

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 March 28, 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, 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, Todd Dazey and Matt Driscoll. Also present were Paul Voigt, Troy Friedersdorf, Emma Rausch, Chelsea Boulrisse, Andrew McDaniel, Brad Lee, Angela Christopher, Emmy Titus, Ashlyn Rody, Evelyn Gray, KT Nevil, Kathryn Pefley, Phil Boone and Cheryl Roser who took the minutes of the meeting.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for April 11, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., at Heartland Career Center (5:00 p.m. will be a tour for the Board), Regular meeting at 6:30 p.m., April 25, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., at the Administration Building and May 9, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Student Recognition:

Angela Christopher, Purdue Extension, and students Emmy Titus, Ashlyn Rody, and Evelyn Gray, attended "Teens as Teachers Biotechnology Training". They demonstrated how to get the DNA from a strawberry. They instructed the Board members on how to do this while helping them perform the task.

Mr. Keaffaber and the high school principals reported on student achievements. Ariel Benner (Southwood) and Jordan Bratch (Northfield) were Optimist winners. Two Northfield students placed third at the Regional Science Fair and qualified to compete at the State level. Southwood High School Drama students presented a comedy, Game of Tiaras. Southwood High School students who participated in intramural basketball played the teacher's intramural team on March 10. Student paid an admission fee of \$1.00 to watch the game. A total of \$400.00 was collected and donated to Riley Children's Hospital. Southwood ninth grader, Daniel Cornett received news that a poem he wrote is advancing in the Poetry Nation's Amateur Poetry Competition and will be published in their newest anthology. Congratulations to Southwood 11th grade student, Latasha Thomas. She collected over 70 children's books for an assignment for her Early Childhood Development class at Heartland. These books will be donated to needy families around Wabash.

Staff Recognition:

Mr. McDaniel congratulated Jim Sparks on being named the VFW Smart/Maher District 5 Teacher of the Year.

Student Council Report:

Northfield High School Student Council President Katie Pefley and sponsor, KT Nevil reported to the Board events of the Northfield students. They had a dress drive for prom and raised \$170.00 for Safe Place and \$170.00 for Habitat for Humanity. For Valentine's Day they sold pink, red, and white carnations and raised \$156.00. On April 26, 2017, they will have a

blood drive, that is open to the anyone interested in donating. The Yearbook staff is planning an End-of-Year Bash with fun activities for students and staff.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to accept \$828.00 donation from Elks Lodge No. 471 for Northfield Art Department was accepted upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Gary Fadil and unanimously carried.

Minutes of the Tuesday, March 14, 2017, Regular Meeting and the Monday, March 27, 2017, Work Session Certification were approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Todd Dazey and unanimously carried.

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

There was no Payroll to be approved.

Chris Kuhn reviewed the February Cash Flow Report with the Board.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation for Wendele Mealy, High Ability Aide, Southwood Elementary, effective the end of the 2016-17 school year was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Todd Topliff and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Danielle Bassous, Special Education Teacher, Southwood Elementary, effective August 8, 2017, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Todd Topliff and unanimously carried.

Professional Conference Requests:

The recommendation to approve the conference requests for Patrick Hopkins, Teacher and Northfield Boys Basketball Coach, to attend the IBCA (Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, April 21-22, 2017, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Todd Dazey and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber reported that there are ongoing discussions on staffing plans.

Curriculum Report:

Tim Drake talked about having a good response at Kindergarten Round-Up about Preschool. He also briefed the Board on the plan to "cluster" elementary classes next year. There have been teacher meetings and parent meetings over the process.

ISTEP part II will be starting up in April after Spring Break. He is very concerned that some elementary students will be testing five hours per day.

New Business:

Steve Holley reviewed the mowing and spraying bids. After reviewing them, Mr. Holley recommended Corey's Lawn Care for the mowing and Hoffman's for spraying for the 2017 season. The recommendation to approve Corey's Lawn Care for mowing was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Todd Topliff and unanimously carried. The recommendation to approve Hoffman's for spraying was made by Todd Dazey, a second by Matt Driscoll and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

Steve Holley presented the proposals for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. They discussed construction that could be done with local vendors at a lower cost. Further discussion will take place at a later time. No vote was taken.

Board Policy:

The Board will begin reviewing two Board Policies each meeting. They reviewed Policies #1020 and #1030.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

KEVIN BOWMAN, PRESIDENT

MATT DRISCOLL, VICE PRESIDENT

TODD TOPLIFF, BOARD MEMBER

GARY FADIL, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST: _____
TODD DAZEY, SECRETARY