

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 July 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 July 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, Tim Drake, Chief Academic Officer, 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, Jeff Porter, and Matt Driscoll. Also present were Gary Dawson, Frankie Dawson, and Josh Petruniew.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for August 11, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building (**Canceled**), and August 25, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

School Recognition:

Dr. Kuhn shared (From IDOE):

I want to extend my thanks for your prompt submission of the MSD Wabash County Schools 8050 Form 9 financial data for the period of January to June 2026. We appreciate your attention to the deadline and the care you took in providing complete and accurate information, which contributes directly to the quality of our statewide financial information as well as the efficiency of our work. Thank you for your work on this Cheryl Stouffer

I would like to recognize some members of our transportation department, Kyle Highley Mechanic, Lisa Miller/Jody Chenoweth/Tom Garthee Bus Drivers, Melissa Ball and Tim Plant for helping with Bus Inspections. Buses will be ready to go for the start of school. Kyle is a one man department and does a great job keeping our buses up and running as we head into the start of the school year. From the 2025-2026 school year Our buses traveled 382,743 miles (about 15.5 times around the earth)

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The minutes from July 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 Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen and unanimously carried.

Pyroll #1 was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, and seconded by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

#### Financial Summary:

Mr. Huerston shared the 2027 Budget calendar.

#### Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Laura Vice, Custodian, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective July 29, 2026; Kathryn Johnson, Teacher Metro North Elementary, effective August 10, 2026; Joshlinne Rowe, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective August 12, 2026; Wendy Miller, Substitute Teacher, North schools only, effective August 12, 2026, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Brandi Collins, transferring from Southwood Elementary, to Southwood Jr/Sr High School Paraprofessional, effective August 12, 2026; Erin Rice transferring from Paraprofessional to Library Aide, Northfield Elementary, effective August 12, 2026; Jody Chenoweth, transferring from Paraprofessional to 4 hour Cook, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 11, 2026, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve Northfield fall coaches as follows: Andrea Beeks, Head Cross Country; Hannah Brubaker, Varsity Assistant Cross Country; Eric Kirtlan, Varsity Assistant/JH Head Coach Cross Country; Brandon Baker, Head Football; Josh Bickel, Varsity Assistant Football; Cale Dyson, Varsity Assistant Football; Joe Halderman, Varsity Assistant Football; Jeff Kamphues, Varsity Assistant Football; Joseph Mitchell, Varsity Assistant Football; Stan Cox, Varsity Assistant Football; Bryce Kamphues, Varsity Assistant Football; Matt Burkhart, Varsity Assistant Football; Jim Curry, JH Assistant Football; Adam Zwiebel, JH Assistant Football; Brock Sizlove, Varsity Assistant Golf; Tiffany Livesay, Head Volleyball; Shelly Myers, Assistant Volleyball; Kat Hauptert, Varsity Assistant Volleyball; Emily Watson, Varsity Assistant Volleyball; Kenzie Griffin, JH Head Volleyball; Macie Overlander, 6th grade Volleyball; Ariel Miller, Head Golf; Daniel Prus, JH Football were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve Southwood fall coaches as follows: Cameron Ball Assistant Football; Reggie Ball, 5th & 6th Football; Dustin Hurst, 5th & 6th Football; Tonya Boone, Head Cross Country; Brittany Blocker, Head Cheer; Dani Bassous, Assistant Cross County; Jordan Boyer, Head Golf; Tom Finical, Head Volleyball; Caryn Tinkle, Assistant Volleyball; Bailey Winget, Assistant Volleyball; Rachel Hurst, JH Volleyball; Kelsey Niccum, JH Volleyball; Laura Langebartels, 6th grade Volleyball, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Robotics Coaches:

Amber Bretzman and Kevin Bretzman, Northfield Elementary, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Kuhn update of the summer projects. He reviewed the certified evaluations which showed of the 149 certified staff, 69% were highly effective and 39% were effective.

In other information, Whites Jr/Sr High School's students and staff started school Monday, July 27, 2026; August 10, 2026, will be our teachers first day back; on August 11, 2026, most of the schools will have open house in their buildings, and then August 12, 2026, all students will return to school.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake told the Board that he is collecting data on the testing. Early results for AP testing show strong numbers. iLearn scores will not be released until September 1, 2026.

New Business:

Lease and Additional Appropriation Hearing:

The recommendation to approve the resolution Authorizing Execution of Amendment to Lease and Sale of Real Estate (Exhibit A) was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Cristian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Additional Appropriation Resolution (Exhibit B) was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the resolutions Assigning Construction Bids and Contracts (Exhibit C) was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the resolution approving Fifth Supplement to Master Continuing Disclosure undertaking and Issuance of Bonds (Exhibit D) was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

No Board Policy.

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 6:38 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

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Scott Haupt, 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

July 28, 2026