

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 22, 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 22, 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, Matt Driscoll, and Jeff Porter. Also present were Gary Dawson, Brittany Estep, Mike McDivitt, Tonya Boone, Jay Wyatt, Emily Buzzard, and Josh Petruniew.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for October 13, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, November 10, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and December 8, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$55.00 donation from the family of Jericho Corn for Southwood Choir Department 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 Shanna and Andrew Hawkens, and Steven and Shelia Schipper (each \$50.00) for Northfield Cross Country 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 Krom Farms for Northfield Girls Golf was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$2,850.00 donation from Thorne Insurance Agency (Jason Dawes) for Northfield Athletic Department (season passed for student grades 6-12) 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 Thorne Insurance Agency (Jason Dawes) for Northfield Girls Golf 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 the Ranck family for Southwood Choir Department was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

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

The recommendation to approve the \$60.00 donation from an anonymous donor for Shoutwood Choir Department 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 Crossroads Pygmy Goat Club 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 the Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club for Northfield Band 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 the Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club for Northfield FFA 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 the Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club for Northfield Robotics 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 SMG Legacy, Inc. for Northfield Girls Golf 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 Michael Moreno for Southwood Athletic Department-Baseball was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

Staff Recognition:

Dr. Kuhn and Mike McDivitt, principal at White's Jr/Sr High School, and Tonya Boone, Director of the Bridge Program recognized Emily Buzzard as Staff of the Year and Jay Wyatt as Teacher of the Year.

School Recognition:

From Jay Snyder, Principal, Northfield Jr/Sr High School. Congratulations to our NHS Girls Varsity Golf Team. These golf girls won the first TRC title in school history and won by over 40 strokes! The team ended their season 47-3 which is another girls golf team school record for wins in a season. The team then went on to win Sectional Last Saturday. Addy Sorg led all with a 77 to win the sectional. Great job girls and good luck in the IHSAA Regional golf tournament on Friday! Team members are Millie Higgins, Ayla Dale, Kassidy Cartwright, Mikayla Meyer, Addy Sorg, Montgomerie Dawes, Vivian Hauptert, Ryleigh Drudge, Vanessa Lyons, Ali Copeland and Coach Ariel Miller.

A huge thank you to Northfield Student Council and teacher sponsor Mrs. Granger for a great homecoming week last week. We had the powderpuff games on Monday with the Sophomore girls winning big. We had dress up days all week, homeroom banner competitions, and a pep rally on Friday afternoon. Friday night the boys beat Manchester 24-7 to move to 3-2 on the season. Student Council capped off the week with a high school only homecoming dance from 8-10 p.m. in the school cafeteria. We appreciate the work and leadership that went into making it a great week.

From Amy Siders, Northfield Elementary Principal, We'd like to give a shout out to Howard Goshert, Custodian who has served MSDWC for over 20 years. Howard worked at Southwood Jr-Sr High school from 2006 to 2010, Northfield Jr-Sr High School from 2010-2019 and then Sharp Creek Elementary from 2019 until his current role at Northfield Elementary. Howard will be retiring officially in November but his last day at NES will be this coming Friday, September 25th. We wish him the best and thank him for all of his years of custodial work. The students and staff will miss his smiling face and conversations in the hallways.

From Amber Lewis, Southwood Jr/Sr High School principal. Congratulations to the Southwood varsity football team who grabbed their first win of the season last Friday against county rival, Wabash, 33-12.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

The minutes from the September 22, 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 Kevin Bowman, a second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Payroll was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, second by Jeff Porter, and unanimously carried.

Financial Summary:

The Budget Hearing was opened, Reviewing 2027 Bus Replacement Plan, 2027 Capital Projects Plan, and the 2027 Budget Plan, for any comments. No comments were made, and the hearing was closed.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Sierah Parson, Custodian, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective September 11, 2026; Barbara Stanifer, Cook, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective September 25, 2026; Shelly Myers, Teacher, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective December 31, 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 Scott Schultz, Head Coach 5th and 6th Football, Northfield Elementary, effective immediately; David Fulkerson, Coach 5th and 6th Football, Northfield Elementary; Sarah Ranck, Long-term Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective September 21, 2026; Lyndzy Silvers, Substitute Teacher, effective immediately were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #209, leave to begin approximately January 13, 2027 through March 10, 2027, was approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the football Coaches for Northfield for the season are as follows: Rex Reimer, Head Varsity Boys Basketball; Matt Brown, Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball; Josh Merrick, Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball; Matt Hinds, Head Girls Varsity Basketball; Kevin Alsup, Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball; Brian Double, Assistant Girls Varsity Basketball; Jaycie Krom, Assistant Varsity/JV Girls Basketball; David Hinds, Varsity Girls Basketball Volunteer; Ariel Miller, 8th grade Head Girls Basketball; Abby Grube, 7th grade Girls Basketball; Andrea Beeks and Melissa Allen, Co-Head 6th grade girls basketball; Ed Shenefield, Head Varsity Wrestling; Jim Olinger, Assistant Varsity/JH Wrestling; Justin Samons, Assistant Wrestling; Spencer Miller, Assistant Wrestling; Greg Gahl, Assistant Varsity Wrestling Volunteer; Eric Kirtlan, Assistant /JV Wrestling; Scotty Pennington, Assistant Varsity Wrestling Volunteer; Chad Kirtlan, Assistant Varsity Wrestling; Grant Warmuth, Head Girls Wrestling; Aubree Warmth, Assistant Girls Wrestling; Jordan Culver, 8th grade Boys Basketball; Tabitha Floor, Assistant 8th grade Boys Basketball; Troy Hauptert, Head 6th grade Boys Basketball; Ben Backer Assistant 6th grade Boys Basketball; Trisha Oswalt, 4th grade Girls Basketball were approved upon a motion made by Christian Rosen, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the football Coaches for Southwood for the season are as follows: Casey Stouffer, Head Wrestling; Bart Stouffer, Assistant Wrestling; Ryan Sweet, Assistant Wrestling; Christian Perry, Head Varsity Boys Basketball; Aidan Hosler, Assistant Boys Basketball; Jim Hogan, Assistant Boys Basketball; Evan Deaton, 7th grade Boys

Basketball; Scott Deaton, Assistant 7th grade Boys Basketball; Logan Deaton, 7th grade Boys Basketball; Breyton Nealis, 8th grade Boys Basketball; Andrew Adamson, Assistant 8th grade Boys Basketball; Tyler King, Assistant 8th grade Boys Basketball; Kenneth Norman, Head Girls Basketball; Rod Cole, Assistant Girls Basketball; Jason Corn Assistant Girls Basketball; Deanna Azbell, 7th grade Girls Basketball; Meredith Norman, 6th grade Girls Basketball were 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 shared with the Board that he had a really good time last Saturday giving a tour of Northfield Jr/Sr High School and Northfield Elementary to the Class of 1976 for their 50th class reunion. He also reviewed the results of the legislation's study based on Fiscal Analysis of Indiana schools.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake talked about the results of the Fiscal Analysis that was shared and will be sharing ILEARN results soon.

New Business:

Teacher Contract Tentative Agreement was reviewed by Dr. Kuhn.

The recommendation to approve the 2026-2027 Fundraisers were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the extended field trip for Southwood Art Club to Chicago, IL, November 14, 2026 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 second reading and vote of Board Policy #6080-Acceptable Use of Internet was approved 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 6:42 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

September 22, 2026