

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 June 9, 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 June 9, 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, and Jeff Porter. Matt Driscoll was absent. Also present were Brian Ridgeway, Sherry Ridgeway, and Josh Petruniew.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for July 14, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building; July 28, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and August 11, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

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

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from Gregory and Jami Herring for Southwood Theater Program was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$5,367.84 donation from Sharp Creek Elementary families are as follows: Jenny Wilson/Beverage Buggy-\$100.84; Kids Hope-\$250.00; Lisa Trump-\$300.00; Brandy Odham-Peaks-\$100.00; Steve and Lisa McClure-\$1,500.00; Drew Sidall-\$20.00; ; Vickie and Richard Panarello-\$500.00; Kalenborn-\$500.00; Mahr Tool Supply-\$750.00; Intrasect-\$250.00; Fraternal Order of Eagles-\$200.00; Family Optometry-\$500.00; Lisa Trump-\$397.00 were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

Dr. Kuhn recognized our student athletes: Alexis Lopez qualifying for State in High Jump; Southwood Softball went to semi state; and Southwood boys golf qualified for regionals as a team with a 2nd place finish. Griffen Chambers was individual sectional champion.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The minutes from May 26, 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 Jeff Porter, a second by Christian Rosen and unanimously carried.

Payroll #22 was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Financial Summary:

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

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Ben Nesler, Teacher, White's Jr/Sr High School, effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year; Joel Martin, Principal, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective the end of the 2025-2026 contract were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Rachel Clark, English Teacher, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective August 10, 2026; Braden Hobbs, Southwood Assistant Football Coach, effective immediately; Dominic Bennett-Burgess, Custodian, Northfield Elementary, effective July 1, 2026; Halie Brown, 4th grade Teacher, Northfield Elementary, effective August 10, 2026; Kayan Sommers, Science Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 10, 2026; Connor Herring, Summer Custodian, all schools, effective immediately were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #203 to begin approximately November 15, 2026 through mid March 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 reviewed graduation. Northfield, Southwood, and Whites High Schools come combined for 209 students walking the stage at Honeywell Center for graduation (with approximately 40 more, have or will graduate); 8 moving on to the armed forces. Northfield had 73% graduate with either Core 40, Academic/Technical Honors; Southwood had 75% graduate with either Core 40, Academic/Technical Honors. Southwood's Valedictorian was Maliah Mahan and Salutatorian Coan Holloway; Northfield's Valedictorian was Mason Lyons and Salutatorian Logan Lyons.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake stated that he had several people thank him for having the graduations at the Honeywell Center.

New Business:

The Bridge Handbook for 2026-2027 was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter and unanimously carried.

The Elementary Handbook 2026-2027 was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The High School Handbook 2026-2027 was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

The Board approved the Board Policy #4280, regarding Wireless Communication Devices 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 6:26 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

Scott Haupt, PRESIDENT

Christian Rosen, VICE-PRESIDENT

Matt Driscoll, BOARD MEMBER

Jeff Porter, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

Kevin Bowman, SECRETARY

June 9, 2026