

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 August 25, 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 August 25, 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, 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, Brian Ridgeway, Sherry Ridgeway, Janette Moore, Neil Beauchot (Weigand), Madeline Dazey, and Chloe Plyler.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for September 8, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building; September 22, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building; and October 13, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$120.00 donation from Keystone Cooperative for negative lunch balance was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

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

The recommendation to approve the \$300.00 donation from ERS Wireless for Northfield Wrestling was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$800.00 donation from The Society of Indiana Pioneers for Southwood Elementary was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the monetary donation from DonorsChoose for Southwood Elementary for Musical Supplies was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from Richard and Paula Holmes for Northfield Football was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$100.00 donation from Midwest Eye Services, LLC for Northfield Volleyball was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$250.00 donation from Eads & Son Bulldozing, Inc. for Northfield Football was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$375.00 donation from The Kendall Group for Northfield Football was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$270.00 donation from Jami Holmes for Northfield Football was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,200.00 donation from Aaron and Jessica Holley for Northfield Cheerleading was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$333.00 (Girls Golf), \$333.00 (Tennis), \$334.00 (Football) donations from Urbana Fire Department all for Northfield was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from Shepherd's Family Auto Group for Northfield Youth Football was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$300.00 donation from Nathan and Savannah Stouffer for Northfield Youth Football was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$2,115.92 donation from Wabash Furniture & Carpet, LLC for Northfield JH Football was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition

Dr. Kuhn and Janette Moore, Principal at Metro North Elementary recognized Madeline Dazey as Staff of the Year and Chloe Plyler as Teacher of the Year.

School Recognition:

From Jay Snyder, principal at Northfield Jr/Sr High School. Northfield would like to recognize Ron Nordman, head custodian, and his team for all the hard work this summer. They moved too many desks, tables, chairs, and items to count. With the closing of Sharp Creek Elementary and the new addition, with the addition of 6th grade to NHS it was a larger amount of extra work than a normal summer. Then when they thought they might be done, we moved the AD office back up to the front office hall. They all did an awesome job and the building looked great to start school.

I'd like to give a shout out to the Northfield Elementary Secretary, Jessica Fishback, for all of her help opening a new building, answering questions, being there all hours of the day and going above and beyond for the students, staff and families.

From Janette Moore, principal of Metro North Elementary. Metro North has had an incredible start to the school year. On our first day of the 2026-27 school year, we were able to utilize our gym for indoor recess!

Over the summer, 35 Metro North students met their reading goal as part of our Metro North Summer Reading Challenge. Collectively, these students read for 31,063 minutes or a little more than 517 hours or 21 straight days. To celebrate, we had an after hours party with water games, yard games, a read aloud, popsicles and pizza. Twelve students went above and beyond in their reading and went swimming at the YMCA and had a sleepover at Metro North. Congratulations to our top three readers - Nicodemus Hyden (2,781 minutes), Karla Smith (2,100 minutes) and Ellie Floor (1,941 minutes).

Presentations:

Neil Beauchot-Weigand Updated on the projects at Metro North Elementary, Northfield High School, Northfield Elementary, Southwood High School, and Southwood Elementary.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The minutes from July 28, 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 #2 and #3 were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, and seconded by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Financial Summary:

Mr. Huerston shared July end of month and cash flows.

2027 Budget Review:

Travis Hueston reviewed the Bus Replacement Plan 2027-2030, 2027 Capital Projects Plan, 2027 Rainy Day Budget, 2027 Debt Service Budget, 2027 Operations Fund Budget, 2027 Education Fund Budget, and Form 3 Notice.

Mr. Hueston asked permission to advertise the 2027-2031 Bus Replacement Plan which was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Mr. Hueston asked permission to advertise the 2027 Capital Projects which was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Mr. Hueston asked permission to advertise the 2027 Budget which was approved upon a motion made by Jeff Porter, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Katie Arwood, Bus Driver, effective July 30, 2026; Ethan Asay, Teacher, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective July 28, 2026, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Lisa Miller, Bus Driver, effective August 12, 2026; Shelby Platt, Bus Driver and Paraprofessional, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 12, 2026; Isaac Taylor, Substitute Teacher, effective immediately; Noah Halterman, Choir Teacher, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective August 10, 2026; Rochelle Turner, Substitute Cook, South Schools, effective immediately; Kasey Pennington, Cook, Northfield Elementary, effective August 11, 2026; Mackenzie Bradler, Cook, Southwood Elementary, effective August 11, 2026; Alexis Custer, Cook, Northfield Elementary, effective August 11, 2026; Hannah Wilson, Paraprofessional, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective August 11, 2026; Caitlin Cornett, Long Term Substitute Teacher, Metro North Elementary, effective date to be determined; Madison Griffin, Substitute Teacher, All Schools, Effective immediately; Randy Boone, Substitute Teacher, All Schools, effective immediately; Willian Lyons, Esports Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Sonja Eads, Substitute Teacher, All Schools, effective immediately; Jennifer Mossholder, Substitute Teacher, All Schools were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Jody Chenoweth, transferring from Paraprofessional to Cook, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 11, 2026; Kim McAdams, Cook, transferring from Southwood Elementary to Southwood Jr/Sr High School,

effective August 11, 2026, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #205, leave to begin approximately October 30, 2026 through January 22, 2027. Returning January 25, 2027; #206, leave to begin September 11, 2026, returning October 26, 2026; #207, leave to begin August 24, 2026. Returning September 25, 2026, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Northfield Jr/Sr High School additional coaches: Braelyn Person, Assistant Varsity Cheer, at Northfield Jr/Sr. High School; Carly Deeter, JH Cheer; Dez Garrett, Assistant JH Cheer, at Northfield Jr/Sr Cheer; John Davis, JH Volunteer Football; Meredith Meridith, JH Tennis, Northfield Jr/Sr High School; Alyssa Staley were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Southwood Jr/Sr High School additional coaches: Grant Langebartels, Assistant Volleyball; Jesse Height, Assistant JH Football; Andy Speicher, Assistant JH Football; Cole Winer, Assistant JH Football; Clinnt Enyeart, Assistant JH Football; Greg Miller, 5th & 6th Football; Andrew Adamson, 8th Grade Football; Breyton Nealis, 8th Grade Football; Derek Finch, 3rd & 4th Grade Football, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Robotic Coaches: Jodi Kaehr, Southwood Jr/Sr High School; Jolleen Schemenaur, Southwood Jr/Sr High School; Stephanie Youngman, Northfield Elementary; Scott Ross, Northfield Jr/Sr High Schools; Kami Ross, Northfield Jr/Sr High School; Mark Biehl, Northfield Jr/Sr High School; Crystal Biehl, Northfield Jr/Sr High School; Janette Moore, Metro North Elementary; Brandi Collins, Southwood Elementary; Tim Hickman, Southwood Elementary, were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported that after their board meeting there was a Meet-the Teacher night where incoming students could meet their teacher. At the board meeting the Board voted to approve several donations. Mr. Driscoll also stated that there will be a new home built in Lagro.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Kuhn informed the Board of a good start to school. We are fully staffed.

The open house at Northfield Elementary on August 14, 2026, was well attended. Dr. Kuhn has been visiting schools and the new teachers. School activities are in full swing.

He reminded everyone that there will be a work session on September 22, 2026.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake shared the iRead scores. MSD had a 96.5% pass rate. The 2nd grade class passed the iRead with a 70+%. He gave the Board the AP/Dual Credit passing scores.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the Corporate Authorization Resolution was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

The Public Hearing for Formal Bargaining (I. C. 20-29-6-1) was opened for the public to make any comments. After hearing no comments from the public the meeting was closed.

The recommendation to approve the overnight/extended field trip for Northfield FFA Soils Team to State Soils Contest at Northview High School, Brown County, IN, October 16-17, 2026, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the extended field trip to Brown County, IN for Southwood Art Club on September 27, 2026, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Jeff Porter and unanimously carried.

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 7:29p.m.

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OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

Scott Haupert, PRESIDENT

Christian Rosen, VICE-PRESIDENT

Matt Driscoll, BOARD MEMBER

Jeff Porter, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

Kevin Bowman, SECRETARY

August 25, 2026