

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 February 10, 2015 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.

President, Matt Driscoll, who presided, called the meeting to order. Dr. Brian Dawson was present. On call of the roll, the members of the Board were shown to be present as follows: John Gouveia, Troy Baer, and Kevin Bowman. Absent were Todd Dazey and Dr. Sandra Weaver. Also present were Melissa Brisco, Emma Rausch, Mark Nevil, Mike Keaffaber, Danielle Darnell, Lori Nevil, Madison Nevil, Allie Nose, Ali Lengel, Amy Schmidt, Larry Schmidt, Matthew Schmidt, Zachary Schmidt, Steve Holley, Geoff Salmon, and Cheryl Roser took the minutes.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for February 24, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., at the Administration Building, March 10, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at Honeywell Center, and March 24, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Student Recognition:

Jeremy Nevil, senior at Northfield Jr/Sr High School, shared his musical talents by performing a song he has written and currently has on iTunes, "Let's Get Crazy". He has a total of three songs on iTunes now. Along with writing the songs, he has also done the computerization of the accompaniments for each song. After singing the song he shared with the Board how the computerization works.

Public Recognition and Public Input:

The recommendation to accept the donation of a water filter by Ecowater System valued at \$995.00 for Northfield High School teacher's lounge was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to accept the donation of \$1,000.00 from an anonymous donor to Northfield High School Boys Basketball was accepted by Troy Baer, a second by John Gouveia, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to accept the donation of \$2,500.00 from Indiana Wesleyan University to Northfield High School Track Department was accepted by Kevin Bowman, a second by John Gouveia, and unanimously carried.

Staff Recognition:

Amy Schmidt was recognized by the Board for her assistance with developing the DVD "Future Ready" Presentation which Dr. Weaver took on her trip to Washington D.C.

Danielle Darnell, was recognized by the Board for winning the Twitter photo contest. She won a classroom grant.

Minutes of the Tuesday, February 10, 2015 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 Kevin Bowman, a second by John Gouveia, and unanimously carried.

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

#### Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Cheryl Ulery, WMAP, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, effective February 17, 2015 was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Clarissa Shank, Paraprofessional, WMAP, effective February 9, 2015 was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Susan Davis, Teacher, Southwood Elementary, effective the end of the 2014-15 school year; Charla Schoeff, Teacher, Southwood Elementary, effective the end of the 2014-15 school year were approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the spring coaches for Southwood Jr/Sr High School, all effective the 2015 season are as follows: Kris Holtzleiter, Head Baseball; Warren Dailey, Varsity Assistant Baseball; Tim Pauley, Varsity Assistant Baseball; Dustin Rutledge, Varsity Assistant Baseball; Evan Hammond, Head JV Baseball; Ethan Daggett, JV Assistant Baseball; Chris Miller, JV Assistant Baseball; Carl Pace, Head Softball; Rod Cole, Head Tennis; Dawn Hobson, Varsity Assistant Tennis; Jody Stakeman, JV Tennis; Troy Friedersdorf, Head Boys and Girls Track; Cary Hammel, Assistant Boys and Girls Track; Danielle Darnell, Assistant Boys and Girls Track; Mandy Dale, Assistant Boys and Girls Track; Jeff Hobson, Head Junior High Boys Track; Tonya Boone, Head Junior High Girls Track were approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the conference request of Sandy McCarty, WMAP, to attend the Early Childhood Special Education Administrators Conference, March 9-10, 2015 in Indianapolis, IN was approved upon a motion made by Troy Baer, a second by John Gouveia, and unanimously carried.

#### Heartland Career Center Report:

There was no report.

#### Superintendent's Report:

There was no report.

#### Curriculum Report:

Chief Academic Officer, Melissa Brisco, updated the Board on the most recent ISTEP issues. Earlier that same afternoon Governor Pence signed an executive order to reduce the length of the ISTEP test. As it stands the test is approximately 12 hours long. The governor, along with many others in the education field, believes 12 hours is too long for students to spend testing. Most feel the length would be detrimental to test scores. A consultant will be hired to

make reductions to the test. They have until February 20, 2015 to make those changes and notify all involved.

The board was informed that Northfield High School finally found out that their letter grade had been changed. When grades were given out earlier this year we believed that some important factors were left out when the grade was calculated. Therefore, we filed a rebuttal and after a lengthy process and wait Northfield was upgraded to a combined grade of a C but the high school alone was an A.

New Business:

The recommendation to accept the Summer eLearning Grant for \$20,000.00 was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Troy Baer, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight field trip for Sharp Creek 6<sup>th</sup> grade to the Indiana FFA Leadership Center in Trafalgar, IN, May 15, 2015 was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Troy Baer, and unanimously carried.

Geoff Salmon, Assistant Principal/A.D., reported to the Board on the new gymnasium floor that will be installed this summer at Northfield High School. Earlier this year Mr. Salmon requested an estimate on stripping and resealing the floor and upon that request the company who was contacted discovered moisture under the floor and waviness in the floor level. After finding out this information it was recommended the insurance company we have be called to submit a claim. Once the insurance claim had been decided Mr. Salmon proceeded in hiring the company to put in the new floor. They will start in June 2015 on that project and hope to be done in August. The new floor will be safer for students with 55% more shock adsorption.

The recommendation to approve the Fee Service Agreement with Bruce Stahly was approved upon a motion made by Troy Baer, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve Chris Kuhn as Summer School Director was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Troy Baer, and unanimously carried.

Items From the Board:

John Gouveia proposed to move the March 10, 2015 meeting to 5:00 p.m. at the Honeywell Center due to the Academic Banquet following the meeting, Troy Baer seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 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