfield Guidance Department was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

From Jay Snyder, principal at Northfield Jr/Sr High School, Northfield Volleyball Received an Exemplary Behavior Report after a 5th set 16-14 win at Huntington North on Thursday August 19, 2024. Official Michael Leach reported that there was a good crowd that was playfully engaged. Players and coaches from both teams played hard and coached their teams up. It was a pleasure to work the contest.

From Amber Lewis, principal at Southwood Jr/Sr High School. "Recently the Varsity football team played our Varsity team at Northwestern HS. I just wanted to send an email saying I watched NW score a touchdown against Southwood and on the same play, #1 on Southwood's team helped a Northwestern player fix his shoulder pads that he was struggling with as it came out of his jersey. Such a nice gesture and great composure in the heat of the moment. It was very kind and thoughtful of him. I just thought I would share his kindness. It was appreciated." - Northwestern parent

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from August 27, 2024, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Claims #4 and #4A were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

2025 Budget Review:

Dr. Kuhn reviewed the 2025 Budget and Form 4 (Tax Rates).

The recommendation to approve the advertising of Form 3 in Gateway was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Financial Summary:

Dr. Kuhn reviewed the cash flow for the End of Month for August.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment Lori Sisco, Substitute Teacher, effective immediately; Valerie Dowdal, Substitute Teacher, effective immediately; Rex Reimer, Substitute Teacher, effective immediately; Deena Simpson, Bus Aide, Special Education Bus, effective September 16, 2024, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #182, leave to begin approximately November 12, 2024, returning January 6, 2024, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Pama Poe, Teacher of Visually Impaired, WMAP, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Robotics Coaches: Mark Biehl, Northfield Jr/Sr High School; Crystal Biehl, Northfield Jr/Sr High School; Amber Bretzman, Sharp Creek Elementary; Kevin Bretzman, Sharp Creek Elementary; Ham Sadler, Southwood Elementary; Dan Wright, Southwood Jr/Sr High School; Jodi Kaehr, Southwood Jr/Sr High School; Jolleen Schemenaur, Southwood Jr/Sr High School; Janette Moore, Metro North Elementary; Brandi Collins, Southwood Elementary; and Joel Nesler, Sharp Creek Elementary were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber shared a brief update on the construction projects. Southwood and Northfield Jr/Sr High Schools' digital signs are up and running.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake reported that September 13, 2024, would be a Professional Development Day for staff and students will have the day off.

New Business:

Mr. McDivitt reported on the School Improvement Plan.

The recommendation to approve White's Jr./Sr. The High School Improvement Plan was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the NIPSCO Project was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The Board discussed the Heartland Career Center Operating Agreement and it was tabled.

The recommendation to approve the overnight/out of state trip for Southwood 6th grade to Chicago, IL, March 13, 2025, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight/out of state trip for Southwood History of Rock and Roll class to the Rock Hall of Fame, Cleveland, OH, October 11, 2024, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight/extended trip for Sharp Creek Electuary 4th grade to Camp Tecumseh, Brookston, IN, October 3-4, 2024, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to salvage buses #17, #18, #21, and #35 was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

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 6:53 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