

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 Office, 204 N 300 W, Wabash, IN, on December 11, 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 Dazey, Matt Driscoll, Todd Topliff, and Gary Fadil. Also present were: Sherry Ridgeway, Brian Ridgeway, Janette Moore, Jim Elizondo, Michael Rigney, Larry Smith, Tiffany Smith, Sheila Smith, Amy Stearley, Sabrina LeMaster, Emma Bowling, Paul Voigt, Andrew Christman, Josh Siglar, and Cheryl Roser who took the minutes.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for January 8, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, January 22, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and February 12, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from General Motors, LLC for Southwood Elementary Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the donation from Donors Choose including Ryann Harrington, Linda Allison, Mary Hauptert, Nicole Castro, and many anonymous donors for books for Mrs. Bretzman's 5th grade class, an estimated value of \$315.00, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Student Council Report:

Northfield High School's Student Council President, Emma Bowling, shared with the Board many of the things that the school has been doing. The recent blood drive exceeded the estimated units of blood given. In the Spring there will be another blood drive. A charity dance was held, the money raised was used to purchase items for the school. This week is Christmas Spirit Week. Students and staff have enjoyed holidays dress-up days, hot cappuccino in the cafeteria, holiday music in the halls, and other fun holiday things.

As the school looks forward to spring, events are being planned. The 3rd annual Dress Drive will be getting under way. NHS students donate prom dresses. They plan on inviting area schools to donate dresses and participate in the sale.

Staff Spotlight:

Sheila Smith, a student of Amy Stearly, nominated Mrs. Stearly for the Staff Spotlight. Ms. Smith stated in her nomination letter that Mrs. Stearly “is awesome”.

Schools' Recognition:

Southwood High School received another exemplary behavior report for their basketball team. The official for the November 30, 2018 game wrote, “ want to report to the schools and the IHSAA that both teams and coaches showed excellent sportsmanship during the contest I worked. It's nice to have athletes respect the game and their opponents and have coaches that respectfully address officials when speaking to them and focus more on coaching their teams than officiating. Both of these teams and coaches should be commended for their sportsmanship and the class that they show.”

Southwood Elementary had six students compete on Saturday, December 8, 2018, in the Elks Hoop Shoot free throw competition. Those students are: 8-9 year old-Adeline Boone and Braylon Basset (2nd place); 10-11 year old-Shania Rhamy (3rd place) and James Unger; 12-13 year old-Courtney Finney (3rd place) and Luke Andrews.

At the VEX IQ Robotics Competition at Carroll Elementary on December 1, 2018, the Red Circuit Breakers won two team awards for the day, the Judges Award and the Skills Award. The Red team also qualified for the VEX IQ Robotics State Championship in Indianapolis on March 9, 2019.

Northfield High School would like to congratulate Ariel Dale for her eclipsing a 1000 points in her career on the basketball court. Congratulations to Faith Macy the 2019 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Winner.

The Metro North family raised over \$4,000.00 to assist 2nd grader, Max Leffel in the purchase of his first wheelchair during Metro North Spirit Week. Thank you to all of the students, parents, grandparents, and major donors that assisted us with this special project. Major donors included Urbana Yoke Parish, the Largo American Legion, and Tiffany Hauptert.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Minutes of the Tuesday, November 27, 2018, Regular Meeting were approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Matt Driscoll, 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 Dazey, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Chris Kuhn reviewed the November cash flow and end of month with the Board.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Dallas Duggan, Classroom Instructor, White's Jr/Sr High School, effective December 10, 2018, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #91 to begin approximately March 18, 2019 for approximately 8 weeks; #92 to begin January 9, 2019 through February 1, 2019 was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the winter coaches for Southwood Jr/Sr High School, all effective the 2018-19 winter season: Katy McClure, Southwood Elementary 6th Grade Girls Basketball; Steve McClure, Southwood Elementary 6th Grade Girls Basketball Assistant; Harley Hiner, Southwood High School J.H Wrestling were all approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber recently attended the IAPSS Conference. He updated the Board on the things that were talked about during the sessions he attended.

March 19, 2019 will be our next eLearning Day and Mr. Keaffaber will have Dr. Lori Desautels speaking to teachers and support staff. Mr. Keaffaber has secured Dr. William Daggett to speak for the eLearning Day on September 13, 2019. Mr. Daggett is a world renowned speaker and you must plan in advance for him to speak at an event.

On December 3, 2018, Mr. Keaffaber and the Drug Steering Committee invited Nathan Harmon to speak during the day to students at Northfield and Southwood. Later in the evening he spoke at the Honeywell Center for the public to hear. Mr. Harmon talks about his life and battle with alcohol and drugs. Over 2,500 students and adults were able to hear Mr. Harmon speak.

Mr. Keaffaber shared with the Board the data from the Public Corporation Transfer Report released by the Indiana Department of Education.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake reported that already planning has begun for the 2019-20 school year. He has been meeting with teachers to develop a plan for Pathways for Graduation. Preschool talks have begun. At this time, enrolling for next year's preschool will begin in January. The planning committee has talked about adding more preschool classes at both elementaries for next year. Mr. Drake has met with the technology department preparing for the technology refresh within the next 1-2 years.

Currently, ISTEP re-testing for Juniors and Seniors who have not passed previously. NWEA testing has begun with some minor issue with technology.

New Business:

The Bond Hearing was opened by President Kevin Bowman and Mr. Kuhn reviewed that the bond will be used for Capital Project within the schools.

The recommendation to approve the Resolution to Approve Second Amendment to Lease was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Todd Dazey, Gary Fadil voted no. Resolution passed on a 4-1 vote.

The recommendation to approve the Resolution to Approve Projects was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Matt Driscoll, Gary Fadil voted no. Resolution passed on a 4-1 vote.

The recommendation to approve the Resolution Authorizing Execution of Second Amendment to Lease was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Todd Dazey, Gary Fadil voted no. Resolution passed on a 4-1 vote.

The recommendation to approve the Resolution Assigning Construction Bids was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Matt Driscoll, Gary Fadil voted no. Resolution passed on a 4-1 vote.

The recommendation to approve the Resolution Approving First Supplement to Master Continue Disclosure Undertaking was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the snow removal bids, awarding the bid to Brainard's Snow Removal, LLC, was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, passing 4-0, with Todd Dazey abstaining.

The recommendation to approve the End of the Year Resolution was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the extended trip for Northfield Juniors and Seniors to attend the Stratford Shakespeare Festival, August 27-30, 2019 in Stratford, Canada was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the extended trip for Southwood AP Government and Northfield AP History classes to Washington D.C., January 15-20, 2019, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the request of North Miami to join as a member of the Wabash Miami Area Program Special Education Cooperative as of July 1, 2019, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the appointment of Jonathan Fisher to the Roann Public Library Board for the term beginning January 15, 2019, and ending January 15, 2013, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

Due to the extensive requirements necessary to utilize the donation of one of the MSD buses, the LaFontaine United Methodist Church has declined the bus donation, therefore we are recommending this bus be donated to the Cathedral of Praise Church of Wabash. This recommendation was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

Board Policy:

None.

Items from Board Members:

None.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

The Board heard comments from the public.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7: 07 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