

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 May 27, 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 May 27, 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: Kevin Bowman, Matt Driscoll, and Christian Rosen. Absent was Jeff Porter.. Also present were Josh Petruniew, Brian Bohlender, Brian Ridgeway, Sherry Ridgeway, Travis Hueston, and Amy Hueston.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for June 10, 2025, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, July 8, 2025, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and June 22, 2025, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$320.00 donation from Bowman Financial, LLC for Southwood Elementary for 2nd grade YMCA Swim Class was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from American Legion Auxiliary Post 95 Gas City for Southwood Elementary for Sensory and other Class Donations items was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$2,274.00 donation from the Cole Foundation for Northfield Boys Golf was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from Eagles Lodge 549 for Southwood Athletics was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$25.00 donation from Derrick and Jenny Wilson for Northfield Girls Golf 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 Swine Rock Farms, LLC for Northfield Girls Golf was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,200.00 donation from CIE for Northfield Athletics was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

Fom Jay Snyder, Northfield Principal, thank you to NHS Spanish Teacher Mrs. Beery for her hard work and dedication to our students. She gave 13 of our Spanish III students a Multilingual Proficiency test just to see how they would do in order to gauge her teaching and their learning. Four out of the thirteen Spanish III students scored at an Intermediate 5 or Advanced level on a reading and listening test typically taken by Spanish IV or V students as part of the Multilingual Proficiency certificate. This is impressive given the test's difficulty and their current level of study, and it suggests strong potential for future language work for these students.

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Northfield would like to recognize two students - 7th graders Dylan Miller and Jaymes Slone - For having perfect attendance this school year. They were the only two in the school with perfect attendance this year. Perfect means that they didn't even have a tardy in any classes! Attendance has been a point of emphasis and is crucial for young people building employability skills.

From Joel Martin, Principal at Sharp Creek Elementary, Lisa Bever has served MSD for more than 30 years, spending 29 years as a technology assistant. As one would expect, her role has evolved and grown as technology's role in education has expanded. What started as overseeing a lab of computer workstations at Sharp Creek has evolved into supporting 650 staff and students at Sharp Creek and Metro North, all of whom have their own devices. Through it all, she has led this charge with grace, dignity, positivity, and a clear vision of how technology can make meaningful impacts on education. She will be greatly missed in her retirement, not only as a valued member of our technology department, but as a member of our MSD community. Congratulations!

We had a great last few weeks of school with lots of student opportunities, experiences, and activities... 1. The 6th graders spent 3 days and 2 nights at Camp Mollenhour near Silver Lake, 2. Our 5th graders participated in their annual Red Carpet Event 4. The 3rd and 4th graders each had a local field trip day 5. Author Troy Cummings visited Sharp Creek for a full day spent with students. 6. Our Norsebots were featured on a local Dallas TV news broadcast, 7. Junior Achievement volunteers in the building having lessons with 6th grade classrooms over the course of two days.

Congratulations to Sharp Creek students who were recently honored at the Symphony in Color Reception ... Ella Clark, Paisley Rife, Beckett Culver, Sadie King, Ava Mills, Natalie Black, and Rice Dawes.

All Sharp Creek students and staff participated in Field Day / Fun Day last Thursday thanks to the planning and organizing of Mrs. France and with the help of all staff members! The cool damp weather didn't keep our students from having a great day!

Thanks to the Sharp Creek math teachers who organized and implemented a Multiplication Challenge for our students this school year ... as a result our students were able to participate in our first annual ice cream celebration afternoon the last week of school. It was lots of fun for all and we want to thank those parents who donated items and volunteered their time to dip ice cream and help with toppings!

From Janette Moore, Principal at Metro North Elementary, Metro North hosted their seventh annual Kids Fit 500 final lap on May 15. Our Metro North students and staff have walked one mile each week in preparation for this culminating event. Our students will track their progress leading up to the OneAmerica 500 Festival Mini-Marathon with the goal of walking or running 13.1 miles over the course of the program, the equivalent of a half-marathon. Our final lap includes the Indy Mini Mobile Run Team which creates an amazing environment mirroring what kids would experience at an actual marathon/5K event. This year, thirteen members of our NHS Varsity Track Team joined us in cheering on and supporting our young runners. We also partnered with Todd and Krissa Schindler and MyTEAM Triumph to ensure every student was able to participate with their peers (and at record pace). Five members of our NHS track team served as angels and ran with students throughout the final lap course. It is interesting to note that the freshman and sophomores that were helping were in 2nd and 3rd grade the year Metro North started participating in this annual event. We also had about 30 parent volunteers assisting with the event. The weather was gorgeous and our students, staff and families had an amazing time.

On May 3, we had our Metro North Mom and Son Night of Fun. Our boys and their dates enjoyed a night of bounce houses, dodgeball, tug-of-war, board games, obstacle courses, roasting hot dogs, smores, water balloons, a fire truck and much, much more! It was chilly, and we were soaked, but we made amazing memories with our moms.

On Tuesday, May 13, our Metro North artists were recognized at the Eagles Theater for their artwork submitted in the annual Symphony in Color art contest sponsored by the

Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. Congratulations to our Metro North state finalists Gannen Wallace, Emerson Allen, and Micah Rickner.

Congratulations also to our School Finalists, Cohen Coldren, Colby Gray, and Mishca Younce.

From Amber Lewis, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, 75% of SHS biology students achieved proficient or highly proficient on the ILEARN biology assessment. This is the result of Mrs. Reena Markstahler's fantastic ability to prepare biology students for this state assessment.

Larry Vaughn - 44 years of distinguished service to the students at White's.

From Mike Keaffaber, Superintendent, iRead - all students who started with us in PreK passed iRead!

From Tonya Boone, Director of Bridge and Southwood High Head Varsity Track Coach, I would like to publicly recognize and thank members of the Southwood Varsity and JH track teams for their willingness to serve at the Unified Track Meet for the elementary school students. These high school athletes did a phenomenal job assisting the elementary students by leading teams, running events, supervising and interacting with the students. Their **actions** and **interactions** exemplified what it means to be positive role models to the 190 elementary participants. Those who served were: Ella Chambers, Lola Winer, Adi Deaton. Hailey Collins, Alexis Lopez, Kaley Denney, Hannah Garrison, Andrea Widemon, Presley Kroft, Jaiya Corn, Paige Nelson, Ryleigh Pulley, Danika Hollbrook, Blake Enyeart, Owen Enyeart, Bo Liddick, Cooper Drake, James Unger, Brystol Moss, Stratten Whiteman, Victor Mondragon and 8th graders: Taylor Hacker, Ali Collins, Lillie Barney, Dillon Herst, Karston Updike, Macey Whitaker, Rowan Mealy, Elin Tyson, Aubrey Ramos, Sawyer Watkins.

Congratulations to the following Southwood Knights for qualifying for the Regional Championship in Track & Field: Jaiya Corn, Hailey Collins, Lola Winer, Paige Nelson, Presley Kroft, Alexis Lopez, Ella Chambers, Owen Enyeart, Blake Enyeart, Luke Andrews, and Cooper Drake. A special shout out to the Lady Knights 4x800m Relay team for bringing home a Sectional Championship for the 2nd year in a row.

Presentation:

Neil Beauchot from Weigand Construction presented an update on Northfield Elementary.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from April 22, 2025, were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

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

Payroll #20 and #21 were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Financial Summary:

Dr. Kuhn shared the End of Month for April.

Dr. Kuhn shared the Cash Flow for the Educational Fund and Operations Fund.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Caleb Peare, Spanish Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; J.D. Ayers, English Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School; effective the end of the 2024-2025 school year; Chris Whitacre, White's Jr/Sr High School, effective the end of the 2024-2025 school year were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Travis Hueston, Chief Financial Officer, Central Office, effective July 1, 2025; Brandi Rife, Summer Custodian, all schools, effective May 27, 2025; Mary Allen, Summer Custodian, all schools, effective May 27, 2025; August Elliott, Summer Custodian, all schools, effective May 27, 2025; Breanna Kruger, Summer Custodian, all schools, effective May 29, 2025; Randy Leech, Substitute Bus Driver, effective May 23, 2025; Amanda Watson, Summer Secretary, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective June 2, 2025; Matt Hinds, Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Dave Hinds, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effectively immediately; Brian Double, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effectively immediately; Kevin Alsup, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effectively immediately; Lisa Sarll, Pre-K Classroom Instructor, Southwood Elementary, effective August 11, 2025; Jason Reed, Custodian, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective June 2, 2025; Joshua Marley, Head Varsity Football Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Chris Cochran, Assistant Football Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Jaycie Krom, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Aiden Hosler, P.E. Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 11, 2025; Kory McKay, Assistant Football Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Heather Clark, Southwood High School, from Science Teacher to English Teacher, effective August 11, 2025, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, seconded by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Diana Ramsey, Educational Interpreter, WMAP, effective the end of the 2024-2025 school year was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, seconded by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported on the recent Heartland Career Center Board meeting. The audit has been completed. The graduation certificate ceremony was Monday, May 19, 2025. The roof project is on schedule and may be finished soon.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber showed the legislative information for ISBA and IASBO.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake reported that all students who started with us in PreK passed iRead in third grade this year! Graduation ceremony is June 1, 2025. iLearn test results will be coming at a later date.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve Weigand Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc) and Barton-Coe-Vilamaa as Architect for the South Projects was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously approved.

The recommendation to approve the school lunch prices for 2025-2026 was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Classified and Administrators raises for 2025-2026 was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The Board heard the first reading of the Bridge Handbook for 2025-2026. Second reading and vote will be at the June 10, 2025, meeting.

The Board heard the first reading of the Elementary Handbook for 2025-2026. Second reading and vote will be at the June 10, 2025, meeting.

The Board heard the first reading of the High School Handbook for 2025-2026. Second reading and vote will be at the June 10, 2025, meeting.

The recommendation to approve the Extended/Out-of-State field trip for Northfield AP Physics, AP Chemistry, and Calculus students to Cedar Point, Math and Physics Day, May 23, 2025, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

The Board heard the second reading and vote of the Transportation Outside School District SOP 2025-2026 and Request Form. Upon a motion by Matt Driscoll, and a second by Christian Rosen, it was unanimously decided to table the vote until the June 10, 2025, Board meeting.

Board Policy:

The Board heard the second reading of Board Policy #6110 Video Cameras (revision). The policy was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Public Comment (All Items):

No comments.

Items from Board Members:

No items from the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:17p.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