

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 October 8, 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 October 8, 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, Mike McDivitt, Tonya Boone, Scott Herman, Jozanna Corn, Kara Guiff, Tim Guiff, Frankie Dawson, Sherry Ridgeway, Dana Wannemacher, and Steve Holley.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for November 12, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, December 10, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, and January 14, 2025, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$300.00 donation from LIFE Sunday School Class from Bachelor Creek Church of Christ for Metro North Elementary individual student supplies, shoes, and meals was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$350.00 donation from the Urbana Fire Department for Northfield Girls Basketball was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$300.00 donation from the Urbana fire Department for Northfield Football was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$350.00 donation from the Urbana Fire Department for Northfield Tennis 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 \$750.00 donation from Keystone Cooperative for Southwood Football was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,000.00 donation from Marsh McLennan Agency for Southwood Elementary Art Room was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

Mike McDivitt, Principal at White's Jr/Sr High School and Tonya Boone, Director Bridge Program recognized Jozanna Corn as Teacher of the Year and Tim Guiff as Staff of the Year.

Student Recognition:

Governor Eric J. Holcomb and Indiana Secretary of Education Dr. Katie Jenner recently recognized educators from schools where at least 95% of students demonstrated reading proficiency in 2024 at the Statehouse. We are pleased to say that among those honored schools was Sharp Creek Elementary! Congratulations to the students and staff members at both Sharp Creek and Metro North for getting our students off to such a great start in the area of reading.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from September 24, 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 Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Payroll #6 was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Financial Summary:

Dr. Kuhn reviewed the cash balance for the September end of month.

2025 Budget Hearing:

The recommendation to approve the 2025 Budget was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2025 Bus Replacement Plan was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2025 Capital Projects Plan was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Resolution for Appropriation and Tax Rates (Form 4) was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Resolution for Appropriation Modification was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, unanimously carried.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Hannah Riggle, Educational Diagnostician, WMAP, effective October 18, 2024, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Josue Silva, Classroom Instructor, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective September 30, 2024; Rebecca Eppley, Substitute Teacher, effective immediately, Valerie Dowdal, Substitute Teacher, effective immediately were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the winter coaches for Southwood Jr/Sr High School are as follows: Casey Stouffer, Head Wrestling; Ryan Sweet, Wrestling Assistant; Kenneth Norman, Head Girls Basketball; Rod Cole, Girls Basketball Assistant; Sydney Helfin, JV Girls Basketball; Jason Corn, JV Girls Basketball Assistant; Sean Cline, 8th Grade Girls Basketball; Dan Pulley, 7th Grade Girls Basketball; Meredith Norman, 6th Grade Girls Basketball; Brian Bassett, Boys Basketball Assistant; Michael Barrett, 9th Grade Boys Basketball; Evan Deaton, 7th Grade Boys Basketball; Cameron Campbell, 8th Grade Boys Basketball; Christian Perry, Head Boys Basketball; Jim Hogan, JV Boys Basketball all were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the winter coaches for Northfield Jr/Sr High School are as follows: Rex Reimer, Head Boys Basketball; Matt Brown, Boys Basketball; Troy Baer, Boys Basketball; Kyle Oswald, Boys Basketball; Anthony Sorg, JH Boys Basketball; Hillary Eltzroth, Head Girls Basketball; Brandon Baker, Girls Basketball; Danielle Tolson, Girls Basketball; Ariel Miller, Girls Basketball; Fayth Cox, Girls Basketball; Katy Gray, Boys/Girls Swimming; Ed Shenefield, Head Wrestling; Greg Gahl, Wrestling; Kacy Gahl, Wrestling; Jim Olinger,

Wrestling; Scotty Pennington, Wrestling; Eric Kirtlan, Wrestling; Jared Brooks, Wrestling; Spencer Miller, Wrestling; Hallie Zolman, Head Cheer; Brittney Dawes, JH Cheer; Braelyn Deeter, Volunteer Cheer; Emily Pennington, 6th Grade Girls Basketball; Jenny Wilson, 6th Grade Girls Basketball all were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber shared photos of the locker rooms and weight rooms at both schools that were shared by Barton-Coe-Vilamaa Architects. The tennis court work continues. The ADM count was certified. The traditional schools had an increase from last October and overall the ADM count was down a few students from last Fall. Friday, October 11, 2024, was the end of the 1st 9 weeks and Fall Break began.

Curriculum Report:

No report.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the updated 2023-2025 Teacher Contract was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Bid Phase #3 vendors were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight/extended/out-of-state trip for Southwood High School to Tokyo, Japan, Spring Break 2026 or Fall Break 2026, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight/extended/out-of-state trip for Northfield 8th grade to Washington D. C., March 16-19, 2025, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

A motion was made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and was unanimously carried to reject the proposed Heartland Career Center Operating Agreement.

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 6:39 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