

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 24, 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 24, 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, were present. 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, Casey Stouffer, Krissy Cunningham, Dani Bassous, Gary Dawson, and Frankie Dawson.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for October 8, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, November 12, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, and December 10, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$50.00 donation from Beacon Credit Union for Northfield Golf was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$50.00 donation from McKillip Seeds for Northfield Girls Golf was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$250.00 donation from Poet for Northfield FFA was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$15,235.00 donation from Wabash County Community Foundation for Little Norse Employer Sponsored Child Care Grant with Grow Wabash County was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$50.00 donation from Happy Homemakers for Metro North students' lunch and milk expenses was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$4,700.00 donation from Wabash County Community Foundation for Little Knights Employer Sponsored Child Care Grant with Grow Wabash County was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

#### School Recognition:

Casey Stouffer recognized Dani Bassous as Teacher of the Year for Southwood Elementary and Krissy Cunningham as Staff of the Year for Southwood Elementary.

From Northfield Principal, Jay Snyder, thank you to the Student Council for planning the Olympic Theme Homecoming week last week for all students and staff to enjoy! We had the dress-up days, powder puff football game, pep rally, and dance last week and all went very well. It was great to see participation and school spirit last week at Northfield. Thanks again to the NHS Student Council.

#### Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from September 10, 2024, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Claims #5 was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

#### Financial Summary:

Dr. Kuhn reviewed the Education and Operation Funds cash flow for August.

#### 2025 Budget Hearing:

Dr. Kuhn reviewed the budget for 2025.

#### Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Lindsay Keen, Choir/Band Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective October 4, 2024, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Tonia Allen, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective September 26, 2024; Emily Trusty, Substitute Teacher, effective

immediately; Rachel Walters, Long-term Substitute Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective September 26, 2024, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

#### Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll handed out a review of the last 3 years for Heartland's Certifications/Licenses; Internships, and College Credits. He shared the donations which the school had received. Heartland has applied for a safety grant and approved the NIPSCO project.

#### Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber shared that bid phase #3 is on target for the opening of Northfield Elementary in 2026-2027. The bid opening from a couple of weeks ago will come to the Board on October 8, 2024, for a vote.

On Saturday, September 20, 2024, Melissa Ball, Transportation Director held a "Drive a Bus Day". Nine people were interested in driving a bus to learn what the process is to become a bus driver.

#### Curriculum Report:

No report.

#### New Business:

The recommendation to approve the 2024-2025 Fundraisers were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The Teacher Contract Tentative Agreement (TA) meeting. Mr. Keaffaber stated they were in year 2 of a 2-year agreement. The opener of the contract was for salary discussions only.

The Heartland Career Center Operation Agreement was discussed and it was decided to take no action at this time.

The recommendation to approve the overnight/extended field trip for Northfield FFA Soils Team to State Soils Contest (if in the top 5 at Area Contest) to Switzerland County, IN, October 11-12, 2024 was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight/extended/out of state field trip for Sharp Creek 5<sup>th</sup> grade to Chicago, IL, April 18, 2025, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight/extended/out of state trip for Sharp Creek Robotics Signature Event, December 6-7, 2024, in Monroe, MI was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight/extended field trip for Sharp Creek 4<sup>th</sup> grade to Camp Tecumseh, Brookston, IN, November 7-8, 2024, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight/extended field trip for Northfield Baseball Team to Evansville, IN, April 4-5, 2025, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight/extended field trip for Minds in Action-Level III (students participating in summer 2024 trip) Reunion at Metro North Elementary, October 5-6, 2024, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, 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 6:44 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

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Scott Haupert, 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