

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 March 27, 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: Brian Ridgeway, Sherry Ridgeway, Tim Pitts, Jami Krynski, Lori Cruz, Bob Shultz, Charles Enyeart, Denise Enyeart, Paul Voigt, Jon Higgins, Pete DuPont, Lorynn Hunt, Vindy Pace, Jett Snyder, Jay Snyder, Carie Snyder, Denise Carpenter.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for April 10, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, April 24, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at Heartland Career Center, and May 8, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building.

The recommendation to accept the \$700.00 donation from First Farmers Bank and Trust to be used for the Staff Appreciation Event and the Superintendent's Advisory Team was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to accept the \$100.00 donation from an anonymous donor for the Southwood Elementary Robotics Club was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to accept the \$100.00 donation from Karen Volk for Southwood High School Boys' Basketball was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to accept the \$500.00 donation from Wabash Valley Dance Theater for Northfield High School Choir for performances was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to accept the \$1,000.00 donation from Crossroads Bank to help offset cost for the Southwood Basketball Team going to State was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Student Recognition:

Mr. Keaffaber shared that Attie Schuler, a senior at Northfield High School just received a \$50,000 scholarship to the Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design.

Southwood Elementary Teacher, Ronda DuBuque, organized the “No Boys Allowed” and “No Girls Allowed” Event as another way for students to contribute to the Wabash Inclusive Playground. For a \$10.00 donation, students could come and participate in a variety of activities with their classmates. Over 200 students attended the event with many parents volunteering to help. Over \$2,000.00 were raised for the playground.

Southwood Elementary will have 40 students, five from each grade level, honored at the Wabash County Art Show on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at the Honeywell Center in the Clark Gallery.

The Boys’ Basketball Players and Coaches from Southwood High School would like to take the opportunity to thank the community for their incredible support, encouragement, cheers, ticket purchases, and all other wonderful kind gestures these last few weeks as they made their historic run to the State Championship. Peyton Trexler, Senior, summed it up best during the final pep session: “It meant the world to us to have so many fans cheering us on.” Congratulations to Carson Blair for being named the 2018 IHSAA Ray Craft Mental Attitude Award Winner for Class 1A!

Southwood and a 2nd year Automotive Service at Heartland Career Center Student, Lorynn Hunt shared her speech for the Skills USA competition. She won a \$10,000 scholarship with this presentation. Mr. Higgins said Lorynn is one of 30 students going to State competition from Heartland.

The Northfield and Southwood High School Choir Ensembles each sang their award winning songs from the recent State competition.

Staff Recognition:

The Southwood Community would like to recognize teachers, Reena Markstahler, Tammy Farlow, Shelly Faust, Kari Johnson, Mary Randall, Angie Loschiavo, and Karlan Varner for their innovation and hard work! They delivered presentations during the most recent eLearning Day on new initiatives they are implementing in their classrooms.

Mr. Keaffaber recognized Chris Kuhn, Steve Holley, and Becky Bradley who applied to the 2017 National School Lunch Program Equipment Grant and won! Initial notification of the Award: Metro North Elementary \$27,600.00 for dishwasher and hot water dispenser, Southwood Elementary \$27,600.00 for dishwasher and hot water dispenser, and Southwood Jr/Sr High School \$6,500.00 for a Accu-temp Steamer, for a total of \$61,700.00.

Staff Spotlight:

Mrs. Vindy Pace was nominated by Jett Snyder. Jett said she is a really good teacher and is always in a good mood. She gets you ready for a quiz or test to make sure you will/can do well on it. Mrs. Pace teaches Math at Northfield Jr/Sr High School.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Minutes of the Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 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 Matt Driscoll, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

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

The Board reviewed the end of the month balance. Mr. Kuhn informed the Board that the State Board of Accounts are here for our audit.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Kelly Schuler, Teacher, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective at the end of the 2017-18 school year, was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #79 to begin March 7, 2018 through the end of the 2017-18 school year, was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported on the recent meeting. The Community Foundation grant for the preschool program was approved. Heartland will have preschool Monday through Thursday, 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm for 8 weeks. Student ages 3-5 years are welcome with a maximum of 10 students. The charge for the program will be \$20.00 per week beginning April 9, 2018. This is a test program.

They will be offering CNC evening class through Freedom Academy, April 23, 2018, through July 15, 2018.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber updated the Board on Southwood Elementary's Robotics team. Mr. Boone stated that the PTO will be funding the entire \$1,000.00 registration fee. They may do some fund-raisers to help with the cost of hotel rooms.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake talked about the great things Heartland Career Center has to offer students.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the White's Jr/Sr High School's 2018-19 school calendar was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve Yager Education Services to conduct a Study for MSD Wabash County was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Matt Driscoll, and passed on a 3-2 vote. Todd Topliff and Gary Fadil voted "nay".

Unfinished Business:

Tim Pitts and Jami Krynski from EMCOR updated the Board on the solar panel program.

Board Policy:

The Board reviewed policy #6010-6060.

The Board heard the first reading of revisions to Board Policy #5100. That policy will be brought back at the April 10, 2018, meeting for the second reading and vote.

Items from the Board:

Todd Topliff asked when Yager Education Services would start. Kevin Bowman was under the impression of August.

Todd Dazey stated that the vote for Yager Education Services was hard to make but he believes it's the right way to go. He would like to have \$1,000.00 of his pay as a Board member to be used toward payment of the Yager Education Services fee. He also challenged the other Board members who voted in favor of the study to do the same. Kevin Bowman and Matt Driscoll will donate \$1,000.00 of their pay. Gary Fadil will also donate 1,000.00 even though he voted against the study.

Public Comment (All items):

Board President, Kevin Bowman entertained questions/comments from the public.

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

8:29 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