

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 August 12, 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 August 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Office. We will continue to livestream the meeting on Facebook Live.

Scott Haupert, Board President, called the meeting to order. Dr. Chris Kuhn, Superintendent, and Travis Hueston, Chief Financial Officer 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: Kevin Bowman, Christian Rosen, Jeff Porter, Matt Driscoll. Also present were Sherry Ridgeway, Brian Ridgeway, and Josh Putruniew.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for August 26, 2025, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building; September 9, 2025, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building; September 23, 2025, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from Bachelor Creek Church of Christ for Norse Honors was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter and a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,000.00 donation from Special Olympics Indiana of Unified Event Material for Southwood Elementary was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter and a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$165.40 donation from Community Foundation of Wabash county for Southwood Elementary was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter and a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$2,065.00 donation from: Andrew Dixon-\$1,000.00; Intrasect-\$300.00; Kim & Curt Bretzman-\$25.00; Hunter Travis' family-\$20.00; Aubrey Willett's family-\$20.00; Patricia & Richard Brewer-\$500.00; Chris & Sheri Shanks-\$75.00; Stan & Kathy Leland-\$250.00; Fraternal Order of Eagles-\$200.00 all for Sharp Creek Robotics were approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter and a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$100.00 donation from Beacon Credit Union for Southwood Girls Golf was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter and a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$2,075.00 donation from: Squeaky Clean-\$200.00; Nathan & Savannah Stouffer-\$275.00; Todd & Megan McKillip-\$100.00; Kopkey Manure Management- \$500.00; Hoch Farms-\$500.00; Donald & Kayla Black-\$100.00; Goodfellas Pizza, LLC-\$20.00 all for Northfield Youth Football were approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter and a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

No recognition.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from July 8, 2025, were approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

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

Payroll #1, #2, #3 were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Financial Summary:

Travis Hueston shared the end-of-month report for July.

2026 Budget Review:

Travis Hueston reviewed the Bus Replacement Plan 2026-2030, 2026 Capitol Projects Plan, Operation Fund Budget, and the Rainy Day Budget.

Mr Hueston asked permission to advertise the 2026 Capital Projects and Bus Replacement Plan which was approved upon the motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Erica Garber, Treasurer, Northfield and Southwood Jr/Sr High Schools, effective August 22, 2025; were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Randy Leach, Bus Driver, North, effective August 13, 2025; Kimberly Taylor, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective August 13, 2025; Adrienne Gomez, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective August 13, 2025; Ashlynn Kline, Teacher, Metro North Elementary, effective August 11, 2025; Ann

Deardorff, Physical Therapist, WMAP, effective August 11, 2025; Mary Merrell, Paraprofessional, Northfield Jr/Sr High Schools, effective August 13, 2025; Kory McKay, Paraprofessional, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 13, 2025; Shelby Meyer, Nurse/Secretary, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 11, 2025; Tammy McCollister, Substitute Cook, North Schools, effective, August 13, 2025; Rory Poston, Substitute Teacher, Elementary Schools, effective August 13, 2025; Courtney Finney, Rory Poston, Substitute Teacher, Elementary Schools, effective August 13, 2025, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #192, Leave to begin August 7, 2025, through October 6, 2025, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Cindy Klinger, At Risk Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective July 23, 2025, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation of the transfer of Cora Roser from a Paraprofessional to Pre-K 4's Teacher at Metro North Elementary effective August 11, 2025; Erin Rice, Paraprofessional from Metro North Elementary to Sharp Creek Elementary, effective August 13, 2025, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2025 Northfield Fall Coaches (all effective for the season): Andrea Beeks, Head Cross Country; Eric Kirtlan, Assistant Cross Country; Hannah Brubaker, Assistant Cross Country; Ariel Miller, Head Girls Golf; Brock Sizelove, Assistant Girls Golf; Hallie Shockome, Head Cheer; Tiffany Barton, Assistant Cheer; Brittny Dawes, JH Cheer; Brealyn Deeter, JH Cheer Volunteer; Brandon Baker, Head Football; Stan Cox, Assistant Football; Jeff Kampues, Assistant Football; Matt Burkhart, Assistant Football; Joe Halderman, Assistant Football; Micah Higgins, Assistant Football; Cale Dyson, Assistant Football; Joseph Mitchell, Assistant, Football; Jim Curry, Assistant Football; Adam Zwiebel, Assistant Football; Josh Bickel, Assistant Football; Casey Dyson, 8th Grade Volleyball; Tiffany Livesay, Head Volleyball; Shelly Myers, Assistant Volleyball; Kat Hauptert, Assistant Volleyball; Kinzie Griffin, 7th Grade Volleyball; Emily Pennington, JV Volleyball, 2025, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2025 Southwood Fall Coaches (all effective for the season): Kameron Shuck, Assistant Football; Rachel Hurst, JH Volleyball; Kelsey Niccum, JH Volleyball; Laura Langebartels, 6th Grade Volleyball; Gracie Snyder, 6th Grade Volleyball were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Dr. Kuhn reported what was given by Floyd McWhirt, Heartland Career Center, Director. He reported that the roof on the school is complete; Hired new staff, and started offering an ABC program

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Kuhn reported on HEA 1002 (evaluation updates). He reviewed this bill and the changes. He stated that evaluation plan aggregates for certified staff are to be reported by August 15, 2025. He shared the MSD magazine that went out to all the people in our district, praising Laura Langebartels for her work on the magazine.

Curriculum Report:

Tim Drake reported on Academic Placement (AP) and Indiana College Core (ICC) results. MSDWC had numerous students achieve high scores/passing ratings.

New Business:

The Public Hearing for Formal Bargaining (I.C. 20-29-6-1) was opened by Scott Hauptert. After no comments or questions were made the meeting was closed by Scott Hauptert.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

First Reading of revised Board Policy #4085: Student Attendance. Second reading and vote will be August 26, 2025.

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 6:49 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