

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 November 14, 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: Todd Topliff, Todd Dazey, and Gary Fadil. Absent was Matt Driscoll. Also present were, Emma Rausch, Lori Cruz, Todd Blair, Joel Stein, Janette Moore, MacKenzi Klemann, Steve Holley, Shana Knight, and Cheryl Roser who took the minutes of the meeting.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for November 28, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, December 12, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and January 9, 2018, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

The Board voted to change the time on future Board meetings to 6:00 p.m. That was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to accept the \$2,500.00 donation from Tiffany Hauptert; \$500.00 donation from Pefley's Farm Equipment, Inc. and the \$500.00 donation from Kirtlan Automotive, for Northfield High School's new wrestling mat, was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$1,000.00 grant from Wabash County AACTION for Southwood High School's Peers Educating Peers (PEP), was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the donation of a trailer (cost \$4,062.00) from Pefley's Farm Equipment, Inc., was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

Staff Spotlight:

Janette Moore, Principal at Metro North Elementary was the Staff Spotlight, nominated by Shana Knight. She was given a Pizza Hut certificate and she will receive a MSD shirt donated by Pefley's Farm Equipment, Inc.

Minutes of the Tuesday, October 17, 2017, Regular Meeting were approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

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

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

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Mary Cole, 3 Hour Cook, Metro North Elementary, effective November 10, 2017; Christian Peterson, Special Education Aide, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective October 31, 2017; Jennifer Pattison, 6th Grade Teacher, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective December 21, 2017, were approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Jane Denney, Temporary 4th Grade Teacher, Southwood Elementary, effective November 9, 2017; Miranda Adams, Special Education Aide, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective November 6, 2017; Casey Penrod, Special Education Aide, Metro North Elementary, effective November 6, 2017; Greg Miller, Special Education Aide, Southwood Elementary, effective November 10, 2017; Ashley Shafer, 3 Hour Cook, Metro North Elementary, effective November 13, 2017, were approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #74 for approximately February 6, 2018, through March 20, 2018, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve Nicholas Perlich, 8th Grade Boys Basketball, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective for the winter season, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve Layne Evans, Jared Kirtland, and Joe Ross, Volunteer Wrestling Coaches, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective the winter season, were approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Conference Requests for Janette Moore, Principal, Metro North Elementary, to attend the Indiana Association of School Principals Conference, November 19-21, 2017, in Indianapolis, IN; Mike Keaffaber, Superintendent, to attend the IAPSS Annual Meeting, November 30-December 1, 2017, were approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber reported on Parent/Student Conferences held October 12, 2017. He updated everyone on the Studies for Advancement-Phase II. The last thing Mr. Keaffaber discussed with the Board was his findings on other schools' Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Code of Conduct. After asking other superintendents he found that the process in having a handbook/code for this would be very difficult to compile.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake shared with the Board that teachers went to Warsaw High School to hear Rick Wormelli. Teachers, Mary Donaldson and Jody Livergood were hired by the museum board, to have the museum open during eLearning day for student and their parents.

Mr. Drake proposed academic honors diploma dual credit scholarships for students who take college courses. We receive \$1100 from the IDOE into our basic grant for each Academic Honors Diploma earned. We generally award 25+ Academic Honors Diplomas each year. Currently we use those funds to pay for AP Exams fees that are not covered by the DOE. Mr. Drake would like to use the money in that basic grant to help supplement tuition cost for high school students. Students who are eligible for the scholarship would be reimbursed for all of the tuition cost beyond the \$25/credit hour fee after they complete the course and remain on track for the Academic Honors Diploma or Technical Honors Diploma.

The last item Mr. Drake proposed is to remove Valedictorian/Salutatorian and replace with Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Cum Laude and base those on a 4.0 scale, changing from our current 12.0 scale.

New Business:

Mr. Keaffaber presented the Board with the Wabash Miami Area Program Proposed Amended Agreement. Last year Manchester Community Schools opted out of the co-op.

According to the agreement there was an 18-month waiting period before it would become final. That date was to be June 30, 2018. Manchester Community Schools has now rescinded their request to leave the co-op. Under the Amended Agreement, there is a 60-day waiting period before the Amended Agreement can be presented to the Board for a vote.

The recommendation to approve the Tax Anticipation Warrant Resolution did not pass. Todd Dazey and Kevin Bowman voted to pass. Todd Topliff and Gary Fadil voted not to pass. After this vote, item numbers 2, 3, and 4 under New Business were tabled.

The recommendation to approve the Northfield FFA trip to Louisville, KY, February 15, 2018 was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

Chris Kuhn shared with the Board that he would be advertising for Request for Qualifications of Energy Service Providers. MSD will receive sealed proposals for Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract and selection of an Energy Service Company (ESCO) until 10:00 a.m. on December 27, 2017 at the MSD Administration Office.

Steve Holley, Maintenance Supervisor, brought to the Board three proposals for the Wastewater Treatment Plant at Southwood Elementary. The Board voted upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried to select United Consulting.

Board Policy:

The Board reviewed policies #4140-4165.

Items from Board Members:

No items from the Board.

Public Comment (All items):

Todd Blair commented.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 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