

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION 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 Central Office Administration Building, 204 N. 300 W., Wabash, IN, on January 13, 2015 at 6:12 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. Dr. Sandra Weaver was also present. Dr. Brian Dawson was absent. On call of the roll, the members of the Board were shown to be present as follows: John Gouveia, Troy Baer, Todd Dazey, and Kevin Bowman. Also present were Janette Moore, Chris Kuhn, Melissa Brisco, and Cheryl Roser took the minutes.

The pledge to the flag had been recited before the start of the Reorganization meeting.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for January 27, 2015, February 10, 2015, and February 24, 2015 all at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition and Public Input:

The recommendation to approve the \$1,661.22 donation from General Mills (Box Top for Education) for Southwood Elementary was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Troy Baer, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$2,190.60 donation from General Mills (Box Top for Education) for Southwood Jr/Sr High School was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Troy Baer, and unanimously carried.

Minutes of the Tuesday, December 9, 2014 Regular Meeting were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Troy Baer, and unanimously carried.

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

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

The recommendation to approve the Emergency CPF was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by John Gouveia, and unanimously carried.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Julie McCoart, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective immediately; Carri Tressler, Preschool Teacher, WMAP, effective December 19, 2014; Emily Titus, Paraprofessional, WMAP, effective immediately; Amber Smith, Paraprofessional, WMAP, effective January 23, 2015; Jazmine Johnson, Paraprofessional, WMAP, effective December 19, 2014 were approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of John Diener, Coordinator/Transportation Director, WMAP, effective the end of the 2014-15 school year; Loretta Sommers, LD Special Education Teacher, WMAP/Northfield Jr/Sr High School,

effective the end of the 2014-15 school year were approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Amber Smith, At-Risk Aide, White's Jr/Sr High School, effective January 26, 2015; Ryan Dubois, Guidance Counselor, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective February 2, 2015 were approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Addendum to Contract for Sherry Yenna, Spell Bowl, \$100.00; Phillip Boone, Spell Bowl, \$100.00; Jennifer Pattison, Spell Bowl, \$200.00 were approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

The salary change for Jerry Middleton, pay increase of \$.38/hour for High School Head Custodian from Elementary Head Custodian filling an absence effective November 13, 2014 was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Northfield coaches, Jim Curry, Assistant Wrestling and Tanner Chamberlain, Assistant Wrestling, both for the 2014-15 season were approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the conference request of Sabrina LeMaster, Teacher, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, to attend the Google Educator Training Boot Camp, February 2-3, 2015 in Indianapolis, IN; Sabrina LeMaster, Teacher, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, to attend the Hoosier Association of Science Teachers (HASTI), February 12-13, 2015 in Indianapolis, IN; Mark Nevil, Choir Instructor, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, to attend the Indiana Music Educator's Conference, January 16-17, 2015; Jamie Holmes, Bus Mechanic, to attend the Technician Training Seminar, March 3-4, 2015 in Nashville, IN were approved upon a motion made by Troy Baer, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

#### Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported on the December 17, 2014 Board of Managers meeting. The adult evening classes for the spring have been eliminated due to the small amount of interest. They may try to find an alternate type of program to replace this.

They received their new budget from the state and discussed the budget.

The Emergency Medical Responder class, which is offered the third nine weeks for students enrolled in Criminal Justice and/or Health Science programs; six students are participating in the EMR program. At the end of the nine weeks students will be given an opportunity to ride along with the Wabash Fire Department.

#### Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Weaver reviewed the process for making weather related delays and cancellations. She stated that there is never a time we don't take decision making seriously. All of the same factors have been the reason for the most recent delays and cancellations, except this last cancellation was based mostly on our student drivers and their safety driving to school.

Dr. Weaver has been notified by the bus mechanics that some of our buses are greatly affected by temperatures of -10 or below. Therefore, some cancellations this year have been due to that issue.

We have received many questions on why we were not able to use eLearning days for these recent cancellations. That is due to the timing of the inclement weather. We had not been in school long enough to get procedures in place to send the iPads home with the younger students. Teachers did not have enough time to plan lessons for those days as well.

Make-up days will be February 2 and 16; March 20; and May 22, 2015. Students will be in school on those days. Our last student day will be May 22, 2015 now.

At a meeting some time ago, Dr. Weaver talked to bus drivers about having weather captains who would go out and drive their areas in their buses if they chose to determine road and weather conditions. No drivers volunteered for that job and Dr. Weaver then asked them to call her if they had any information they wished to share with her that could help with decision-making.

We have a planned eLearning day, Tuesday, January 20, 2015. All students will take their devices home on Monday, January 19, 2015 in preparation for the eLearning day. All staff will report to assigned locations for their professional development.

#### Curriculum Report:

Melissa Brisco, Chief Academic Officer, along with Janette Moore and Chris Kuhn were at the meeting to present the Early Literacy Grant to the Board. MSD received the \$19,000.00 grant after Ms. Brisco, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Kuhn and Mrs. Kristie Unger worked on applying for the grant. The grant money must be used by June 30, 2015. They will decide what the grant will be used on very soon.

The recommendation to approve the \$19,000.00 grant was accepted upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Troy Baer, and unanimously carried.

In other curriculum business, January 13, 2015 was ISTEP Readiness Day. Schools all over the state were to test the program. The results of that testing was not successful, due to vendor issues. MSD technology had no issues.

#### New Business:

The recommendation to approve the appointment of Jonathan Fisher to the Roann Public Library Board of Trustees for a term ending January 2019 was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Troy Baer, and unanimously carried.

#### Items From Board Members:

The recommendation to change the Board Meeting time to 6:30 p.m. effective January 27, 2015 was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

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MATT DRISCOLL, PRESIDENT

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JOHN GOUVEIA, VICE PRESIDENT

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KEVIN BOWMAN, BOARD MEMBER

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TODD DAZEY, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
TROY BAER, SECRETARY