

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 November 12, 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 November 12, 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 Tim Drake, Chief Academic Officer. Absent was Chris Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent. 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, Dylan Markley, Brian Ridgeway, Sherry Ridgeway, Janette Moore, Alison Rosemeyer, Kami Ross, Joel Martin, and Steve Holley.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

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

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$110.00 donation from Jonathon Flott for Northfield Cross Country was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$2,500.00 donation from MAS & Associates Packing Group for Southwood Boys Basketball was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,487.00 donation from Harmon Photography for Southwood Elementary staff or student use was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$3,000.00 donation from Troy and Stacy Baer for Northfield Baseball was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$300.00 donation from Eric Bostwick Earth Works, LLC for Northfield Wrestling was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$150.00 donation from Hopewell Enterprises, LLC for Northfield Wrestling was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$75.00 donation from Walmart for Southwood's Trunk or Treat was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve \$28.76 donation from Long Lake Campground, LLC for Northfield FFA: Battle of the Bales was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve a \$500.00 donation from Kevin and Katie Pratt for Northfield Wrestling was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

Joel Martin, Principal at Sharp Creek Elementary, recognized Kami Ross as Teacher of the Year and Alison Rosemeyer as Staff of the Year.

Student Recognition:

The Southwood High School football team received an IHSAA exemplary behavior report from Official Brandon Shramek, who shared "I am writing to express my heartfelt admiration for the exemplary sportsmanship displayed by both Southwood High School and Wabash High School during the recent football game on September 20, 2024. It was a thrilling game, filled with remarkable skill and intense competition, but what truly stood out was the mutual respect and camaraderie exhibited by both teams. From the very beginning, it was evident that both teams were committed not only to the game but also to upholding the spirit of sportsmanship. Players encouraged one another, offered help when someone fell, and demonstrated a genuine respect for the referees' decisions. This kind of behavior is a testament to the character and integrity of both teams and sets a shining example for athletes at all levels. The way both teams celebrated good plays, whether they were their own or made by their opponents was refreshing to see. It reminded everyone in attendance that football, at its core, is not just about winning or losing, but about the joy of the game and the bonds formed through competition. Thank you for fostering an environment where sportsmanship thrives. It's moments like these that make sports a powerful tool for teaching values such as respect, teamwork, and resilience. I hope that both Wabash and Southwood continue to exemplify these qualities in future games. Congratulations once again on a fantastic game, and may you both continue to inspire through your actions on and off the field."

Tom Finicle received an IHSAA exemplary behavior report submitted by Rochester High School's athletic director, Cal Stone, in regards to the SHS vs. Rochester JV/V volleyball game. AD Stone reported, "The Rochester Student Section participated in "Tom Finicle Night" when facing off with TRC opponent Southwood. Southwood coach, Tom Finicle, embraced this night with class! He not only allowed it, but even took a photo with the entire student section after the game. Tom showed great sportsmanship by embracing this night, and allowing everyone to have fun!"

Congratulations to the Northfield Cross Country runners who advanced to regionals. Northfield had 3 girls and 3 boys qualify for regional competition. For the girls Kaleigh Rice finished 8th overall in 19:17, Teagan Baer ran 21:55 placing 32nd, Ali Copeland ran 22:12 placing 37th. The 3 boys were Eli Gahl placing 28th overall in 18:06, Kourtland Pratt was shortly after Gahl in 18:47, Ryland Miller finished in 18:58. Congrats again to these 6 runners who will be moving on to Regionals next Saturday in Huntington.

From Mrs. Moore, Principal at Metro North Elementary. Our Metro North staff made a \$500 donation to Riley Kids Caring and Sharing. This year, our donation is presented in honor of our very own Graylynn Eads. On October 31, 2024, an event was held at Riley Hospital. Sixteen Riley Hospital patients were invited to attend a Taylor Swift inspired event; the patients were nominated to attend by hospital staff. Graylynn Eads and Caisley Sorg were two of those invited, and neither knew the other was attending! During the last part of the event, the girls were told that they would all attend the Taylor Swift concert on Sunday night compliments of the Riley Children's Foundation and Lora Denny from Denny Excavating who gifted the tickets and her suite to patients.

On November 11, 2024 four of our MSDWC students shared their Minds in Action at the Wabash Rotary Meeting. Ella Cunningham (SHS), AJ Shoemaker (SHS), Preston Moore (NHS) and Hudson Texiera (SC) answered questions and talked about their summer adventures through this programming. Highlights included horseback riding, whitewater rafting, walking the Narrows at Zion National Park, making new friends and growing some independence.

Metro North welcomed over 300 students to our annual Metro North Trick or Treat night on October 29, 2024. We had 20 staff members; two student interns and the NHS cheerleaders volunteer their evening to pass out treats. Our next event is our Metro North Family Night on November 21, 2024, from 5-7 pm.

Presentation:

Dylan Markley, of Weigand gave an update of the projects.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from October 8, 2024, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

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

Payroll #7 and #8 was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Financial Summary:

In Dr. Kuhn's absence Mr. Keaffaber reviewed the end of month for October and the cash flow of the Education and Operation Funds.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Jennifer Dillingham, Cook, Northfield Jr/Sr School, effective October 11, 2024; Elisabeth Rehak, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective November 26, 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 Daisy Sparks, Band/Choir Teacher, Southwood High School, effective October 30, 2024; Cheri Mullen, Bus Driver, South, effective November 18, 2024; Taylor Zimmerman, eSports Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Mitchell Manns, eSports Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Mary Norris, Substitute Cook and Custodian, all schools, effective immediately; Emily Rehak, Substitute Teacher, all elementary schools, effective immediately; Haley Lanning, Substitute Teacher, all elementary schools, effective immediately; Ava Copeland, Substitute Teacher, all elementary schools, effective immediately; Kristen Messmore, Substitute Teacher, all schools, effective immediately; Ashley Gray, Substitute Cook and Custodian, all schools, effective immediately; Denise Burek, Substitute Cook and Custodian, all schools, effective immediately; were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of # 183, leave to begin February 17, 2025, through May 5, 2025, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Southwood winter coaches are as follows: Dallas Holmes, Assistant Boys Basketball; Scott Deaton, 7th grade Boys Basketball; Herb Carter, 7th grade Boys Basketball; Bart Stouffer, Assistant Wrestling; Ryan Sharp, Volunteer Assistant Wrestling; Conner Hobbs, 8th grade Boys Basketball; Jim Hogan, JV Boys Basketball all were approved upon a motion made Christian Rosen, and a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the winter coaches for Northfield Jr/Sr High School are as follows: Tiffany Barton, Cheer; Grant Warmuth, Assistant Wrestling; Justin Samons, Assistant Wrestling; Jaycie Krom, Volunteer Assistant Girls Basketball; Regina Davis, 3rd grade Girls

Basketball; Melissa Allen, 4th grade Girls Basketball; Andrea Beeks, 4th grade Girls Basketball, Keishia McKillip, 5th grade Girls Basketball; Nathan Culver, 5th grade Girls Basketball; Nick Haupt, 5th grade Boys Basketball; John Hines, 3rd grade Boys Basketball; Jordan Culver, 6th grade Boys Basketball; Jaxton Peas, 7th grade Boys Basketball; Scott Haupt, 7th grade Volunteer Boys Basketball; Ben Backer, 4th grade Boys Basketball; Tabitha Floor, 6th grade Boys Basketball; Jason Dawes, 8th grade Boys Basketball; Michelle Prus, 5th grade Boys Basketball; Ali Rosemeyer, 3rd grade Girls Basketball; Troy Haupt, 4th grade Boys Basketball; Jeff Driscoll, 7th grade Boys Basketball; Dylan Poole, 5th grade Volunteer Boys Basketball all were approved upon a motion made Christian Rosen, and a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported on the recent HCC Board of Managers meeting. They accepted several donations and the 2024-2025 Teacher Contract was approved.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber shared data from Parent/Teacher Conferences. The Southwood High School expanded entryway drive and lighting is moving forward. There were many steps that required approval from various entities before getting started.

Curriculum Report:

No report.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the 2025-2026 MSD District Calendar was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2025-2026 White's Jr/Sr High School Calendar was approved upon a motion by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the bid from Fort Wayne Roofing (Metal Roof Bid \$1,875,000) or AAA Roofing, Inc. (2 Ply Membrane (\$1,320,720) for Heartland Career Center. A motion was made to approve the Fort Wayne Roofing (Metal Roof Bid \$1,875,000) by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve applying the roof fund balance to the roof or save for future projects for Heartland Career Center. The motion was made to apply the roof fund balance by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve applying the NIPSCO Project Money (\$26,628.75) to the roof project or apply to the scholarship fund for Heartland Career Center. The motion was

made to apply the money to the scholarship fund by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the extended field trip for Southwood Art Club (artist Research) to Brown County, IN, November 22, 2024, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the field trip for Summer Enrichment Programming-Minds in Action-Level I, Exploring Local Resources, June 2-6, 2025, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the field trip for Summer Enrichment Programming-Minds in Action-Level II, Indiana Dunes State Park, Turkey Run State Park, Shades State Park, & Prophetstown State Park, June 9-13, 2025, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the field trip for Summer Enrichment Programming-Minds in Action-Level III, Exploring the National Parks of The Appalachian Region (Plan A or Plan B), June 15-30, 2025, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the out-of-state field trip for Mr. Zimmerman's debate team to Model United Nations (M. U. N.) Debate Team, Clay High School, Toledo, OH, November 9, 2024, 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):

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 7:04 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