

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 February 27, 2018, 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.

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, Matt Driscoll, and Gary Fadil. Also present were: Janette Moore, Bob Shultz, Brian Ridgeway, Sherry Ridgeway, Jeff Dawes, Jane Peebles, Steve Peebles, Tim Cooper, Matt Denney, Abbey Denney, Michael Rigney, Phil Boone, Erica Tyson, Andy Tyson, Megan Hyden, Andrew Maciejewski, Josh Siglar, and Cheryl Roser who took the minutes of the meeting.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for March 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Honeywell Center, March 27, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, and April 10, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building.

The recommendation to accept the \$1,000.00 donation from Donor Choose for Southwood's Washington D. C. trip, was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to accept the \$1,000.00 donation from Donor Choose for Northfield's Washington D. C. trip, was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to accept the \$750.00 donation as Gentry Well and Pump for Southwood High School's Fan Appreciation T-Shirts sponsor, was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

Student Recognition:

Southwood Elementary's Robotic teams demonstrated what competition looks like. Mr. Drake stated that next year, Southwood Jr./Sr. High School will have a team coached by Ms. Jodi Kaehr.

In other student accomplishments, Southwood High School's Matthew Nose and Peyton Trexler reached their 1000 points in basketball, along with Carson Blair who earlier reached 1000 points and is the all-time scoring leader for boys' basketball at SHS and Wabash County; Southwood High School English Teacher Mrs. Michelle Sparling arranged a trip for the Freshman Class to see the Indiana Repertory Theater's presentation of Romeo and Juliet. After viewing the IRT version of the play, students analyzed the differences between it and the text version. Students also discussed the IRT's use of props, music, and other factors that contributed to the overall viewing experience.

Results from the ISSMA (Vocal) State Contest held at Perry Meridian High School, February 17, 2018, for Southwood High School: the quartet of Hannah Miller, Daisy Sparks, Jessie Bunnell, and Alivia Lucas received a Gold Rating with Distinction, a near perfect

performance. Senior, Tyler Robison and Sophomore Alivia Lucas received Gold Ratings for their solo performances. The trio of Victoria Holloway, Clara Snyder, and Makenna Norman received a Silver Rating for their performance. Congratulations to all students and Mrs. Susan Keefer, Southwood Choir Teacher.

Results from the ISSMA (Band) State Contest held at North Central High School, February 24, 2018, for Southwood High School: Shannon Wolf earned a Silver Rating for her clarinet solo and Micah Metzger earned a Gold Rating for his baritone saxophone solo. Thanks to Mr. Chris Hickman for directing these students.

Southwood High School's Bowling Team was successful this year with three (3) students named All-Conference. Tyler Robison finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place overall this season and tied for 4<sup>th</sup> place on average. Matt Poor finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall this season and 5<sup>th</sup> place on average. Emma Holloway finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place overall for the Junior Varsity season and tied with Tyler Robison for 4<sup>th</sup> place overall. Matt Poor also placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Sectionals.

The Wabash County Soil and Water Conservation District had a contest for students to submit posters on conservation. Winners were Logan Lyons, 4<sup>th</sup> grade Sharp Creek Elementary and Kameron Pratt, 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sharp Creek Elementary. Both will receive a \$50.00 monetary prize along with pizza or ice cream for their class. Their posters will be on display at the Annual Meeting for Wabash County on March 2, 2018. In June, these posters will be submitted to the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts for the next level of judging.

Southwood High School Student Congress and Honor Society members had the pleasure of volunteering at the Wabash Animal Shelter on February 24, 2018. They spent time interacting with the animals and helping where needed. The shelter added a special thanks to interns Kyrstin Gouveia and Meghan Daub for coming in on a Saturday morning to help.

Southwood FFA members celebrated National FFA week. There were a number of events, including a staff breakfast and the annual petting zoo. The FFA members invited students to get up close and personal with the animals. Various elementary classes and community member stop by for a visit.

#### Staff Spotlight:

Matt Denney, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Southwood Elementary, was nominated by Logan Hiner for "being funny but making us get our work done" for the Staff Spotlight. Mr. Keaffaber and the Board thanked Mr. Denney for his hard work.

#### Staff Recognition:

Southwood High School Science teacher, Reena Markstahler, attended the annual Hoosier Association of Science Teachers, Inc. (HASTI) in Indianapolis. While there, she delivered a presentation on teaching protein synthesis to high school students. Mrs. Markstahler was also elected Vice President of the Indian Association of Biology Teacher (IABT).

Colleen Gatzimos-Reed, Speech Coach for both Northfield and Southwood High Schools spoke to the Board on the new combined speech team for the district. Many years ago, both schools had speech teams but through the years this program was lost. Mrs. Gatzimos-Reed has rekindled the program.

#### Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Minutes of the Tuesday, February 13, 2018, Regular Meeting were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, 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 Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the cash flow balance.

#### Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Cyndi Parman, Temporary Kindergarten Teacher, Southwood Elementary, effective March 26, 2018 through the end of the 2017-18 school year; Christian Daugherty, Special Education Aide, Southwood Elementary, effective March 19, 2018, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Kim Campbell, Special Education Aide, Southwood Elementary, effective March 16, 2018, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the spring coaching staff for Northfield Jr/Sr High School, all effective for the 2018 season are as follows: Clint Davis, Head Baseball; Tory Shafer, Assistant Baseball; Stan Cox, Assistant Baseball; Shane Vigar, Assistant Baseball; Devon Sheward, Assistant Baseball; Eric Hisner, Assistant Baseball; Mike Holley, Head Softball; Brian Thompson, Assistant Softball; Scott Burcroff, Assistant Softball; Colin Dawes, Boy's Head Golf; Richard Leming, Boy's Head Track; Peyton Birchmeier, Girl's Head Track; Sean Ream, Assistant Track; Brandon Baker, Assistant Track; Pam Peas, Assistant Track; Ryan Sincroft, JH Track; Gina Dale, JH Track; Leah Howard, JH Track; Marianne Milam, Head Tennis; Casey Dyson, Assistant Tennis, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

#### Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported on the recent meeting. The request for approval for Cosmetology to attend the American Hair and Beauty in Chicago, IL, April 30, 2018 was given. Request to collaborate with Wabash Community Foundation to have evening preschool. They want to try to pilot a program for a couple of months to see the interest. There is potential collaboration with Oak Hill High School. Oak Hill is interested in being part of the cooperative. White's Residential is interested in the ability for their students to get CTE at White's. Heartland will be sending someone to Philadelphia to explore that option. Heartland would like to host the MSD Board for a dinner and Board meeting at the facility.

#### Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber reviewed the Staffing Calendar for 2018.

Mr. Keaffaber reviewed the success of eLearning days. We would like to have teachers in front of our students at all times but with illnesses, surgeries, etc., it is not possible. We strive for independence with our students, eLearning has provided students with discovery and independence. In the world around us, eLearning is used. It has provided us with much needed

time for professional learning for all staff. As we investigate, we may bring a proposal to you at a later time as far as changes for the calendar for next year, which has already been approved. We may make some adjustments and bring back to the Board for approval on the changes. As students prepare to move on to higher education, eLearning helps the student be successful.

The Administration Team will be reviewing several legislative updates. One of the things that needs to be discussed is training for all staff on suicide prevention; that training is a two (2) hour training. eLearning days provides us the time needed to train our staff.

#### Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake informed the Board WIDA and ISTAR testing are completed and ISTEP online has started. A few issues slowed the testing down but all testing was completed in the allotted time.

Mr. Drake has talked to recent MSD graduates attending college and has found that they are more computer literate than students they have met who attended bigger school corporations.

Having Heartland here in our district is a huge resource for us. Students come out with certifications that you can't get easily.

We are looking for "Littles" Preschool funding. Every resource is being explored. We are meeting with Wabash Community Foundation. We are not only looking to maintain the program, but to expand it.

Cathy Gohmann and Michelle Sparling are both working with IU Kokomo and will offer dual credit English. Southwood will offer two new class. They will maintain the Junior AP class but Seniors will be offered AP English and a dual credit class. Northfield has always had dual credit in partnership with Ivy Tech.

MSD applied and won the Digital Learning Grant for \$75,000. It can be used for Computer Science, Engineering, and Robotics. Every grade level will have access to Project Based Learning. It will buy materials, a two-day summer training, supplies for the robotics clubs, and will buy the entire new robot for the high school. There were 70+ applicants for the grant and we were one of 27 receiving the grant.

March 13, 2018, will be the Academic Honors Banquet held at the Honeywell Center. The Honorable Chris Goff, Indiana Supreme Court Justice, will be the guest speaker.

#### New Business:

The recommendation to approve the overnight camping trip for Sharp Creek Elementary 6<sup>th</sup> grade, May 17-18, 2018, was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

#### Unfinished Business:

None.

#### Board Policy:

The Board reviewed policy #5055-5090.

#### Items from the Board:

Matt Driscoll was extremely pleased with the graduation rates and GPA data that Mr. Drake shared with the Board at the last meeting. He felt that the information was so great that the newspapers should report on our success.

Kevin Bowman would like to share the good things that are going on in our schools by possibly creating a direct mailing for the county like was done last year, or any other promotional ideas.

Public Comment (All items):

There were no comments from the public.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p. m.

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KEVIN BOWMAN, PRESIDENT

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MATT DRISCOLL, VICE PRESIDENT

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TODD TOPLIFF, BOARD MEMBER

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GARY FADIL, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
TODD DAZEY, SECRETARY