

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 February 13, 2018, at 6:00 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, 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: Todd Topliff, Todd Dazey, Matt Driscoll, and Gary Fadil. Also present were: Janette Moore, Landon Topliff, Dave Wolfrum, Lori Cruz, Bob Shultz, Ryan Sweet, Amber Sweet, Braden Sweet, Brian Ridgeway, Sherry Ridgeway, Tanner Chamberlain, Gina Dale, Heather Hyden, Tonya Boone, Alyssa McKillip, Brandon McKillip, Toni McKillip, Kaitlyn Jones, Jeff Dawes, Andrew Burns, Morgan Farr, Denise Farr, Chase Guenin, Jamie Hauptert, Cindy Harlow, Sabrina LeMaster, Andrew Maciejewski, Josh Siglar, and Cheryl Roser who took the minutes of the meeting.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for February 27, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, March 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Honeywell Center, and March 27, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building.

The recommendation to accept the \$500.00 donation from Brett Wynn for school supplies, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to accept the donation of (2) \$20.00 Walmart cards for Northfield High School from Horace Mann to be given to staff, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to accept the \$150.00 donation from Brodbeck Seeds for Southwood High School FFA, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to accept the \$1,000.00 donation from Donors Choose for Southwood 8th grade Washington D.C. trip to help underwrite the cost, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve \$50.00 donation from Denise Wood for Southwood 8th grade Washington D.C. trip to help underwrite the cost, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve \$50.00 donation from Dawn Hess for Northfield Baseball, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve \$150.00 donation from National Energy Foundation for 4th grade Science at Southwood Elementary, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve \$50.00 donation from Gary and Frances Dawson in

memory of Amy McKinness for the Special Education Department at Southwood Elementary, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$454.00 donation from Marlene Holland (via Donors Choose website) in memory of Meredith Holland for the purchase of an Orff xylophone instrument for Southwood Elementary, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$692.50 donation from General Mills, Box Tops for Education for Sharp Creek Elementary to be used for incentives and reward for students, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$150.00 donation from National Energy Foundation for Sharp Creek Elementary to be used \$50.00 for each 4th grade Teacher to spend on their classrooms, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$50.00 donation from Cathy Gohmann for Southwood High School's Prom 2018, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$649.00 donation from Donors Choose for a Nikon Camera and accessories for Southwood High School's Business and Marketing Class of Mrs. Kari Johnson, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve (2) \$20.00 Walmart cards for Southwood High School from Horace Mann to be given to staff, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

Student Recognition:

The coaching staff for Northfield and Southwood Cross Country Teams recognized five runners for being selected to the 2017 All State Cross Country Team. Those selected from Northfield High School were Alyssa McKillip and Andrew Burns (Honorable Mention). Southwood High School runners are Morgan Farr (First Team), Chase Guenin (Honorable Mention), and Braden Sweet (First Team).

Mrs. Kari Johnson, Principle of Marketing Teacher, shared with the Board what her students have been working on most of the semester. The class worked on redeveloping the MSD scrolling photo website. They have made several videos from each school and will have those rotate on the website. Mr. Keaffaber asked the class to create a "card rack" and slide presentation for an upcoming presentation. A card rack is a pamphlet that features the outstanding things that MSD offers and are involved with. The students completed that card rack and they were ordered for Mr. Keaffaber.

Southwood choir students, Alivia Lucas, Daisy Sparks, Jessie Bunnell, and Hannah Miller competed at the Regional Choir competition, singing *Gold and Silver*. The group received a gold medal and will move on to State competition. The girls' Junior High ensemble sang *Cross the Wide Missouri* earning them a gold medal. Those girls singing were: Maddison Hunter, Dakota Wilson, Madeline Bailey, Katelyn Ranck, Morgan Brock, Trinity Smalley, Cheyenne Carter, Hattie Cochran, and Regan Watson.

Northfield & Southwood Speech Team accompanied by Debate Coach Colleen Gatzimos-Reed competed at the speech meet held at Maconaquah. Placing for the group were: Emma Bowling placing 2nd in Discussion, and Landon Topliff placed 4th in Discussion.

Southwood 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Team won the 2018 Running Rivers Conference.

Northfield Girls' Varsity Basketball Team won the 2018 Three Rivers Conference.

Southwood Elementary Robotics Club, Circuit Breakers, gray team, qualified for the VEX Robotics State Championship taking place in Indianapolis on March 10, 2018. They qualified by finishing in first place at the recent competition at Mississinewa High School. Team members are: Ryan Deeter, Ethan Lochard, Colleen Boardman, Massey Woodyard, Daedric Kaehr Andrew Wright, and Nika Tyson. The Robotics Club is sponsored/coached by Erica Tyson and Megan Hyden.

Southwood High School's Senior basketball players, Peyton Trexler and Matthew Nose have reached the 1,000 point basketball milestone. Peyton earned his at the February 8, 2018, Madison Grant game and Matthew earned his at Adams Central on February 13, 2018.

Metro North Elementary has seven student finalists for the Indianapolis Symphony in Color contest. Their artwork will be judged among hundreds of other music-inspired artistic creations for elementary artists across the state. Students include Tenley Kuhn, Cooper Food, Hayven Hauptert, Kevin Parke Mikayla Meyer, Alexis Laferney, Collin Biehl.

Staff Recognition:

Retired Teacher and Cross Country Coach, Richard (Dick) Leming, was recognized by the IHSAA for 50 years of coaching cross country.

Ann Higgins, Director WMAP and Aimee Daniel, Assistant Director WMAP and all of the WMAP teachers were found to be in compliance and also reviewed 812 IEPs so far this school year.

Staff Spotlight:

Jamie Hauptert, 3rd grade Teacher, was recognized by the Board for her work. Parent Cindy Harlow nominated Mrs. Hauptert for making her grandson's learning experience a wonderful journey this year and she has the ability to help others soar.

Student Council Report:

Northfield Student Council, Anna Driscoll, Co-President, shared with the Board what Northfield High School has been doing. They held a prom dress sale of approximately 150 used, donated dresses. The proceeds went to Habitat for Humanity and Safe Place. Student Council sold wooden roses for Valentine's Day and will be having their Starstruck Dance on February 24, 2018.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Minutes of the Tuesday, January 23, 2018, Regular Meeting were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

Claims were approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Todd Dazey,

and unanimously carried.

Payroll was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

Chris Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, reviewed the cash flow balance.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Eva Simpson, 3 Hour Cook, Southwood Elementary, effective February 1, 2018; Devin Dale, Temporary Math Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective February 7, 2018, were approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Kelly Ruhl, Speech & Language Pathologist, WMAP, effective the end of the 2017-18 school year, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the spring coaching staff for Southwood Jr/ Sr High School, all effective for the 2018 season are as follows: Warren Dailey, Varsity Baseball; Cory Blocker, Varsity Baseball; David Glickfield, Varsity Baseball; Dalton Gentry, Varsity Baseball; Jacob Lloyd, Varsity Baseball; Gary Dale, Varsity Golf; Devin Dale, Varsity Golf; JoDee Dale, Varsity Golf Volunteer; Carl Pace, Varsity Softball; Nick Brubaker, Varsity Softball, Rod Cole, Varsity Tennis; Larry Vaughn, Varsity Tennis; Heather Hyden, Varsity Track; Dave Martz, Varsity Track; Cary Hammel, Varsity Track; Adam Hall Varsity Track; Troy Andrews, Varsity Track; Tonya Boone, Junior High Track; Jeff Hobson, Junior High Track; Nick Perlich, Junior High Track; Evette Honeycutt, Varsity Track, were approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

Professional Conference Requests:

The recommendation to approve Ann Higgins and Aimee Daniel, WMAP, to attend the ICAS Spring Conference, February 15-16, 2018, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve Kyle Highley, Bus Mechanic, to attend the Kerlin Bus Sales Technical Training, March 6-7, 2018, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve Chris Kuhn Assistant Superintendent, to attend the IASBP Annual Conference, May 10-11, 2018, in French Lick, IN, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve Tonya Boone, White's High School, to attend, tour, and collaborate: Pennsylvania Leadership Viral School and Achievement House School, March 7-9, 2018 in Pittsburgh, PA, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report. Report will be next meeting.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber reviewed the ADM, which is calculated twice a year in September and February. Previously money was tied to those counts however, that is no longer the case going forward with the February count. September: 2112.5 February 2143.

He also updated news from the General Assembly. Discussions to change to a one diploma called an Indiana Diploma. The Indiana Diploma would have four designations: General designation, CORE-40 designation, CORE-40 with Academic Honors designation, and CORE-40 with Technical Honors designation. Also, by the year 2021 all schools will have to offer computer science classes.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake informed the Board that testing of WIDA, ISTAR, and ISTEP are being completed.

He asked the Board if anyone would want to compete against the Robotics Team at the February 27, 2018, meeting which the students will be attending.

He is happy to say that the dual credit program at Indiana University-Kokomo is proceeding with plans to begin the 2018-19 school year.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the re-appointment of Holly Kendall to the Roann Public Library Board of Trustees for a term ending January 2022, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the extended day field trip of Northfield Advanced P.E. class to Swiss Valley Ski Resort, Jones, Michigan, February 26, 2018, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the extended day field trip for Southwood High School's Class of 2018 to Chicago, IL, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Board Policy:

The Board reviewed policy #5010-5050.

Items from the Board:

Kevin Bowman shared a couple of ideas he has had with the other members. He would like to look into funding Kindergarten textbook fees. He feels young families struggle with paying for students starting in Kindergarten.

His other thought was to give every graduating senior attending a school for higher education, a \$1,000.00 scholarship.

Public Comment (All items):

The Board heard comments from the public.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 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