

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 March 11, 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, Dr. Chris Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent, and Tim Drake, Chief Academic Officer were present. 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, Brian Ridgeway, Dylan Markley, and Diane Woodworth.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for March 25, 2025, Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, April 22, 2025, Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and May 27, 2025, Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$600.00 donation from Nordman Transport for Northfield Cheerleading was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$250.00 donation from Halderman Farm Management for Northfield Cheerleading was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from McKillip Seed for Northfield Cheerleading was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

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

The recommendation to approve the \$2,000.00 donation from IN/MAC Purdue for Sharp Creek Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$50.00 donation from an anonymous donor Sharp Creek Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$250.00 donation from Bippus State Bank for Northfield's Washington D. C. trip was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$75.00 donation from Derrick and Jenny Wilson for Northfield Football was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$50.00 donation from Katie and Kevin Pratt for Northfield Cheerleading was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$400.00 donation from Holley Chiropractic, LLC for Northfield Cheerleading was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from Eagles Lodge 549 for Northfield Cheerleading was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

#### School Recognition:

From Jay Snyder, Northfield Principal. Congratulations to Hank Gray and Connor Dillingham. They are the first two NHS Seniors to graduate having participated in Robotics through their Senior year! Connor and Hank are true leaders and trailblazers as they were among the first 8 years ago when Robotics was just beginning at Metro North and Sharp Creek Elementary. Thank you for your leadership, example, hard work, and dedication to help build and grow Northfield Robotics.

#### Presentation:

Dylan Markley shared a video of the most recent updates to Northfield Elementary. The current nice weather has helped.

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

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from February 25, 2025, 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 Jeff Porter, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Payroll #16 was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

#### Financial Summary:

Dr. Kuhn shared the End of Month for February.

#### Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Carrie Pugh, Paraprofessional, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective February 27, 2025; Stephanie Fisher, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective March 3, 2025, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Jaime Howell, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective March 17, 2025; Dallas Dillon, Volunteer Baseball Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Kyle Sparks, Substitute Teacher, all elementaries, effective immediately; Stephanie Willmert, Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments, WMAP; effective August 11, 2025; Deb Schenkel, Long Term Substitute Teacher, Sharp Creek Elementary; effective April 7, 2025, through May 22, 2025, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #188, beginning August 11, 2025, and returning September 2, 2025, approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Sarah Aderman from Library Aide to Technology Aide for Sharp Creek and Metro North Elementaries, effective April 7, 2025, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

#### Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported that work has started on the roof. They will be replacing sections at a time.

#### Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber shared that winter sports are almost finished for the year. Legislation is still concerning.

Curriculum Report:

Tim Drake reported that they have had several people looking at the new ELA, K-5 Book adoption, and this Friday the group of teachers will make the final decision on which they wish to go with.

New Business:

No new business.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

The Board had the second reading and vote of the revised Board Policy #4010-Enrollment (General Requirements). The recommendation to approve the revision of Board Policy #4010-Enrollment (General Requirements) were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

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 6:27 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