

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 September 23, 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 September 23, 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, 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, Jeff Porter, Matt Driscoll, and Christian Rosen. Also present were Sherry Ridgeway, Tonya Boone, Lindsay Lovatto, Nate Plyler, Mike McDivitt, Chloe Plyler and Josh Petruniew.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for October 14, 2025, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, November 11, 2025, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and December 9, 2025, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building,

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$400.00 donation from Downtown Nutrition-Kelly Bever, Owner for Northfield Cross Country was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,000.00 donation from Mast Beef and Sarah Mast, REAL Broker, LLC (\$500.00 each) for Northfield Wrestling was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$150.00 donation from FJ Rettig Industrial Supply for Southwood Theater program was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$100.00 donation from CIE, LLC for Southwood Theater program 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 Wabash Elks Lodge 471 for Northfield Wrestling was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$2,500.00 donation from Complete Glass Solutions for Southwood Athletics was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$600.00 donation from Gaunt & Son Asphalt for Southwood, the cost of paving the senior parking spots was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

Mike McDivitt recognized Nate Plyler, Teacher, White's Jr/Sr High School for being selected as the school's Teacher of the Year and also MSD District Teacher of the Year. Tonya Boone, Director of the Bridge Program recognized Lindsay Loveatto as the Staff Member of the year.

Other school recognitions were, Casey Stouffer, Southwood Elementary Principal, a special thank you to our amazing Southwood Elementary librarian, Karin Tart! She did a great job with an incredible Book Fair and Family Fun Night! Thanks to her hard work and creativity, we raised funds to support and grow our school library. Thank you, Mrs. Tart, for making reading fun and bringing our community together!

Brian Miller, Technology Integration and Aaron Hyden, Director of IT would like to recognize and celebrate Shirley Haynes for her 13 years of service to MSD Wabash County. It has been a blessing to work with Shirley for these last 10 years as a member of our technology department. During that time, we have had a front-row seat to her dedication to helping our staff and district work effectively and efficiently. Her amazing work ethic, incredible problem-solving abilities, and strong desire to learn have propelled our district forward. Thank you, Shirley. We appreciate your many years of service to our school district and community.

From Jay Snyder, Principal at Northfield Jr/Sr High School. Northfield wants to recognize our girls golf team for winning the first girls golf sectional in school history. Congratulations to coach Ariel Miller and team members Ayla Dale, Addy Sorg, Vivian Hauptert, Montgomerie Dawes, and Cassidy Cartwright. The Norse improved to a record breaking record of 45-5. The Norse continue their season as they head up to Noble Hawk Golf Course on Friday to compete in regionals.

We'd like to recognize our cafeteria staff for their amazing work getting students lunches during a power outage on Monday 9/22/25. There was no panic and all professionalism as they served food, kept records, washed tables, etc.

From Janette Moore, Principal of Metro North Elementary. Congratulations to our Metro North Little Norse Preschool for once again soaring through their preschool licensing visit. For the eighth year, our Little Norse preschool has achieved this annual requirement, allowing our program to qualify for state funding and CCDF vouchers. The state licensing visit evaluates the overall health and safety of our program.

Thank you to our Metro North PTO and Metro North Staff for hosting our annual Metro North Ice Cream Social. On Thursday, September 18, 2025 we served approximately 400 ice cream sundaes with all the toppings imaginable to our students and their families.

Thank you to our Metro North staff for keeping school as normal as possible during the power outage on Monday. The lack of lighting did not slow anyone down, and school resumed which led to our students remaining calm throughout the experience. Special thanks and a HUGE shout-out to our cafeteria staff - Ashley Shafer, Sandra Frazier, Angie Dyson, Christina Houlihan-Willet - these amazing ladies continued our lunch service in the low-lighting conditions and didn't skip a beat. Just another great example of our MSDWC vision - driven to take initiative, rolling up our sleeves and getting the job done.

From Joel Martin, Principal of Sharp Creek Elementary. We wish to recognize the fact that our capable food service staff did a great job of being flexible when we lost power in the building yesterday... Great job Brandi Rife, Carla Dietrich, and Deb Honeycutt!

Thanks to all coaches and sponsors who are giving Sharp Creek students high quality after school opportunities this Fall in Cross Country, Football, K-Kids, Robotics, and Volleyball.

Congratulations to our recent Sharp Creek Good Citizen Winners ... 3rd grader Penelope Hyden, 4th grader Nathan Garrett, 5th grader Tilly Stutzman, and 6th grader Jayden Lycan!

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from September 9, 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 Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Payroll #5 was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Financial Summary:

The Public Hearing was conducted by Travis Hueston. He stated that the 2026 Bus Replacement Plan, 2026 Capitol Projects Plan, and 2026 Budget had no changes that were made.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Randi Nicoll, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective September 22, 2025; Taylor Zimmerman, eSports Coach, NorthfieldJr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Ham Sadler, Robotic Coach, Southwood Elementary, effective immediately; Brandi Collins, Robotics Coach, Southwood Elementary,

effective immediately; Jason Lysons, Robotics Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Matt Hodson, Robotic Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Scott Ross, Robotic Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Mark Biehl, Robotics Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Amber Bretzman, Robotics Coach, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective immediately; Kevin Bretzman, Robotic Coach, Sharp Creek Elementary; Jodi Kaehr, Robotics Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Dan Wright, Robotics Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Jolleen Schemenaur, Robotics Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Lydia Vigar, Substitute Teacher, all schools, effective immediately; Joshlinne Rowe, Substitute Teacher, all schools, effective immediately, were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and were unanimously carried.

The recommendation of #195, employment was terminated effective September 22, 2025, was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and were unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll gave an update from the last HCC board meeting.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Kuhn shared the construction updates through a video that Weigand produced.

Curriculum Report:

No report.

New Business:

The second Preliminary Determination Hearing was opened.

The recommendation to adopt the project resolution was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to adopt the preliminary determination resolution was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to adopt the reimbursement resolution was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

That concluded the Preliminary Determination Hearing.

The Tentative Agreement Meeting was a review of the Teacher Contract with changes that were proposed.

The recommendation to approve White's Jr/Sr High School Improvement Plan was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the School Fundraisers for 2025-2026 were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

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

The Recommendation to approve a salvage bus donation to Abundant Life Church was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the out-of-state field trip for Southwood 6th grade to Chicago, IL, March 6, 2026, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight field trip for Southwood Elementary 4th grade to Pioneer Heritage Camp, Camp Tecumseh, Brookston, IN, November 6-7, 2025, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Minds in Action-Level 1, Exploring Local Resources, June 2-5, 2026, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Minds in Action-Level 2, Spring Mill State Park, Turkey Run State Park, Shades State Park, and Prophetstown State Park, June 8-12, 2026 was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Minds in Action-Level 3, Exploring the National State Parks of the Western Region, June 14-29, 2026, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the extended field trip for 8-12 grades Southwood Jr/Sr High School to England and Scotland, date to be determined (end of June 2027-beginning of July 2027) was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter and seconded by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

No Board policy.

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 6:59 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