

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 May 26, 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 May 26, 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, Tim Drake, Chief Academic Officer, 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 Janette Moore, Kari Johnson, Brian Ridgeway, Sherry Ridgeway, Gary Dawson, Frankie Dawson, Tishia Prickett, and Tim Plante.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for June 9, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building; July 14, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and July 28, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$69.78 donation from an anonymous donor for Southwood Choir Program was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, seconded by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$417.00 donation from Southwood Elementary Families for Southwood Elementary was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, seconded by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$300.00 donation from Lawnmower Sales & Service for Northfield Baseball was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, seconded by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$100.00 donation from Andrew and Candi Kirk for Southwood Spring Trapshooting Program was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, seconded by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

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

The recommendation to approve the \$300.00 donation from MYF Designs, LLC for Northfield Baseball was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, seconded by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$100.00 donation from Charcroft Investments, LLC/Wings Etc. was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, seconded by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$25.00 donation from Delores Timberman for Northfield Baseball was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, seconded by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

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

School Recognition:

From Mike McDivitt, Principal, Whites Jr/Sr High School, congratulations to both Linda Felheim and Jackie Sebesta on their retirement. Jackie has served at White's for seven years and Linda for 21 years. The entire staff at WHS wishes them both the best on a well earned retirement.

From Joel Martin, Sharp Creek Elementary, congratulations to Sharp Creek 4th grader Kinley Merrick! Her artwork was chosen by a panel of judges as one of the 30 Streeter Hadley Matthew's Grand Award Winners for 2026. This artwork was distinguished from over 11,000 artworks produced by Indiana students. Way to go Kinley!

Sharp Creek Elementary students and staff wish to say thank you and happy retirement to Mrs. Shannon for her 27 years of providing Character Building lessons to our students. What a big and positive impact you have made!

From Casey Stouffer, Principal, Southwood Elementary, Southwood Elementary students and staff wish to say thank you and happy retirement to Mrs. Shannon for her 27 years of providing Character Building lessons to our students. What a big and positive impact you have made!

From Janette Moore, Principal, Metro North Elementary, thank you to Krissy Cunningham and our Bash Bags team for ensuring that our MSDWC elementary students have kid-friendly meals and snacks for the weekend. Each Thursday, this team makes and delivers over 620 bags to our Wabash County elementary schools.

From Amber Lewis, Principal, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, the TRC hosted its annual Academic Awards Banquet at the Honeywell Center on Friday, May 15th. Congratulations to four SHS seniors who were recognized:

Mental Attitude Award - Owen Enyeart & Hailey Collins

Distinguished Athlete Award (Academic All-Conference at least 5 of 6 seasons during the junior and senior years) - Cooper Drake, Owen Enyeart, & Hailey Collins

Scholar Athlete Award (Top 5% of graduating class and minimum SAT score of 1150) - Coan Holloway & Hailey Collins

Southwood HS students and staff would like to wish happy retirement and give a big thank you to Becky Bradley and Jeff Springer for their decades of support, impact, and dedication to Southwood and MSDWC.

Congratulations to the following Southwood student athletes for qualifying for Track Regionals = Hailey Collins, Paige Nelson, Presley Kroft, and Lola Winer in the 4x800 meter relay; Lola Winer in the 400m Dash; Alexis Lopez in the High Jump; Cooper Drake in the 800m Run; and Blake Enyeart in the 1600m Run.

From Jay Snyder, Principal, Northfield Jr/Sr, The TRC hosted its annual Academic Awards Banquet at the Honeywell Center on Friday, May 15th. Congratulations to 5 NHS seniors who were recognized:

Mental Attitude Award - Callie Hoffman & Brayden Rice

Scholar Athlete Award (Top 5% of graduating class and minimum SAT score of 1150) - Logan Lyons, Mason Lyons, & Brinlei Swihart

Congrats to these NHS Track Team Members for qualifying for regional competition this week: Boys - 4x800 relay team of Logan Lyons, Briggs Baker, Mason Lyons, & Brayden Rice; Logan Lyons in the 1600m, and Tyler Hauptert in Pole Vault. Girls - Sophia Holley in the 100m and 200m dashes. Kaleigh Rice in the 3200m run.

Congratulations to our two Junior High students, Norlina Martin(7th) and Jackson Renbarger(8th) who were awarded the Rhonda Shaw and Johnathan Snyder awards. These awards go to those students that treat their peers and teachers with respect, are kind to everyone, work hard, and have good character and integrity.

From Janette Moore, Principal, Metro North Elementary, On May 14, 2026, Metro North held our 6th Kids Fit Final Mile. Since spring break, our PK-grade 2 students have been in training with the Kids Fit program, sponsored by the 500 Festival. We've worked toward a shared goal of completing 13.1 miles or more. Thank you to all of our volunteers that cheered us on, as well as Todd Schindler, My Team Triumph and our NHS Varsity Track athletes for ensuring all of our students were able to participate. We even had a special guest, 500 Festival Princess and Metro North alumna Kierra Wilson.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The minutes from April 128, 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 Matt Driscoll and unanimously carried.

Payroll #20 and #21 were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Financial Summary:

Travis Hueston reviewed the April 2026 end of month reports and the Operation Fund and Education Fund cash flow.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Laura Mills, Teacher, Metro North Elementary, effective immediately; Abby Watkins, Teacher, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year; Jacob Watkins, Teacher, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year; Donna Millspaugh, Paraprofessional, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year; Alyssa Richards, Classroom Instructor, Whites Jr/Sr High School, effective June 4, 2026; Tabitha Cline, Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year; Lynette Mauger, Library Aide, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective May 1, 2026; Jeff Bowling, Custodian, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective May 15, 2026, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Cody McClure, Substitute Bus Driver, all schools, effective immediately; Kory McKay, Summer Custodian, all schools, effective June 2, 2026; Breanna Kruger, Summer Custodian, all schools, effective June 2, 2026; Mary Lou Allen, Summer Custodian, all schools, effective June 2, 2026; Duke Sparks, Summer Custodian, all schools, effective June 2, 2026; Jim Sparks, Summer Custodian, all schools, effective June 2, 2026; Kolby Rosemeyer, JH Softball, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Carley Deeter, JH Cheer Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Sara Sprunger, Science Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 10, 2026; Lisa McCune, Special Education Teacher, Whites Jr/Sr High School, effective July 24, 2026; Mikkayla Marz, Substitute Teacher, all schools, effective immediately; Todd Branham, Substitute Custodian, all schools, effective immediately; Tim Plante, Director of Transportation, effective July 1, 2026; Jason Oprisek, Assistant Football Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr effective immediately; Cameron Campbell, Assistant Football Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Katy McClure, Substitute Bus Driver, all schools, effective immediately were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Sarah Gaylourd, Teacher, moving from PK4 to 2nd grade at Southwood Elementary, effective August 10, 2026; Lisa Sarll, Teacher, moving from PK3 to PK4 at Southwood Elementary, effective August 10, 2026; Theresa Elliott Paraprofessional at Metro North Elementary moving to ISS Supervisor at Whites Jr/Sr High

School, effective July 24, 2026; Rebecca Elzy, Teacher, PK3 to PK4, Metro North Elementary, effective August 10, 2026; Lori Schultz, Paraprofessional to Paraprofessional/Library Aide at Metro North Elementary, effective August 12, 2026; Jennifer Nesler, Paraprofessional/Library Aide to Teacher PK4 at Metro North Elementary, effective August 10, 2026; McKayla Bunnell 3rd grade teacher at Sharp Creek Elementary to 2nd grade teacher at Metro North Elementary, effective August 10, 2026; Stacey Meredith, Teacher, PK4 to 1st grade at Metro North Elementary, effective August 10, 2026, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Minds in Action Staffing as follows: MIA Level 1 Lori Schults, Kaila Paul, Chloe Plyler, and Janette Moore. MIA Level 2 Kaila Paul, Chloe Plyler, Janette Moore. MIA Level 3 Janette Moore and Denise Carpenter all were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported that the senior certificate honors program had 229 students receiving certificates. The board approved several donations.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Kuhn showed the newest video by Weigand Construction of Northfield Elementary.

Each year a group reviews our wellness policy. Based on the score this year there was no need to update the policy at this time.

Dr. Kuhn reminded everyone that graduation will be May 31, 2026, with Northfield's commencement at 1:30pm and Southwood's at 4:00pm, and Whites High School at 6:30 p.m. all at the Honeywell Center.

Curriculum Report:

No report.

New Business:

The Board heard changes for the Bridge Handbook for 2026-2027, Elementary Handbook for 2026-2027, and High School Handbook for 2026-2027. The second reading and vote will be June 9, 2026.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

The Board conducted an initial reading and review of Board Policy #4280, regarding Wireless Communication Devices. The second reading and vote will be June 9, 2026.

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 6:57 p.m.

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Scott Haupert, PRESIDENT

Christian Rosen, VICE-PRESIDENT

Matt Driscoll, BOARD MEMBER

Jeff Porter, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

Kevin Bowman, SECRETARY

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