

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 24, 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, Matt Driscoll and Todd Dazey. Also present were Paul Voigt, Brad Lee, Teresa Galley, Shelly Faust, Lucas Topliff, Peter Stefanatos, Robin Klare, Parker Mays, Sabrina LeMaster, Troy Friedersdorf, Emma Rausch, Chelsea Boulrisse, and Cheryl Roser who took the minutes of the meeting.

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

Student Council Report:

Northfield Student Council Sponsor, Sabrina LeMaster, reported for the school due to students being unavailable.

Southwood High School students and teacher Shelly Faust spoke to the Board about their recent travels to Washington, D.C. for the Inauguration. The group spent five days in Washington seeing different historical sites before attending the Inauguration. They toured the U.S. Capitol building and listened to the House of Representatives and Senate proceedings. They waited several hours in line for the Supreme Court but were unable to get in. They also visited The Pentagon, 9/11 Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Holocaust Museum, Inaugural Concert and the Arlington Cemetery. They attended the Inauguration of our 45th President Donald J. Trump.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for February 14, 2017 Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m., February 28, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., both at the Administration Building. March 14, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Honeywell Center.

Public Recognition and Public Input:

Robin Klare presented materials about an insurance plan that she thought could be an option for classified employees.

The recommendation to approve the \$767.00 donation from DonorsChoose.org-Horace Mann to Northfield High School Teacher, Ashley Giordano for STEM Inquiry Classroom Project was approved by Matt Driscoll, a second by Todd Dazey and unanimously approved.

Staff Spotlight:

The first Staff Spotlight was given to Evelyn Bradford, Family and Consumer Science Teacher at Northfield High School. Mrs. Bradford was nominated by Molly Dazey, a student at Northfield High School. Ms. Dazey said that Mrs. Bradford was a very kind and caring teacher and she felt she deserved the recognition.

Student Recognition:

Andrew McDaniel, Principal at Southwood High School wanted to recognize the Heartland students who had perfect attendance. He also recognized Angie Loschiavo and Greg Stetter, along with Student Congress for donating blood at the recent Blood Drive.

Staff Recognition:

State Senator, Andy Zay presented Southwood High School Teacher, Cynthia Bell with her Indiana Teacher's license. Mr. Zay worked with the Indiana Department of Education to recognize Mrs. Bell's many years of teaching experience, extensive credentials and passion for her students. Mrs. Bell comes to Southwood from Iowa.

Minutes of the Tuesday, January 10, 2017 Board of Finance Meeting, Reorganization Meeting and Regular Meeting were approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, 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 Matt Driscoll, a second by Todd Dazey and unanimously carried.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Jeff Guenin, Speech and Language Assistant, WMAP, effective January 27, 2017; Brenda Eckert, 3 Hour Cook, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective January 27, 2017 was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Matt Driscoll and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Barbara Ellis, Special Education Aide, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year was approved upon a motion made by Toddy Dazey, a second by Matt Driscoll and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Linda Miracle, 3 Hour Cook, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective January 24, 2017 was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Matt Driscoll and passed 4-1. Gary Fadil opposed due to a financial concern.

The recommendation to approve the leave of Jamie Hauptert, LOS Aide at Metro North Elementary to student teach at Metro North Elementary beginning January 9, 2017 through approximately March 31, 2017 was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Matt Driscoll and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve Colton Dawes, Volunteer JH Wrestling Coach, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective for the 2017 season was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Matt Driscoll and unanimously carried.

Professional Conference Requests:

The recommendation to approve the conference requests for Megan Wright, Special Education Teacher, Southwood Elementary, to attend the STAR Autism Conference, January 18-19, 2017 at Park Hill Learning Center, New Haven, IN; Kyle Highley, Bus Mechanic, to attend the Kerlin Bus Sales Technical Training Seminar, March 8-9, 2017 in Nashville, IN was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Matt Driscoll and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported on the January 18, 2017 meeting. The welding program was given the Indiana Award for Excellence. The perfect attendance list was shared to the members. Each student who has perfect attendance in each 9 weeks will have their name entered in a drawing for a donated car. All perfect attendance students were rewarded with elephant ears. Two Heartland students are currently working at Chrysler in Kokomo.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber reported that there are many legislative items involving education which he will be watching and updating when more information is available.

On Friday, January 20, 2017 Mr. Keaffaber and Mr. Friedersdorf, White's High School

Principal, went to Indianapolis to appeal the letter grade given to White's High School. White's High School has many differences that do not match up with IDOE letter grade guidelines. Mr. Keaffaber and Mr. Friedersdorf shared with the committee those differences. After hearing those, the committee agreed that White's High School does not match up with the guidelines and will be given a "no grade". They noted the great work that is done at White's High School.

Curriculum Report:

Tim Drake reported that Metro North Elementary was selected for a Title I Desktop Monitoring audit which will involve showing that we have been following protocol. They will be collecting data for that audit.

New Business:

Keith Bryant, consultant with United Consulting, reviewed the plans if we were to move forward on refurbishing the wastewater treatment plants at Southwood Elementary and Southwood High School. The Board asked to have this on the February 14, 2017 agenda for more discussion.

The recommendation to approve the Europe trip to Spain, Monaco, France and Italy for students grades 9-12 (in the 2017-18 school year), March 29-April 7, 2018 was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the skiing field trip for Northfield's Advanced P.E. class to Swiss Valley in Michigan, February 13, 2017 was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Matt Driscoll and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight field trip for Sharp Creek Elementary 4th Grade to Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, IN, March 23-24, 2017 was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Todd Topliff and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Items from the Board:

Todd Topliff, after reviewing the claims, asked why Board members were paid mileage to and from regular meetings. After some discussion a motion was made to stop paying mileage for regular Board meetings by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff and unanimously carried. Mileage outside of regular meetings, i.e. conferences, state and district meeting, etc. would still

be paid mileage.

Todd Topliff asked if the agenda and any other pertinent information with the Board Meeting could be projected on the screen for the public to view. He also thought the Public Input might need to be moved to later on in the meeting to allow adequate time for the public to have comments in regards to previous agenda items.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:51 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