

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 April 22, 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 April 22, 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. Tim Drake, Chief Academic Officer was absent. On call of the roll, the members of the Board were shown to be present as follows: Jeff Porter, Kevin Bowman, and Matt Driscoll. Absent was Christian Rosen. Also present were Josh Petruniew, Frankie Dawson, Gary Dawson, Travis Jaynes, and Martina Jaynes.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for May 27, 2025, Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, June 10, 2025, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and July 8, 2025, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$350.00 donation from Corteva Agriscience MSAC for Southwood FFA was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$249.90 donation from anonymous donors and \$100.00 from Vicki Metzger (through Donors Choose) for Mrs. Harrell's Little Norse (PK4) at Metro North Elementary for materials to create morning fine motor bins in the classroom was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from Dick and Lavone Smith for Southwood Choir was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from Dick and Lavone Smith for Southwood Theater was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$2,000.00 donation from First Farmers Bank & Trust for staff appreciation was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$350.00 donation from Corteva Agriscience MSC for Northfield FFA was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

Mr. Keaffaber wanted to share Jill Glasscock's years of service as 37 years of teaching. Mrs. Glasscock is retiring after this school year.

Sharp Creek's Blue Norsebots Headed to World Robotics Championship

The Sharp Creek Robotics Team A – the Blue Norsebots. Team members Lyla Bretzman, Noah Ross, Hudson Texeria, Audrey Willett, Gabriel Hyden, and Hunter Travis have earned an invitation to compete at the VEX Robotics World Championship in Dallas, Texas this May—The Sharp Creek Norsebots are the ONLY Public School in Northern Indiana to earn a spot at the Elementary VEX robotics World Championships.

This year's competition, Rapid Relay, is a fast-paced robotics challenge that resembles basketball, requiring strategy, speed, and precision. The Blue Norsebots stood out with their innovative engineering, including a custom-designed pneumatic flipper that transfers balls between a high-goal and low-goal shooter. No other team in Indiana has a design like it, and it was this originality and ingenuity that earned them the Innovate Award at the Indiana State Championship—one of only seven judged awards that secured a spot at Worlds.

Out of over 1,000 elementary teams in Indiana, all four Sharp Creek teams advanced to the state championship, placing them in the top 122 teams in the state. The Blue Norsebots went on to finish an impressive 8th place overall at state, capping off an already incredible season.

During the regular season, under the expert guidance of Coaches Kevin and Amber Bretzman and Joel Nesler, the Blue Norsebots also brought home an array of awards:

Two-Time Teamwork Champions

Two-Time Build Award Winners

Design Award Winner

Skills Champion

Judges Award at a Signature Event (World Qualifier)

We commend these students not only for their accomplishments, but for their dedication, sportsmanship, and creativity. Their success is a shining example of what students can achieve when they are challenged, supported, and inspired.

Please join us in congratulating the Blue Norsebots and wishing them continued success as they represent Sharp Creek and Northern Indiana on the world stage.

Way to go, Blue Norsebots! We are so proud of you!

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from March 25, 2025, were approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

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

Payroll #17 and #18 were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Financial Summary:

Dr. Kuhn shared the End of Month for March.

Dr. Kuhn shared the balance of the Educational Fund and Operations Fund.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Matt Johnston, Teacher, Northfield Jr/Sr High School and Sharp Creek Elementary, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year; Hubert Baker, Bus Driver, effective immediately; Thomas Tyree, Teacher and Football Coach, Southwood Jr/ Sr High School, effective at the end of the 2024-2025, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Tracy Kennedy, Summer Secretary, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective June 3-July 23, 2025; Chris Cartwright, Volunteer Golf Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Collin Dawes, Assistant Golf Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Trae Cole, Head Golf Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Jeff Springer, Clay Target Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Logan Julian, Band Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 11, 2025; Meredith Hauptert, Math Teacher, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective August 11, 2025; MaKayla Bunnell, Long Term Substitute Teacher, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective August 11, 2025; Caleb Peare, Spanish Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr

High School, effective August 11, 2025, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Ricky Reed, Custodian, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective May 30, 2025; Brian Snodgrass, Custodian, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective May 30, 2025, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the termination of #191, effective April 7, 2025, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #190, beginning April 11, 2025, returning for the 2025-2026 school year was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Janelle Eckman, Teacher Metro North Elementary to Educational Diagnostician, WMAP, Effective the 2025-2026 school year; Evelyn Fowler, Classroom Instructor to Teacher at White's Jr/Sr High School, effective the 2025-2026 school year, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the summer school staff as follows: Janette Moore, K-8 Programming Coordinator & Minds in Action; Megan Wright, Teacher; Amber Sweet, Paraprofessional; Alissa Deeter, Teacher; Jennifer Finney, Paraprofessional; Stacey Bone, Teacher; Rebecca Elzy, Paraprofessional; Tara Hauptert, Teacher; Kayla Black, Paraprofessional; Lori Schultz, Minds in Action; Kaila Paul, Minds in Action; Heather Click, Minds in Action; Shelby Gibson, Minds in Action; Brett Evans, Minds in Action; Patty Steele, Teacher; McKayla Bunnell, Teacher; Kelly Bare, Teacher; Angie Herring, Teacher; Angie Benner, Teacher; Nicole Knox, Teacher; Tonya Boone, 9-12 Programming Coordinator; Adams Phelps, Teacher; Amy Opresik, Teacher; Tim Calloway, Teacher; Cale Parson, Teacher, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported on the recent Heartland Career Center Board meeting. The open house for the career center's construction project is May 8, 2025. They also had several donations.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber reported on the proposed Standard Operations Procedure of Transportation Outside of School District 2025-2026. He then talked about the Senate Bill 1, K-12 Impact Summary.

Curriculum Report:

No report.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the Overnight/Extended/Out of State trip for Sharp Creek Elementary Blue Norsebots to VEX IQ Robotics Competition, May 11-15, 2025, to Dallas, TX was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

The Board reviewed the first reading of Board Policy #6110 Video Cameras (revision). The second reading and vote will be May 27, 2025.

Public Comment (All Items):

There was a comment and question about the proposed SOP of Transportation Outside the District.

Items from Board Members:

No items from the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 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