

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 December 9, 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 December 9, 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, Matt Driscoll, Jeff Porter, and Christian Rosen. Also present were Gary Dawson, Frankie Dawson, Sherry Ridgeway, Brian Ridgeway, Janette Moore, Danielle Renbarger, Adam Renbarger, and Stacey Meredith (and family).

Future Board meetings are scheduled for January 13, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, January 27, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and February 10, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$1,089.00 donation from Harmon Photography for Metro North Elementary for school photos was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously approved.

The recommendation to approve the \$400.00 donation from an anonymous donor for Sharp Creek Elementary. A Gift of \$100.00 to each of the grade levels was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously approved.

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from an anonymous donor for Metro North Elementary classrooms was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously approved.

The recommendation to approve the \$16.00 donation from Angela Becker Orthodontics, P.C. for Southwood Elementary student or staff use was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously approved.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,200.00 donation from Blackbaud Giving Fund for Northfield Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously approved.

The recommendation to approve the \$13,000.00 donation from Southwood Booster Club for \$1,000.00 donation to 13 Athletic Programs was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously approved.

#### School Recognition:

Janette Moore, Principal at Metro North Elementary, recognized Stacey Meredith, Teacher, for being selected as the school's Teacher of the Year and Danielle Renbarger as the Staff Member of the year.

From Jay Snyder, Principal at Northfield Jr/Sr High School, our Girls Wrestling Team received an exemplary behavior report from official Eric Lopshire while competing at a Triple Dual Meet with Norwell on 11/12/25. Mr. Lopshire stated that the entire girls wrestling team conducted themselves with good sportsmanship.

NHS boys wrestling team also received an exemplary behavior report from Official Eric Lopshire at our home Bill Campbell Invitational Tournament held Saturday, 11/22. All six teams exhibited good sportsmanship athletes and coaches alike. Congratulations to the Norse on winning the tournament and also beating Oak Hill for the first time in 30 years. Good luck the remainder of wrestling season.

Congratulations to Fiona Schnelker and Collin Biehl, who have worked hard to audition into The Three Rivers Honors Band. They'll be performing at Purdue Fort Wayne in December with other students from all over northern Indiana and northwest Ohio.

From Amber Lewis, Principal at Southwood Jr/Sr High School, congratulations to Natalie Deck who qualified as an individual for the State FFA Entomology Contest that will be held on Saturday December 13, 2025 at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Lebanon.

From Adam Tussinger, I wanted to recognize Thomas Finicle & the rest of the staff at Southwood for the work that they put in to ensure that game days run smoothly. He was willing to go above and beyond to make sure that our needs were met and did everything with a positive attitude. We're thankful for their hospitality and wish them the best of luck the rest of this year.

Congratulations to Hailey Collins and Olivia Ranck for earning IATCCC (Indiana Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches) Academic All State Honor Mention recognition for the efforts in the classroom and on the athletic course.

From Tonya Boone, Track and Cross Country Coach, congratulations to Hailey Collins and Olivia Ranck for earning IATCCC (Indiana Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches) Academic All State Honor Mention recognition for the efforts in the classroom and on the athletic course.

From Janette Moore, Principal at Metro North Elementary, on November 19, 2025, Metro North art teacher, Katy Gray, and fourteen Metro North students were recognized at the Honeywell Center's Winter Banner Reception. Congratulations to our Metro North finalists:

Sienna Hauptert, Brynn Wiley, Maelynn Stouffer, Hadley Tolson, Tilly Couch, Marshall Richman, Nora Hays, Solveigh Bever, Leightyn Stith, Zoe Couch, Paisley Campbell, Chloe Davis, Bristol France, and Chloe Williamson.

Sienna Hauptert and Chloe Williamson are banner winners and have their artwork reproduced on a banner and hanging from the light poles outside the Honeywell Center during the winter season.

Our Metro North Family Night was November 20, 2025. We had over 300 guests join us for a night of fun games and crafts, free dinner and an opportunity to visit the Metro North Scholastic Book Fair.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from November 11, 2025, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

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

Payroll #9 and #10 were approved upon a motion made by Christian, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Financial Summary:

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

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Jef Maslan, Classroom Instructor, White's Jr/Sr High School, effective November 25, 2025; Megan Davis, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective November 11, 2025, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, seconded by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Shirley Haynes, Work Base Learning Coordinator for the Bridge Program, effective January 5, 2026; John Hines, Substitute Teacher, all schools, effective immediately; Mike Keaffaber, Substitute Bus Driver, effective immediately; Cory Brainer, 3rd and 4th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective immediately; Brett Williams, 4th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective immediately; Marge Bowman, Substitute Nurse, all schools, effective immediately; Hailey Lyon, Secretary/Bookkeeper, Southwood Elementary, effective December 19, 2025; Destiny Smith, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective December 9, 2025, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, seconded by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #196, beginning January 8, 2026, for approximately 8 weeks was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, seconded by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

#### Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported that the graphic design classes are making a project and hopefully will be able to sell it as a fund raiser for the school. The results of count day were 570 students. The CDL class has 23 applications and will need to get that number down to 12 students. The school received some welding supplies. The machine class received a donation for new equipment from Vincennes University.

#### Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Kuhn shared that he will have the numbers for the December 1, 2025 count for Special Education.

The total for the recent fund drive of United Fund saw MSDWC higher than ever before.

A winter weather update, as we've already had 2 closings. MSDWC has 6 days left they can use for closures to implement eLearning Days this school year.

He also stated that the State Board of Accounts will be conducting their 2-year evaluation of MSDWC.

#### Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake, with the help of Mike Keaffaber, drove students to Indianapolis to the Supreme Court and the students were able to listen to 2 different court cases. Students were complimented on their behavior for the day.

#### New Business:

The recommendation to approve the End of Year Resolution was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman and seconded by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer from Operations Fund to Rainy Day Fund was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve Isabel Scheffer, to assume the board position of Holley Kendall, to the Roann Paw Paw Township Library Board of Trustees for a term ending in January 2030 was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Northfield senior class trip to New York, NY and Boston, MA, March 17-12, 2026, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Northfield 8th Grade class to Washington, D.C., March 15-18, 2026, was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

No unfinished business.

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 6:41 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

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Scott Haupt, 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

Board Meeting December 9, 2025