

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 August 25, 2020, 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.

MSDWC School Board will meet in regular session on August 25, 2020, at 6:00 at Central Office. Seating will be limited, and attendance will be subject to social distancing guidelines. All members of the public attending to provide comment will be accommodated. We will continue to livestream the meeting on Facebook Live. The public may comment in person or on Facebook Live during the appropriate times.

Todd Dazey, President, called the meeting to order. Mike Keaffaber, Superintendent, Chris Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent, and Tim Drake, Chief Academic Officer, were present. A call of roll of members on the Board were shown to be present as follows: Kevin Bowman, Matt Driscoll, Gary Fadil, and Todd Topliff (Zoom). Also present were Brian Ridgeway and Sherry Ridgeway.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for September 8, 2020, at the Administration Building, September 22, 2020, at the Administration Building, and October 13, 2020, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$100.00 donation from Pizza King (Kim Osborne) and \$500.00 donation from Chittick Advisory Group for Southwood High School senior trip was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$150.00 donation from Dairyland Seed Co., Inc. for Southwood High School FFA was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Other donations were from Church of Christ at Treaty who offered all of our staff a drink at 50 East Coffee Shop as a thank you for all that the team has and is doing. Bachelor Creek Church of Christ offered all of our staff a drink at Modoc's Coffee Shop as a thank you for all that the team is doing.

Schools Recognition:

Dr. Kuhn shared that our district received a certificate of appreciation from the IDOE for the contributions made to continue meal service and feed students during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Mrs. Moore shared the School Improvement Plan for Metro North Elementary and also shared several staff recognition.

Jennifer Nesler, parent of Metro North, Sharp Creed, and Northfield students, made 100 custom masks for students at Metro North Elementary. Because of her generosity, we were able to give students needing masks an extra special one.

Metro North bus drivers are amazing! A new drop-off and pick-up procedure at all three north schools and have been incredibly flexible and patient as we work out the kinks. Metro North Teacher Mary Donaldson offered professional development sessions for Metro North PK-2nd grade teachers prior to school starting focusing on our learning management system, “Seesaw”. She did an amazing job sharing her own experiences and helping teachers navigate this new tool that will help them deliver content and engage with students and families electronically.

Mr. McDaniel shared the School Improvement Plan for Southwood High School and also shared several staff recognition.

Given all the new requirements for school re-entry, Steve Holley, Maintenance Director, has done an outstanding job getting us the supplies, furniture, equipment, and all the other things we need. Our building looks excellent now that the renovation project is finished. Excellent job Mr. Holley!

Jodi Kaehr, Technology Assistant, has worked tirelessly to make sure students have functioning iPads. She has worked with teachers getting them new laptops, helping transfer files, and helping students with their needs. She has also done an outstanding job with our robotics team, and will be continuing with that again this year. Thank you, Mrs. Kaehr, for all you do!

Angie Loschiavo and Kari Johnson led professional development on Google Classroom, which is our new learning management system. They did a great job and continue to provide support to staff!

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Minutes of the Tuesday, August 11, 2020, Regular Meeting was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

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

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

Dr. Kuhn reviewed cash flow for July 2020.

Dr. Kuhn then continued the 2021 Budget reviewing the Education Fund.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Amy Wilson, Temporary Teacher, Southwood High School, effective September 16, 2020, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Toni McKillip, JV Volleyball, Northfield High School, for the 2020-2021 season; Brandi Rife, Bus Driver, North, effective August 11, 2020; Jeremy Elzy, Special Education Aide, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective August 20, 2020; Holly Robbins, Title I Aide, Southwood Elementary, effective August 24, 2020; Sherm Gray, Robotics Coach, Northfield High School, effective immediately; Kristin Cunningham, Special Education Aide, Southwood Elementary; effective August 17, 2020; Brett Wynn, Custodian, Metro North Elementary, effective August 20, 2020; Ashley Nelson, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective August 18, 2020; Jason Lyons, Robotic Coach, Northfield High School, effective immediately; Susan Smith, Temporary Teacher, Southwood High School, effective August 10, 2020; Sheryll Ulshafer, Bus Aide, Special Needs, effective August 17, 2020; DJ Marshal and Jim Sparks, JH Football, Southwood High School, effective the 2020-2021 season; Hannah Arrendale and Maggi Easterday, 5th and 6th Volleyball, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective 2020-2021, season were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Amiee Daniel, Assistant Director of Special Education, WMAP, effective the end of the 2020-2021 school year approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Patsy Arwood, Cook, transferring from Southwood Elementary to Southwood High School (from 3.5 hours to 3.0 hours) was affective August 25, 2020, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber reported that MSD of Wabash County was awarded the GEER competitive grant. The Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GGER) Fund. The funding will be used

over a two-year period to increase instructional capacity which will ultimately increase student learning.

Curriculum Report:

No report.

New Business:

No new business.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Board Policy:

None.

Items from Board Members:

None.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

TODD DAZEY, PRESIDENT

KEVIN BOWMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

MATT DRISCOLL, BOARD MEMBER

GARY FADIL, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST: _____
TODD TOPLIFF, SECRETARY