

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 12, 2017, at 6:30 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.

Kevin Bowman, President, called the meeting to order. Mike Keaffaber, Superintendent, Chris Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent, and Tim Drake, Assistant Superintendent, were also present. On call of the roll the members of the Board were shown to be present as follows: Matt Driscoll, Todd Topliff, Todd Dazey, and Gary Fadil. Also present were MacKenzi Klemann, Emma Rausch, Paul Voigt, Andrew McDaniel, Phil Boone, Lori Cruz, Todd Blair, Beth Eagan, Mary Randall, and Cheryl Roser who took the minutes of the meeting.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for September 26, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., October 10, 2017, at the Administration Building. The October 24, 2017, meeting is canceled due to fall break.

The recommendation to accept two (2) anonymous \$500.00 donations for Northfield Boys Basketball, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to accept the anonymous donation of \$900.00 for Southwood Elementary's Robotics Club, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to accept the \$832.00 donation from Culver's to Southwood FFA, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

Mike Keaffaber recognized Katy Gray for being in the top 25 for Teacher of the Year. He also recognized Sharp Creek Elementary Art Club for receiving first place in the business division of the Wabash Garden Fest's Chair Affair. Those students involved were: Trinity Bever, Jaeda Lynn, Josie Lynn, and Shatay Niccum.

Andrew McDaniel reported that two (2) Southwood High School Students were selected to perform in the 2017 Indiana All-State Honor Choir. Selected are junior Hannah Miller and senior Tyler Robison.

Staff Spotlight started again for the 2017-18 school year. Beth Eagan, Southwood Jr/Sr High School Special Education Teacher, was nominated by staff member and teacher, Mary Randall. Mr. Keaffaber presented Ms. Eagan with a Pizza Hut certificate and she will receive a MSD shirt donated by Pefley's Farm Equipment, Inc.

Minutes of the Tuesday, August 7, 2017, Regular Meeting were approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

Claims were approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

Payroll was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Brandi Rife, 3.5-hour Cook, Metro North Elementary, effective September 4, 2017; Michelle Richman, Guidance Secretary, White's Jr/Sr High School, effective September 7, 2017; Jo Wagner, 3-hour Cook, effective September 8, 2017 were approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Jody Chenoweth, Special Education Aide, Southwood Elementary, effective September 11, 2017; Jennifer Dillingham, 3-hour Cook, Metro North Elementary, effective September 11, 2017; Lisa Herring, Secretary, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective September 11, 2017; Brenda Eckert, 3.5-hour Cook, Metro North Elementary, effective September 5, 2017 were approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Maxine Warford, from High School Secretary to Special Education Aide, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 24, 2017, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #71 beginning September 27, 2017, through October 20, 2017; #72 beginning October 17, 2017, through December 4, 2017; #73 beginning January 8, 2018, returning March 19, 2018, were approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve Gretchen Simpson, Jr. High Volleyball Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, for the 2017 Fall season was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Conference Requests for Patrick Hopkins, PE Teacher, Southwood Elementary, to attend the Hoosier Gym Coaches Clinic, September 15-16, 2017 in Knightstown, IN; Reena Markstahler, Science Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, to attend the National Biology Conference, November 9-12, 2017, in St. Louis, MO; Gary Norman, PE Teacher & Wrestling Coach, to attend the Indiana High School Coaches Fall Clinic, October 26-27, 2017, at Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis, IN; Mike Keaffaber, Superintendent, to attend the ISBA Fall Conference, October 2-3, 2017, in Indianapolis, IN; Reena Markstahler, Science Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, to attend the Anatomy in Clay Learning System P.D., October 20-21, 2017, in Cincinnati, OH were approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

No report.

Curriculum Report:

No report.

New Business:

The Board President, Kevin Bowman, opened the Public Hearing for the 2018 Budget.

Chris Kuhn reviewed the 2018 budget for the Board and the public. After hearing no questions regarding the 2018 Budget, the hearing was closed.

Due to some concerns on the wording of the Athletic Code, the Board asked that it be brought back to the table for review. The Board reviewed and made suggestions for changes to the handbook, but could not come to an agreement and asked that it be tabled for further review.

The recommendation to approve the Resolution to authorize the Superintendent to close the sale of LaFontaine Elementary School and sign documents was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

Board Policy:

The Board reviewed policies #3220-3230.

The Board heard the first reading of the updated Board Policy #3090 and for the new Board Policy #3240. Both policies will have a second reading and vote at the September 26, 2017 meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p. m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

KEVIN BOWMAN, PRESIDENT

MATT DRISCOLL, VICE PRESIDENT

TODD TOPLIFF, BOARD MEMBER

GARY FADIL, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST: _____
TODD DAZEY, SECRETARY