

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 January 10, 2017 at 5: 09 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, 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: Gary Fadil, Todd Topliff, Kevin Bowman and Todd Dazey. Also present were Paul Voigt, Lisa Fadil, Ann Higgins, Beth Eagan, Tammy Topliff, Brad Lee, Teresa Galley, Nathaniel Fadil, Phil Boone, Emma Rausch, Chelsea Boulrisse, Troy Friedersdorf and Cheryl Roser who took the minutes of the meeting.

The pledge to the flag was recited before the Board of Finance meeting.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for January 24, 2017 Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m., February 14, 2017 Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. and February 28, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. all at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition and Public Input:

No Public Input.

Recommendation to approve the \$1,000.00 Action Grant for Southwood High School's Peers Educating Peers was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff and unanimously carried.

Student Recognition:

Mr. Keaffaber recognized Tom Finicle and Carrie Haycraft for the excellent job in organizing the Wabash County Basketball Tournament. Southwood went 6-2 in the tournament with the JV Girls, JV Boys and Varsity Boys capturing Championship Titles. Congratulations to players and coaches. Also recognized were Southwood's Girls' Basketball Team and coaches for receiving the IHSAA Exemplary Sportsmanship Report for the championship game on January 7, 2017, which was given by referee Justin Faw.

Mr. Keaffaber recognized the Southwood FFA Forestry Team for placing 3rd in the State Forestry Judging Competition on December 10, 2016 at Purdue University.

Mr. Keaffaber congratulated Ann Higgins, Director of Wabash-Miami Area Program and her teachers for receiving a 100% compliance on federal indicators. This is a big accomplishment for Mrs. Higgins and her Special Education Teachers. There are many indicators on every IEP that the teachers complete for each student; they cannot have any errors to be compliant.

Minutes of the Tuesday, December 13, 2016 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 Topliff, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

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

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the Employment of Sarah Ranck, Special Education Aide, Southwood Elementary, effective January 11, 2017 was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Kevin Bowman and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Shandolyn Aboudou, Psychologist, WMAP, effective January 20, 2017; Connie Pulley, 3 Hour Cook, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately were approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Kevin Bowman and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of #49, #50, Evelyn Bradford, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, Dawn Dutton, Southwood Elementary, Jane Rogers, Northfield Jr/Sr High School all effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year. Rosa Sparling, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective December 22, 2016 were approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Kevin Bowman and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #62 to begin January 9, 2017 for approximately 2-3 weeks was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Kevin Bowman and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Karin Tart, Southwood Elementary from Special Education Aide to Media Aide effective January 9, 2017 was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Kevin Bowman and unanimously carried.

Professional Conference Requests:

The recommendation to approve the conference requests for Ann Higgins, Director of Wabash-Miami Area Program, to attend the Focus on Inclusion Conference, February 21-22, 2017 in Indianapolis, IN was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

The December meeting was a luncheon for retiring board member, Carol Clemons from North Miami.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber briefly review a few of the proposed legislative items.

Curriculum Report:

Tim Drake reported that grant writing is completed and the Title I Grant and the High Ability Grant have been approved. They are still waiting on the Title II Grant. WIDA testing is going on now. MSD does not have many ESL students at this time.

New Business:

Mr. Keaffaber read a letter written by The Community Foundation of Wabash County inviting two or more school districts to submit funding proposals for a comprehensive study. They are offering to fund all of the cost of the study.

The recommendation to allow the Superintendent to submit a funding proposal with other interested district Superintendents was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil and passed 4-1 with Todd Dazey abstaining.

The recommendation to approve the overnight trip for Northfield Seniors, March 4-8, 2017 to New York, NY was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Kevin Bowman and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Items from the Board:

Gary Fadil asked if board meeting times could be changed to 6:30 p.m. Each board member stated that they were fine with changing the time. All meetings effective January 24, 2017 forward will be at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise stated.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 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