

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 October 14, 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 October 14, 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 and Matt Driscoll. Absent were Jeff Porter and Christian Rosen. Also present were Gary Dawson, Frankie Dawson, Joel Martin, Ariel Miller, Morgan Blocher, and Josh Petruniew.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for November 11, 2025, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, December 9, 2025, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and January 13, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$250.00 donation from Joshua Bowyer for Southwood Band was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$100.00 donation from Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club for Northfield Robotics and Wrestling (\$50.00 each) was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from Mann & Swine Rick Farms for Northfield Girls Golf was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the anonymous donation for \$67.00 for Southwood Theater was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$150.00 donation from the family/friends of Hannah Wilson was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$25.00 donation from Phyliss Jivery for Southwood High School Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

#### School Recognition:

Joel Martin recognized Ariel Miller, Teacher, Sharp Creek Elementary for being selected as the school's Teacher of the Year and Morgan Blocher as the Staff Member of the year.

From Amber Lewis Southwood Jr/Sr High School Principal. Congratulations to Olivia Ranck, Makenna Hunter, and Bailey Petro for being selected for the Indiana All-State Honor Choir 2026.

Congratulations to senior Madison Chenoweth who represented SHS in the girls golf regional on September 26th. Madison's solid performance included a hole in one on hole #17!

From Casey Stouffer, Southwood Elementary Principal. Thursday, October 2nd was Custodian Appreciation Day, and we want to take a moment to recognize and thank our incredible SES custodians; Teresa Baker, Jennifer Miracle, and Dani Stout for the amazing work they do every single day. They keep our building clean, safe, and welcoming, and their efforts play a huge role in making Southwood Elementary a great place to learn and grow. We truly appreciate all the behind-the-scenes work they do to support our students, staff, and school community.

From Janette Moore, Metro North Elementary Principal. Mrs. Moore received the following communication from a parent.

"I just wanted to share with you that Mrs. Patrick is hands down the best! You definitely got a fantastic teacher with her. I gave her a heads up that our daughter was extra emotional today because she woke up to find one of her fish had died. Mrs Patrick and our daughter "shopped" for new fish to send me pictures of what she wanted. Mrs. Patrick printed off some fish coloring pages to help her feel better! You only ever read about the bad in schools but not with you guys! You guys all deserve recognition for being so fantastic!

Thank you, Mrs. Patrick, and all MSDWC teachers and staff for continuing to go above and beyond for students.

On October 3, Metro North PTO hosted our Mom and Son Night of Fun. The weather was beautiful, the activities were a blast, and our guests were the absolute best. We enjoyed roasting hot dogs and smores, pony rides, the petting zoo, water balloon battles, dodgeball, the bounce house, pumpkin bowling, pumpkin painting, and more. Thank you to our PTO for an incredible event and to all of our volunteers that worked behind the scenes to make this night so much fun!

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from September 23, 2025, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

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

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

Financial Summary:

Travis Hueston, CFO, reviewed the end of month for September and the cash flows.

2026 Budget Adoption:

The recommendation to approve the 2026 Bus Replacement Plan was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, seconded by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2026 Capitol Projects Plan was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, seconded by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Resolution for Appropriation & Tax Rates-Form 4 were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, seconded by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Resolution for Appropriation Modification was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, seconded by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Shirley Haynes, Substitute Cook, North Schools, effective October 20, 2025; Braelyn Pearson, Secretary/Bookkeeper, Metro North Elementary, effective October 8, 2025; Victoria Planck, Substitute Nurse, all schools, effective immediately; Jeff Bowling, Custodian, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective October 16, 2025; Angela Knotts, Substitute Cook, all schools, effective immediately; Michael Rehak, Substitute Teacher, all schools, effective immediately, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, seconded by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve Northfield Winter Coaches, all effective for the winter season are as follows: Rex Reimer, Head Varsity Boys Basketball; Matt Brown, Asst. Boys Basketball; Cody Gibson, Asst. Boys Basketball; Scott Hauptert, JH Boys Basketball; Jaxton

Peas, 8th Grade Boy Basketball; Joe Halderman, 7th Grade Boys Basketball; Michelle Prus, 6th Grade Boys Basketball; Jason Dawes, 6th Grade Boys Basketball; Troy Hauptert, 5th Grade Boys Basketball; Matt Hinds, Head Varsity Girls Basketball; Dave Hinds Asst. Girls Basketball; Brian Double, Asst. Girls Basketball; Kevin Alsup, Asst. Girls Basketball; Jacie Krom, JV Girls Basketball; Ariel Miller, 8th Grade Girls Basketball; Fayth Cox, 7th Grade Girls Basketball; Nathan Culver, 6th Grade Girls Basketball; Andrea Beeks, 5th Grade Girls Basketball; Andrea Beeks, 5th Grade Girls Basketball; Melissa Allen, 5th Grade Girls Basketball; Ed Shenefield, Head Wrestling; Eric Kirtlan, Asst. Wrestling; Spencer Miller, Asst. Wrestling; Justin Sammons, Vol. Asst. Wrestling; Grant Warmut Vol. Asst. Wrestling; Hallie Shockome, Head Cheer; Tiffany Barton, Asst. Cheer; Britny Dawes, Head JH Cheer; Braelyn Deeteer, Asst. Cheer; Mick Jarrett, 6th Grade Boys Basketball; Ben Backer, 5th Grade Boys Basketball; Nick Hauptert, 3rd Grade Boys Basketball; Danielle Whiteman, 3rd Grade Boys Basketball; Nicole Knox, Asst. Wrestling, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Southwood High School Winter Coaches, all effective for the winter season are as follows: Christian Perry, Head Varsity Boys Basketball; Brian Bassett, Asst. Boys Basketball; Jim Hogan, JV Boys Basketball; Mike Barrett, Freshman Boys Basketball; Aidan Hosler, 8th Grade Boys Basketball; Kory McKay, 7th Grade Boys Basketball; Evan Deaton, 6th Grade Boys Basketball; Kenneth Norman, Head Varsity Girls Basketball; Rod Cole, Asst. Girls Basketball; Jason Corn, Asst. Girls Basketball; Sydney Helfin, JV Girls Basketball; Dan Pulley, 8th Grade Girls Basketball; Sean Cline, 7th Grade Girls Basketball; Casey Stouffer, Head Varsity Wrestling; Bart Stouffer, Asst. Wrestling; Ryan Sweet Asst. Wrestling were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Kuhn shared that fall break is next week, this Thursday, October 16, 2025, will be parent-teacher conferences. He also stated that they have signed off on the ADM count with the total number of students being 2090.

Curriculum Report:

No report.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the 2025-2027 MSDWC Teacher Contract was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a secondary by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendars (District and White's) were approved upon a motion by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight/extended field trip for Southwood 8th & 9th grade classes to Washington DC, April 8-11, 2025 was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight field trip for Minds in Action-Level III (students participation in summer 2025 trip) November 21-22, 2025, at Metro North Elementary was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

The first reading to approve the removal of Board Policy #3290-Teacher Appreciation Grant. The second reading and vote will be November 11, 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 6:35 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

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Scott Hauptert, 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