

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 February 10, 2026, 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 February 10, 2026, 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. Absent was Christian Rosen. On call of the roll, the members of the Board were shown to be present as follows: Kevin Bowman, Matt Driscoll, and Jeff Porter. Also present were Gary Dawson, Frankie Dawson, Sherry Ridgeway, and Brian Ridgeway.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for February 24, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building; March 10, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building; and March 24, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$250.00 donation from Beacon Credit Union for Northfield Cheerleading was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, seconded by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$350.00 donation from the LaFontaine Christian Church for Southwood FCA was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, seconded by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$300.00 donation from KLN Property, LLC for Northfield Baseball was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, seconded by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$50.00 donation from Kevin and Amber Killen for Northfield Baseball was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, seconded by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$300.00 donation from Shepherd's Chevrolet SMC of Wabash for Northfield Baseball was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, seconded by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from Halderman Farm Management Service, Inc. for Northfield Cheerleading was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, seconded by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from Kalenborn Abresist Corporation for Northfield Cheerleading was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, seconded by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$50.00 donation from Shepherd's Chevrolet GMC of Wabash for Northfield Cheerleading was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, seconded by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

From Northfield Jr/Sr High School Principal, Jay Snyder, congratulations to our 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team on being runners up in the RRC Tournament last Saturday. This team came together, played hard and just came up a little short against Wabash in the Championship Game. They surprised teams on their run to the final game and were the underdog story of the tournament.

Northfield Wrestling placed 3rd overall at Regionals and will send 5 to the Fort Wayne Semi-State this Saturday. The Norse were led by undefeated Regional Champion Elijah Gahl (175). Joining Gahl at Semi-State are runners-up Rylan Turner (215) and Cail Dunphy (285), 3rd-place finisher Tayten Barlow (144), and 4th-place finisher Brayden Rice (138). Notably, Barlow's performance earned him his 132nd career victory, tying the Northfield school record.

Congratulations to Northfield's Band Students who participated in the ISSMA Solo & Ensemble Contest last Saturday at Eastbrook High School! 8th Grade Trumpet player Andrew Biehl received a Silver Medal for his solo. High School Band Students Collin Biehl, Kash Laferney, and Fiona Schnelker all received Gold ratings on their solos, and are preparing to perform at the State contest in Indianapolis on February 28, 2026.

On Friday February 6th Huntington University held the reception for its 21st Annual High School Art Exhibit. Six Northfield Jr./ Sr. High School students were recognized for artistic talent: Rylan Schultz - Outstanding Achievement, Eli Gahl - Outstanding Achievement, Emerson Zwiebel - Outstanding Achievement, Zoey Music - Outstanding Achievement, Jackson Mercer - 1st Place 3-D, Saige Martin - 2nd Place 2-D.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The minutes from January 27, 2026, Regular Meeting, were approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The minutes from the January 27, 2026, Board of Finance Meeting were approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

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

Payroll #14 was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Financial Summary:

Travis Hueston, CFO, reviewed claims, payroll, and the end of month cash balances for January.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Lee Evans, Assistant Football Coach, Southwood Varsity, effective the beginning of the 2026 season; Nancy Weibel, Substitute Custodian, all schools, effective immediately; Brittany Thompson, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective February 2, 2026, were approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Tammy Shafer, Teacher, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective at the end of the 2025-20236 school year was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #200, beginning February 26, 2026, return date to be determined was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve Southwood 2026 spring coaches are as follows: Cory Blocker, Head Baseball; Christian Deeter, Assistant Baseball; Payton Deeter, Assistant Baseball; Evan Deaton, Assistant Baseball; Tonya Boone, Head Track; Cary Hammell, Assistant Track; Jay Wyatt, Assistant Track; Jeff Hobson, Assistant Track; Jacob Marlow, Assistant Track; Maggie Ball Assistant Track Volunteer; Chad Andrews, Assistant Track; Carl Pace, Head Softball; Garry Marion, Assistant Softball; Chad Lambert, Assistant Softball; Heather Clark, Assistant Softball; Gary Dale, Head Golf; Devon Dale, Assistant Golf; Aeyia Saengkeo, Head Tennis; Conner Woods, Assistant Track; Michael Moreno, Assistant Baseball all for their season were approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Mr. Driscoll reported on the Precision Ag class possibly taking over the farming of the plot next to the HCC building and they will be looking to vote on that at their next meeting. He also shared that they will be touring the new Parkview Health Building for potential of renting space for HCC programming.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Kuhn gave a legislative update and shared some information from the previous days Professional Development.

Curriculum Report:

No report.

New Business:

The recommendation to revise the 2026-2027 District Calendar to add Make Up Days on January 18th and February 15th was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Food2School Purchasing Cooperative Awards for the 2026-2027 school year was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

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.

The recommendation to approve the extended field trip for Square One Developers to tour Indiana State House, Meet State Leaders, and discuss key legislative issues, February 24, 2026, Indianapolis, IN was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the extended/overnight camping trip for Sharp Creek 6th grade to Silver Lake, IN, May 20-22, 2026, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

The Board heard the first reading to update Board Policy #6160 Capital Asset threshold from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00.

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 6:34 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

February 10, 2026