

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
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 August 23, 2016 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.

President Matt Driscoll, who presided, called the meeting to order. Mike Keaffaber, Chris Kuhn and Tim Drake were present. On call of the roll, the members of the Board were shown to be present as follows: Todd Dazey, John Gouveia and Kevin Bowman. Troy Baer was absent. Also present were: Marshall Blair, Suzie Lewis, Rosa Sparling, Emma Sue Rausch, Chelsea Boulrisse, Nikki Brubaker, Brad Lee, Bill Hunter, Carol Cly, Joel Stein, Gary Fadil, Andy Eads, Todd Blair, Brian Gottschalk, Jared Boggs, Tammy Ford, Todd Topliff, Patty Cooper, Tim Cooper, Nick Berlier, Chris Hickman, Jim Elizondo, Phil Boone and Cheryl Roser took the minutes.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled September 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., September 27, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. and October 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. all at the Administration Building.

Public Input:

President Matt Driscoll, opened the floor for public input. Mr. Keaffaber thanked those who attended the public forums the past week at the two high schools and the School Board members are listening to those concerns and ideas. He then announced that at present, the current School Board will not be making any reorganization changes for the 2017-2018 school year. We are listening to our community and reviewing the options. This is what Mr. Keaffaber heard some School Board Members state at the Public Forum and in and media, and then asked if they would verify his statement which they agreed.

There is too much to evaluate in the short time to be in effect for the 2017-18 school year. It was then opened to the public for comments and questions. Rosa Sparling asked when a FAQ list would be available to view. She was told that a list is being compiled but has not been put out to the public yet as there is a large amount of input to go through. Gary Fadil asked why there was such an urgency before and now the change? It was stated that with the input from the public, it was clear there is not enough time to make decisions and implement them for the next school year. John Gouveia stated that due to the change in plans other avenues would need to be considered such as tax referendum, bonds, or cuts to offset budget issues. Carol Cly is still hearing there are AP classes with as few as two students in them and would like to look at other

options for those class sizes. Brad Lee thanked the Board for being opening with the public. He asked if a G.O. Bond would be the way MSD obtained financial assistance; he hoped the Board would be transparent to the public on the uses of the bond. Tim Drake shared that 44 classes currently have 10 or less students in them. Marshall Blair asked if there would be some notification to parents of students who had transferred out of the district of the change in plans. Mike Keaffaber stated he had a letter ready to mail to those parents the next day. Kevin Bowman stated the we need to, now more than ever, promote our schools. Bill Hunter stated that according to the IDOE's numbers, the elementaries don't seem to be losing as many students as the high schools. The Board did not think those numbers were correct. Joel Stein had been concerned at the forum that a patron had asked Mr. Driscoll a question and he felt that Mr. Driscoll did not answer the question to his satisfaction. Mr. Stein directly scrutinized Mr. Driscoll. Later Mr. Stein re-evaluated his thinking and was told by the patron that she felt Mr. Driscoll had answered her question to her satisfaction. Mr. Stein emailed Mr. Driscoll with a formal apology. He publicly apologized to Mr. Driscoll during the Board meeting. Gary Fadil wished to know if MSD is willing to sit down with Wabash City School Board and discuss consolidation. Todd Dazey said all options are on the table at this point, but no meeting has been set by either school corporation. Andy Eads wanted to know who makes the marketing decisions. He would very much like to meet to offer his suggestions. Nikki Brubaker asked if it is possible to publish what students need to get into college. Tim Drake stated that they would see what they could provide but colleges require different things. Matt Driscoll closed the public input after no further questions were asked.

Staff Recognition:

Mike Keaffaber recognized several staff members for their efforts for the schools. Kelly Schuler for working to keep Northfield Jr/Sr High School's courtyard looking beautiful. Pam Foust for taking the extra time to submit the Guynn Grant resulting in \$7,800. She has been working with Donna Highley to order Promethean Interactive Board/Panel for students in Mrs. Foust's class. The students and staff of Sharp Creek Elementary were recognized for their efforts in the "Chair Affair 2016" event. Rebekah Macy for earning Metro North over \$2,000 from "Box Top for Education".

Minutes of the Tuesday, August 9, 2016 Regular Meeting were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Dazey and unanimously carried.

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

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

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Chad Crews, Ag Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective August 3, 2016; Lauren Harbison, Title I Teacher, Metro North Elementary, effective immediately; Josh Bickle, Assistant Football Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately were approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Kevin Bowman and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Rebecca Elzy, Title I Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective August 15, 2016; Rebekah Macy, Special Education Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective August 16, 2016; Kimberly Miller, Custodian, Southwood Elementary, effective August 25, 2016 were approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Kevin Bowman and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve Northfield Jr/Sr High School coaches (additions) for the 2016 fall season: Peyton Miller, 7th Grade Volleyball; Tanner Chamberlain, Assistant Varsity Cross Country; Alec Hammon, Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach; Ali Rosemeyer, Head Varsity Cheer; Deb Schenkle, Assistant Varsity Cheer; KT Nevil, Jr. High Cheer; Rhonda Dale, Jr. High Cheer were approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Kevin Bowman and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Connie McKillip from Special Education Paraprofessional to Title I Paraprofessional at Metro North Elementary effective August 10, 2016 was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Kevin Bowman and unanimously carried.

Professional Conference Requests:

Mike Keaffaber and John Gouveia, to attend the ISBA/IAPSS Fall Conference, September 26-27, 2016 in Indianapolis, IN; Steve Holley, Maintenance Director, to attend the Indiana School Safety Specialist Academy, August 29-30, 2016 in Indianapolis, IN; Paul Voigt, Principal, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, to attend Indiana School Safety Specialist Academy, August 29-30, 2016 in Indianapolis, IN were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Dazey and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported on the August 7, 2016 Heartland Career Center meeting. They accepted the resignation of Terry Shoemaker, Precision Machine Instructor. They replaced him with David Halverson.

They accepted the Ford Meter Box donation for the 2016-17 school year.

Enrollment is up slightly at 541 but as the school year proceeds they expect some changes.

Superintendent's Report:

No report.

Curriculum Report:

Tim Drake stated the Title I grant had been sent back for correction. ELS and NWEA testing has begun. After talking briefly about those items, he wanted to address being put on the "hot seat" at the public forum. He talked about many things that had been brought up regarding his job as the district's Curriculum & Instruction Director. He said that MSD has a huge diverse student population. While we believe in vocational programs, he stated that students deserve classes to prepare them for a 4-year college. He also wanted to correct some misgivings that was recently noted in The Paper. First he said that the local papers do not have review each item printed for factual information. He stated that Southwood High School had the highest graduation rate in Wabash County, contrary to what was published. MSD has licensed Art, Music and Physical Education teachers. MSD has the highest iRead scores, which is given to all 3rd grade students. These were just some of the facts that Mr. Drake felt the public needed to have corrected and asked if others would like to know more he would be glad to sit down with them and talk through those.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the overnight field trip for Northfield Jr. High Cheerleaders to Baroda, MI, August 26-27, 2016 was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Todd Dazey and unanimously approved.

Permission to advertise the 2017 Budget (Capital Project Fund and Bus Replacement Plan) was approved upon a motion by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Dazey and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the field trip request for Northfield Choirs to Michigan City, IN and Weko Beach, Bridgman, MI, August 27, 2016 was approved upon a motion made

by John Gouveia, a second by Todd Dazey and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to declare buses for salvage (bus #13, 24,27, 28, 30, 31, 44, 57, 62) was approve upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Kevin Bowman and unanimously carried.

Permission to advertise the sale of buses through Indiana Auto Auction was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Modified RISE evaluation plans for 2016-17 was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Kevin Bowman and unanimously carried.

Chris Kuhn continued with his 2017 Budget presentation, reviewing the General Fund's draft.

The recommendation to accept the fuel bids were approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Kevin Bowman and unanimously carried. Todd Dazey abstained.

Jim Elizondo from City Securities was at the meeting to discuss the possibility of a General Obligation (G.O.) Bond.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

MATT DRISCOLL, PRESIDENT

JOHN GOUVEIA, VICE PRESIDENT

KEVIN BOWMAN, BOARD MEMBER

TODD DAZEY, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST: _____
TROY BAER, SECRETARY