

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 26, 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 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Office. We will continue to livestream the meeting on Facebook Live.**

Christian Rosen, Board Vice-President, called the meeting to order. Dr. Chris Kuhn, Superintendent, Travis Hueston, Chief Financial Officer, 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 and Jeff Porter. Absent were Matt Driscoll and Scott Haupert. Also present were Sherry Ridgeway, Brian Ridgeway, Amber Lewis, and Josh Petruniw.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for September 9, 2025, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building; September 23, 2025, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and October 14, 2025, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$100.00 donation from Draper's Auto Sales for Northfield Girls Golf was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman and a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$100.00 donation from Thorne Insurance for Northfield Girls Golf was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman and a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$100.00 donation from Anderson Truck Lines for Southwood Athletics was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman and a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from Wendt, LLP for Southwood Athletics was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman and a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,000.00 donation from Urbana Fire Department for Northfield Girls Golf was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman and a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$100.00 donation from Wabash County Truck Wash for Northfield Girls Golf was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman and a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$100.00 donation from Charcroff Brothers, Inc for Northfield Girls Golf was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman and a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$100.00 donation from Hauptert Brothers, Inc, for Northfield Girls Golf was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman and a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$25.00 donation from Adam Cartwright for Northfield Girls Golf was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman and a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

#### School Recognition:

Amber Lewis recognized Jordan Boyer, Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School for being selected as the school's Teacher of the Year, Amanda Watson, Athletic Secretary, Southwood Jr/Sr High School for being recognized as the Staff of the Year. Dr. Kuhn and Amber Lewis shared why each was selected for their respective areas.

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

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from August 12, 2025, were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

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

No payroll was available for approval.

#### Financial Summary:

Travis Hueston shared the July cash flow.

#### 2026 Budget Review:

Travis Hueston reviewed the 2026 Education Fund Budget, 2026 Debt Service Fund, and Form 3.

Mr Hueston asked permission to advertise the 2026 Budget which was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously approved.

#### Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Meryn Norman, Volunteer Theater Director, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Janet Bilyew, Substitute Teacher, All Schools, effective immediately; Audrey Ball, Substitute Teacher, Elementary Schools, effective immediately; August Elliott, Classroom Instructor, Southwood Elementary, effective September 2, 2025; D.J. Marshal, JH Football Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Angela Sisco, Substitute Teacher, All Schools, effective immediately were approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation of the transfer of Amanda Watson, transferring from Athletic Secretary to Treasurer/Athletic Secretary at Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 25, 2025; Kory McKay, transferring from full-time Paraprofessional to part-time Paraprofessional and part-time Classroom Instructor, at Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective September 2, 2025, were approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2025 Northfield Fall Coaches (all effective for the season): Nathan Culver, Assistant Volleyball, was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2025 Southwood Fall Coaches (all effective for the season): Jacob Kerstner, JH Football was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

#### Heartland Career Center Report:

Dr. Kuhn reported what was given by Matt Driscoll. He reported that the ABC program has 27 students in the program. Heartland Career Center has 590 students enrolled. HCC held a “meet the teacher night” before the start of school. There were several donations that were accepted.

#### Superintendent’s Report:

Dr. Kuhn shared the Southwood Projects Bonding Calendar review with the Board. He also shared that Sharp Creek Robotics has received a \$66,554.36 robotic grant.

#### Curriculum Report:

Tim Drake reported on iRead results. MSD overall had a 99.2% pass rate. He stated that these results are a powerful testament to our district’s commitment to literacy. This success comes from the collaborative efforts of our paraprofessionals, teachers, administrators, and families who all work together to support our students’ reading development. The results highlight the power of our whole community’s approach to education.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the Corporate Authorization Resolution was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

Second Reading and Vote of revised Board Policy #4085: Student Attendance was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, 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 6:39 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