

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 April 14, 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 April 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Office. We will continue to livestream the meeting on Facebook Live.

Scott Hauptert, Board President, called the meeting to order. Dr. Chris Kuhn, Superintendent and Travis Hueston, Chief Financial Officer, were present. On call of the roll, the members of the Board were shown to be present as follows: Christian Rosen, Kevin Bowman, Matt Driscoll, and Jeff Porter. Also present were Gary Dawson, Frankie Dawson, Brian Ridgeway, and Sherry Ridgeway.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for April 28, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and May 26, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$400.00 donation from Affiliate Appraisals; \$200.00 donation from B-K Drive-In, Jeremy & Wilma Enterprises; \$400.00 donation from, Payton & Alissa Deeter; \$500.00 donation from Gentry Well & Pump; \$200.00 donation from Stephanie Haecker, Simply You; \$200.00 donation from Jennifer Meyer; \$200.00 donation from Orthodontic Partners of Indiana; \$300.00 donation from D & J Radabaugh, Inc.; \$200.00 donation from J. M. Reynolds, Oil Co., Inc.; \$300.00 donation from Roofs Unlimited; \$200.00 donation from Shepherds Chevrolet GMC of Wabash; \$400.00 donation from Stor-A-Way Marion, Sutton Real Estate, LLC of IN; \$200.00 donation from The Winning Edge; \$200.00 donation from Poole Food, Inc.; \$250.00 donation from Terrell Realty Group; \$200.00 donation from Daniel & Jennifer Pulley; all of these donations are for Southwood Baseball were approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from Kirtlan Automotive Machine and Repair, Inc. for Northfield Baseball was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$300.00 donation from First United Methodist Church of Wabash was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from Eads & Son Bulldozing, Inc. for Northfield Softball was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,000.00 donation from Wabash Furniture & Carpet, LLC for Northfield Wrestling was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from AGIQ Crop Insurance Advisors, LLC for Northfield Baseball was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$2,960.10 donation from Snap Mobil for Southwood Girls Basketball was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$300.00 donation from Ford Meter Box for Southwood Girls Basketball was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$300.00 donation from an anonymous donor for Southwood Youth Football was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,000.00 donation from Fastenal Company Purchasing for Southwood Youth Football was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$250.00 donation from Forge Functional Fitness for Southwood Youth Football was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from Paul's Well Service, LLC for Southwood Youth Football was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$150.00 donation from Robert & Kimberly Shellhamer for Southwood Youth Football was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from Rettigs Industrial Supply for Southwood Youth Football was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from Friends Counseling Center for Southwood Youth Football was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from Metzger's Insurance for Southwood Golf Program was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

From Melissa Ball, Transportation Director. I would like to extend a special thank you to Ron Nordman for his invaluable support in opening Northfield High School's building, classrooms, and facilities for the three-day preservice class required to obtain a CDL Class B with S and P endorsements.

Ron and his team went above and beyond—assisting with trash, ensuring the building was accessible, and being present throughout the process so others could successfully use our facility for this important training.

Also noted: On May 7, 2026, Dr. Chris Kuhn will be recognized as the Region 5 School Business Official of the Year at the Indiana Association of School Business Officials Annual Meeting in French Lick. Congratulations Dr. Kuhn!!!

Weigand Presentation: Weigand shared the progress at Northfield Elementary and Metro North Elementary.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The minutes from March 24, 2026, Regular Meeting, 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 Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Payroll #18 was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Financial Summary:

Travis Hueston reviewed the March 2026 Cash Balance, Operation and Education Funds Cash Flow.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Kayla Black, Summer School Paraprofessional 2/3, Metro North Elementary, effective June 2, 2026; Brittny Dawes, Head Varsity Cheer Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Jeff Springer, Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year; Cheryl Barton, Bus Driver, South, at the end of the 2025-2026 school year; were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of absence for #202 beginning approximately August 31, 2026, and returning January 4, 2027, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Kuhn reminded everyone that April 21, 2026 is the last day for the public to preview the ELA materials grades 6-12.

Southwood High School has 99% and Northfield has 100% of the seats filled for Heartland Career Center for the 2026-2027 school year.

Curriculum Report:

No report.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the out of country trip for Southwood student grades 6-12 to Greece, Italy, and Spain (13 days) or Italy and Greece (14 days), July 18-30, 2028 or July 15-August 2, 2028 was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, 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 6:24 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

April 14, 2026