

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 24, 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 24, 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. On call of the roll, the members of the Board were shown to be present as follows: Kevin Bowman, Matt Driscoll, Christian Rosen, and Jeff Porter. Also present were Gary Dawson, Frankie Dawson, and Josh Petrunew.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for March 10, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building; March 24, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and April 14, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$50.00 donation from Wabash Animal Shelter, Inc. for Northfield Cheerleading was approved upon a motion made Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$300.00 donation from Stine Tire for Northfield Cheerleading was approved upon a motion made Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$300.00 donation from Dave' Carpet for Northfield Baseball was approved upon a motion made Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from Ford Meter Box for Southwood Baseball was approved upon a motion made Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$5,000.00 donation from CIE, LLC for Southwood Baseball was approved upon a motion made Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

#### School Recognition:

From NorthfieldJr/Sr High School Principal, Jay Snyder, congratulations to 6th place finisher at 175lbs: Elijah Gahl at the state wrestling tournament this last weekend. Eli had a 50-3 record on the season. He was able to bring home a medal for boys wrestling for the first time at NHS since 1990. Eli went 2-2 at the state tournament.

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

No comments were made.

The minutes from February 10, 2026, Regular Meeting, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Claims were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen a second by Jef Porter, and unanimously carried.

Payroll #15 was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

#### Financial Summary:

Travis Hueston, CFO, reviewed January Operations Fund and Education Fund cash flow/balances.

#### Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignations of Julie Gogolewski, Cook, Southwood High School, effective March 20, 2026; Emily Gibson, Cook, Northfield High School, effective February 25, 2026, were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Tabitha Cline, Assistant Tennis, Southwood High School, effective immediately; Amy Powell, Clay Target Coach, Northfield High School, effective immediately; Lucas Haupert, Livestock Coach for FFA, Northfield High School, effective immediately; Morgan Lloyd, Assistant Baseball Coach, Southwood High School, effective immediately; Leon Foust, JH Softball Northfield High School, effective immediately; Melissa Allen, JH Softball Northfield High School, effective immediately; Emily Myers, JH Softball Northfield High School, effective immediately; Taylor Wilson, JH Softball Northfield High School, effective immediately; Jeff Springer, Clay Target Coach, Southwood High School, effective immediately; Todd McKillip, JH Baseball Northfield High School, effective immediately; Kiel Aderman, Assistant Track, Northfield High School, effective immediately; Kyle Oswalt, Assistant Track, Northfield High School, effective immediately; Danielle Whiteman, JH Track, Northfield High School, effective immediately; Ron Huston, JH Golf, Southwood High School, effective immediately; Brad Wright, JH Golf, Southwood High

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

#### Heartland Career Center Report:

Mr. Driscoll shared that the Cosmetology class is selling pies to raise money to help with class needs; several donations were made to the school. He was happy to announce the building trades teacher, Mr. Hoover, will be back for another year. The big news was on the Precision Ag class taking over the farming of the plot next to the HCC building next year. That was approved by the HCC board.

#### Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Kuhn shared the video on the Northfield project and Metro North project. Bids will need to be in for the Southwood project by March 14, 2026.

He shared that the Legislators have this week to finalize their bills to be put into place and highlighted a few of the bills that will impact education.

#### Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake said that testing will begin soon in the schools.

#### New Business:

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

The recommendation to approve to salvage Bus #61 was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the extended day field trip for Sharp Creek 5th Grade to Chicago, IL, April 17, 2026, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the field trip for Southwood High School Choir to compete in the ISSMA State Competition in Indianapolis, February 21, 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:

The Board heard the second reading and voted to update Board Policy #6160 Capital Asset threshold from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 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 6:27 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

February 24, 2026