

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 28, 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 28, 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 was Neil Beauchot (Weigand Construction).

Future Board meetings are scheduled for May 26, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building; June 9, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building; and July 14, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$50.00 donation from Nelson Dyson for Northfield Baseball was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,000.00 donation from Chase Enyeart for Southwood Youth Football was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,000.00 donation from Thorne Insurance for Southwood Youth Football was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$2,000.00 donation from Bingo Charity Wabash Elk's Lodge 471 for Southwood Youth Football was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,000.00 donation from Donald and Beverly Radabaugh for Southwood Youth Football was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from Ed and Charla Schoeff for Southwood Youth Football was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

From Amber Lewis the SHS track team received an Exemplary Behavior Report from Alan Wright, one of the starters at the Eastbrook Track Invitational on April 17, 2026, "Throughout the meet the athletes from Southwood were very respectful towards the meet officials. They were always ready when it came time for them to participate in their event. They also encouraged their teammates and also their opponents before, during and after each race. Their good sportsmanship was on display throughout the meet. I believe their administration, coaches, and community should be proud of the way they carried themselves from the start of the meet until the last event was finished. For these reasons, I would like to nominate them for an exemplary award."

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The minutes from April 14, 2026, Regular Meeting, were approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

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

Payroll #19 was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Financial Summary:

No report.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Taylor Zimmerman, Teacher, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Ruth Ayres, Teacher, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective August 10, 2026; Lisa Hobbs, Teacher, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective August 10, 2036; Bryant Paul, Assistant Football Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High school, effective immediately; Shelby Hawkins, Substitute Teacher, all schools, effective August 12, 2026; Gloria Werner, Teacher, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective August 10, 2026; Brian Millikan, Assistant Football Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High school, effective immediately; Tracy Kennedy, Summer Secretary, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective June 2, 2026; Amanda Watson, Summer Secretary, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective June 1, 2026; Deziree Garrett, Assistant Cheer Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Rick Willoughby, Assistant Football Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High school, effective immediately were

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

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Ryan Sincroft, English Teacher to Social Studies Teacher at Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective August 10, 2026, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported that Pete Dupont is retiring. The Teacher Appreciation Grant was approved for all teachers. May 14, 2026, 6:00-7:00pm will be the open house for new home construction. May 18, 2026 is the senior certificate honors program at 7:00pm. at the Honeywell Center.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Kuhn shared that the hiring season has begun. We are starting to look at handbooks and current policies for updates. Recently Laura Langebartles, CCE director, had a booth at the Wabash County Community Baby Shower. Dr. Kuhn reminded everyone that graduation will be May 31, 2026, with Northfield's commencement at 1:30pm and Southwood's at 4:00pm both at the Honeywell Center.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake shared that over the past four weeks, the public has been invited to view the new curriculum; the digital and printed materials provided for their input. We have received thoughtful feedback that was overall supportive of the selections. After a thorough evaluation, the Reading Committee respectfully request board approval to proceed with the adoption of:

- *Into Literature* from HMH for grades 6-12
- *The Art of Public Speaking* from McGraw-Hill for speech class
- Assorted novels grades 7-12

Due to teacher retirements, we've lost some of the dual credit teachers. Mr. Drake is pleased to share that three of our teachers were recently approved to offer dual credit courses for the next school year through Indiana University, our ICC dual credit partner. We thank them for their efforts to make dual credits an option for our students.

- Payton Deeter (Business)
- Jessica Jones (Calculus)
- Kimberly MacPhee (Chemistry)

Before the next board meeting in May, we will have tested the following assessments: ILEARN ELA (grades 3-8); ILEARN Math (grades 3-8); ILEARN Social Studies (grade 5); ILEARN Science (grades 4 and 6); ILEARN Biology (HS); ILEARN Government (HS); IAM ESL (grades 3-8); IAM Math (grades 3-8); AP Exams (HS); IREAD (Summer session).

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the bid packages for Southwood Elementary and Southwood Jr/Sr High School was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried. (Neil Beauchot-Weigand Construction went over the proposals before the vote)

The recommendation to approve the *Into Literature* for grades 6-12 ELA was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the out of state field trip for Northfield AP Physics, AP Chemistry and Calculus students to Cedar Point, Physics, Science, and Math Day, Thursday, May 14, 2026, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, 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 6:35 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 28, 2026