

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 September 8, 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 September 8, 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, and Matt Driscoll. Absent was Jeff Porter. Also present were Gary Dawson, Frankie Dawson, Brian Ridgeway, Sherry Ridgeway, Jay Snyder, Denise Stouffer, Tracy Kennedy, and Josh Petruniew.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for September 22, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building; October 13, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and November 10, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$1,640.00 donation from Ford Meter Box for Southwood FFA, Speech, Drama and PBIS was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the donation of a guitar to Southwood Choir department from Denise Wood was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$50.00 donation from an anonymous donor for Southwood Athletic Department was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$2,850.00 donation from Complete Glass Solutions for Southwood Student Passes was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition

Dr. Kuhn and Jay Snyder, principal at Northfield Jr/Sr High School, recognized Tracy Kennedy as Staff of the Year and Denise Stouffer as Teacher of the Year.

School Recognition:

From Casey Stouffer, Principal, Southwood Elementary. Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the Southwood Elementary Summer Reading Challenge! We had an incredible 54 students take part this summer, and we are so proud of the time and effort they dedicated to reading! A special congratulations goes to our grade-level winners: 5th Grade & Overall Winner: Phineas Wood — 7,984 pages read! 4th Grade Winner: Ellie Miller — 2,494 pages read! 3rd Grade Winner: Evelyn Tart — 2,441 pages read! We also had six additional students who read more than 1,000 pages this summer—a fantastic accomplishment! Thank you to Mrs. Sweet and Mrs. Tart for organizing and putting together the Summer Reading Challenge.

From Janette Moore, Principal at Metro North Elementary. Metro North participated in the Wabash Founders Fest Parade on Saturday, August 29, 2026. About 50 students, family members and Metro North staff rode the float or walked the parade route, throwing candy throughout. Special thanks to Britney and Jason Dawes for the use of their wagon, and Ross and Braelyn Pearson for serving as our drivers.

Congratulations to our Metro North Little Norse Preschool for once again sailing through their state LLEP site visit. This on-site inspection is conducted by an Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning (OECOSL) consultant to assess health, safety, and compliance standards.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The minutes from the August 25, 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 Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen and unanimously carried.

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

Financial Summary:

Mr. Huerston shared the Education Funds and Operation Funds cash flow for August. He then shared the August end of month cash balances.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of April Howard, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective August 27, 2026, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Brand Collings, Robotics Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Cindy Goodnight, Substitute Cook, all schools; Bickie Griffiths, Substitute Custodian, Southwood Elementary, effective immediately; Stephanie Haecker, Volunteer JH Volleyball Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Tara Faust, Substitute Custodian, north schools, effective immediately; Jay Brown, Assistant Football Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Liz Hall, Substitute Custodian, north 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 retirement of Howard Goshert, Custodian, Northfield Elementary, effective November 1, 2026, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #208 leave to begin approximately December 21, 2026 through April 2, 2027. Returning April 5, 2026 was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Youth Football Coaches for Northfield Elementary are as follows: Levi Allen, Head Coach for grades 3 & 4; Austin Greer, Volunteer Assistant grade 3 & 4; Rhett Mast, Volunteer Assistant grades 3 & 4; Heath Lehner, Volunteer Assistant 3 & 4; Nick Hauptert, Volunteer Assistant grades 3 & 4; Brett Williams, Volunteer Assistant grades 5 & 6; Tyler Hauptert, Volunteer Assistant grades 5 & 6; Casey Hudson, Volunteer Assistant grades 5 & 6; were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the additional Youth Football Coach for Southwood Elementary are as follows: Matt Dillion, Volunteer Assistant grades 3 & 4 was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Kuhn informed the Board that discussion on collective bargaining started and they met with the teacher's union. He also reviewed the ADM ups and downs. ADM at the end of 2025-2026 school year was 2024. ADM count for the 2026-2027 school year will be October 1.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake talked about a couple of the higher numbers on claims were due to the purchase of English curriculum and the purchase of IXL. Professional Development Day was Friday, September 11, 2026. This allowed staff to complete the required training and K-2 teachers review Math remediation. It is time for Social Studies to get a new curriculum.

Guidance Counselors worked on college board training. Some staff were train on Handle with Care.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the extended day field trip for Southwood 6th grade to Chicago, IL, March 12, 2027, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight/extended field trip for Northfield 8th grade to Washington D. C., March 15-17, 2027, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

The first reading of Board Policy #6080-Acceptable Use of Internet. Dr. Kuhn reviewed the law in effect, January 2027. We are using the language from ISBA's for revisions. The second reading will be September 22, 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 7:29p.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

September 8, 2026