

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 February 25, 2025, 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 February 25, 2025, 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 Dr. 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 Petruniew, Frankie Dawson, Gary Dawson, Sherry Ridgeway, and Brian Ridgeway.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for March 11, 2025, Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, March 25, 2025, Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and April 22, 2025, Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from an anonymous donor for the Northfield 8th grade Washington D.C. trip was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

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

The recommendation to approve the \$150.00 donation from Beacon Credit Union for Northfield Cheerleading was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$4,000.00 grant the IDOE grant/INMAC for Sharp Creek STEM summer camp program/Norsebot season was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$4,000.00 donation from Wabash Elks Lodge for Northfield Cheerleading was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

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

The recommendation to approve the \$100.00 donation from Troy and Stacy Baer for Northfield Cheerleading was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

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

The recommendation to approve the \$35.00 donation from LaFontaine Christian Church for Southwood FCA was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

#### School Recognition:

No recognition.

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

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2025, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll and unanimously carried.

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

Payroll #15 was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

#### Financial Summary:

Dr. Kuhn shared the Education Fund and Operation Fund estimated cash flow.

#### Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Erin Rice, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective February 24, 2025, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #187 to begin March 27, 2025, with a return date of August 11, 2025, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the spring coaches for Southwood Jr/Sr High School are as follows: Nathan Whybrew, Assistant Baseball; Dustin Rutledge, Assistant Baseball; Kyle Zerfas, Assistant Baseball; Myles Scott, Assistant Baseball; Cory Blocker, Head Baseball; Chad Andrews, Assistant Track; Cary Hammel, Assistant Track; Maggie Ball, Volunteer Track; Jeff Hobson, Assistant Track; Natalie Unger, Assistant Track; Gina Deaton, Assistant Track; Tonya Boone, Head Track; Carl Pace, Head Softball; Garry Marion, Assistant Softball; Chad Lambert, Assistant Softball; Heather Clark, Assistant Softball; Kristen McCoart, Assistant Softball; Gary Dale, Head Golf; Devin Dale, Assistant/JH Golf; Aeyai Saengkeo, Head Tennis, Molly Gray, Assistant Tennis; Joel Davis, Assistant Baseball, all were approved for their season on a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

#### Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported that there are 12 students in the CDL class, donations were made by Micropulse Inc. and MaCallister Machinery Company, and Mr. Hoover, Building Trades teacher, rescinded his retirement.

#### Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber reminded the Board that Weigand will make a presentation concerning the building project at the next meeting, March 11, 2025. Legislators are on a break now this week so there was no update. Upcoming events are: Academic Awards Banquet, Junior High Running Rivers Conference tournament, Boys' Sectional at Southwood Jr/Sr High School, and Salute to Ag recognizing the Merrick Farm, LLC.

#### Curriculum Report:

Tim Drake was absent therefore no report.

#### New Business:

The recommendation to approve the overnight/out-of-state senior trip for Northfield to New York, NY, March 8-13, 2025 was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2025 Secondary Summer School offerings was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a seconded by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

#### Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

The Board had the first reading of revised Board Policy #4010-Enrollment (General Requirements). The second reading and vote will be March 11, 2025.

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 6:33 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