

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 the Administration Office, 204 N. 300 W., Wabash, IN, on April 28, 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.

Vice President, John Gouveia, who presided, called the meeting to order. Dr. Sandra Weaver and Dr. Brian Dawson were also present. On call of the roll, the members of the Board were shown to be present as follows: Todd Dazey and Kevin Bowman. Absent were Matt Driscoll and Troy Baer. Also present were Mike Keaffaber, Paul Voigt, Beth Eagan, Pam Campbell, Tammy Shafer, Kristi Unger, Jennifer Pattison, Timothy Arnett, Tammy Farlow, Kolton Kersy, Ashley Hunt, Cary Hammel, Jay Snyder, Adam Marlatt, Melissa Brisco, Tim Drake, and Cheryl Roser took the minutes.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Student Council Report:

Southwood High School Student Congress members, Ashley Hunt and Kolton Kersy attended the meeting to report to the board the last time for the year. They reviewed the year of exciting things going on in the school. Some events included: 7th grade orientation, Homecoming activities, junior magazine sales to raise funds for prom, College Go Week, eLearning days, fall play, Christmas shopping trip for less fortunate elementary students and their families, Heartland Career Center visit, FFA petting zoo, 8th grade to Finance Park, and the upcoming senior trip May 1, 2015. A year of fun-filled activities for the students.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for, May 12, 2015, 6:30 p.m., May 26, 2015, 6:30 p.m., and June 9, 2015, 6:30 p.m. all at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition and Public Input:

The recommendation to accept the donation of \$1,041.40 from General Mills-Box Top for Education for Southwood Elementary was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

Student Recognition:

Dr. Weaver reported on the Optimist Winners. This is an essay contest, which Jeremy Nevil, placed 1st and Caleb Kroh placed 2nd.

Staff Recognition:

Tim Drake, Principal at Southwood Jr/Sr High School, was recognized for completing the two-year course on leadership, at the Indiana Principals Leadership Institute.

Minutes of the Tuesday, April 14, 2015 Regular Meeting were approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

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

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

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Kristen McCoart, Bus Aide, WMAP, effective April 20, 2015; Stephanie Walters, Library Aide, White's Jr/Sr High School, effective April 23, 2015; Rick Burns, Custodian, Metro North/Sharp Creek Elementary, effective May 6, 2015; were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Kyle Highley, Bus Mechanic, effective May 4, 2015; James DuBois, Temporary Math Teacher, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective April 21, 2015 through May 22, 2015; Amanda Holmes, Nurse, effective April 28, 2015 were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Linda Thompson, Cook, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective April 23, 2015 was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Jozanna Corn, transferring from Southwood Elementary to White's Jr/Sr High School as an Alternative Classroom Teacher, effective May 27, 2015; Valerie Law, transferring from 6th grade teacher to Counselor, Southwood Elementary, effective August 6, 2015 were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #35, Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective April 13, 2015 return is indefinite; #36, Teacher, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective April 21, 2015 through May 30, 2015; #37, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective April 28, 2015 through the end of 2014-15 school year were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve Jon Vernon, Northfield Jr/Sr High School Head Volleyball Coach, effective the fall season 2015-16 was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Weaver reported on the legislative news regarding the budget. She shared in the past school districts could expect to see on average a 4.6% increase. Since 2007 this has all changed. Due to our declining enrollment we see even less money.

Curriculum Report:

Sharp Creek 6th grade teachers, Jennifer Pattison, Tammy Shafer, and Pam Campbell presented to the Board their new literacy practices. Every teacher has to teach reading, whether they are a reading teacher or not. Teachers need to keep students thinking. Writing and talking moves retention rate up.

Over the past several weeks teachers have been meeting with Sherry Kinzel, an outside consultant, who has been guiding them on new literacy practices. The teachers have been working with students on poetry and have emphasized “purposeful talk” with their students. They are using conversation for active thinking. Students break up into small groups and talk out the mood of the poem and write down key words for the feeling they think is coming from the poem. By breaking down the poems students have a better understanding and retain more.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the field trip for Southwood 8th graders to Washington D.C., May 11-13, 2016 was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

Items From the Board:

Kevin Bowman asked if moving the Board meetings back to 6:00 p.m. would be an option. John Gouveia asked that this be put on the agenda for the May 12, 2015 meeting, as two members were absent.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

MATT DRISCOLL, PRESIDENT

JOHN GOUVEIA, VICE PRESIDENT

KEVIN BOWMAN, BOARD MEMBER

TODD DAZEY, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST: _____
TROY BAER, SECRETARY