

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 October 13, 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 met in regular session on October 13, 2020, at 6:00 at Central Office. Seating was limited, and attendance was subjected to social distancing guidelines. All members of the public attending to provide comment were accommodated. We continued to livestream the meeting on Facebook Live. The public was able to 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, Todd Topliff, Gary Fadil, and Matt Driscoll. Also present were Janette Moore, Jay Snyder, and Jason O'Neill.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for October 27, 2020, at the Administration Building, November 10, 2020, at the Administration Building, and November 24, 2020, at the Administration Building.

Presentation:

Jason O'Neill from Policy Analytics presented a tax base analysis and property tax revenue projection for MSD of Wabash County.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$300.00 donation from Dave Mann, CLU; \$200.00 from Crop Fertility Specialists; \$200.00 from Marianne Milam; \$114.00 from Jeff and Kaye Krom, all for the Lady Norse Basketball was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from Zoetis for Southwood High School FFA was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from Zoetis for Northfield High School FFA was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from Gentry Well & Pump for Southwood High School Baseball was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$110.00 donation from an anonymous donor for Northfield High School Cross-Country was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Schools Recognition:

Mrs. Moore, Metro North Principal, was present to share her recognitions. There is no greater compliment than one that comes from a colleague, recently I received the following email from Mrs. Jamie Hauptert regarding Mrs. Lisa Bever. "This is the second time this year where I have been saved by Lisa (On the first occasion, Brian Miller also chimed in just another awesome tech person!). I appreciate having someone to think through my technical needs who has a greater skill set and makes time to help me resolve my own issues."

"The long and short of it... a 250+ slide Power Point previously converted from Keynote would NOT upload to Google Slides because the file size was just too big. After some conversation and some trial and error we landed on converting the Keynote to an iMovie and figured out how to make it easier for the kids to find it on their own. Collaboration at its best! (I am also sharing the resulting iMovie with the rest of my third-grade team and the virtual students--major wins here. Thanks Lisa."

Metro North would like to thank all of the teachers that balanced teaching in the classroom all day and then devoting early mornings, evenings and weekends to our students enrolled in our virtual learning during the 1st nine weeks. Thank you, Mrs. Kami Ross, Mrs. Tere Smith, Miss Anne Hacker, Mrs. Nicole Knox, Mrs. Jamie Hauptert, Mrs. Tina Riggle, and Mrs. Courtney McClure. These teachers made numerous sacrifices in their personal lives to ensure that our students received quality instruction that measured up to the instruction their peers were receiving in our buildings. Thank you.

Our Little Norse, Kindergarten, and first grade classes have planned and experienced their first study trips of the school year. McClure's Orchard and Garden Gate Greenhouse have been incredibly accommodating and thorough in helping us ensure the safety and well-being of our students and staff while getting to have some "normal" field trip experiences. Thank you to our area facilities that are welcoming our students and preparing for their trips.

Drs. Gorman and Bunch presented our third graders with baggies full of dental supplies in celebration of dental awareness month. We certainly missed our demonstration with Mrs. Snyder, but greatly appreciate their generosity to our students and staff.

Our MSDWC nurses are amazing! They help assist in many ways throughout our building, but they have certainly helped keep us going this year. Thank you, Mrs. Whitesel, Mrs.

Taylor, and Mrs. Holmes, for staying on top of all of the rules, regulations, updates surrounding COVID as well as all of the other ailments and illnesses.

Mr. Snyder, Northfield Principal, was present to share his recognitions. Northfield would like to recognize Elise Gottschalk and congratulate her on getting her 1000th reception and dig in volleyball last week and helping lead the Lady Norse to victory in that game. Congratulations!

Northfield would like to recognize Abby Hunter and congratulate her on getting her 2000th assist last week and helping lead the Lady Norse to victory in that game. Congratulations!

The Lady Norse Volleyball team defeated North Miami on Thursday last week to remain undefeated in the TRC and secure the TRC Conference Championship. Congratulations to all the coaches and players and good luck in the postseason.

Northfield would like to congratulate Mara Zolman and Andrew Burns for qualifying to run in the Regional Cross-Country Meet at IWU on Saturday.

Thank you to the 38 students as well as Mrs. Michel, Mr. Dubois, Mr. Evans, and Mrs. Oetting for an awesome training last week for Sources of Strength. Their time, leadership, and care for students and staff at NHS is much appreciated. Mrs. Michel and Mr. Dubois also hosted free SAT at NHS for Seniors and have organized PSAT for Juniors Wednesday.

Mr. Keaffaber shared other recognitions from Andrew McDaniel, Southwood Principal, we conducted a case conference for two siblings who are receiving special education services at Southwood High School. These students had transferred to our school corporation last year and were thankful for the services our special education teachers have offered to them. The parent spoke complimented our teachers and how hard they worked to help her children be successful.

As of Friday, October 9th, the SHS Gridiron Knights are 8-0 and have defeated all other teams in the county. A recent modification to high school football rules, specifies that the second half will operate on a running clock if the winning team is leading by 35 or more points in the second half. We have had four games this year where we have had running clocks in the entire second half. The team has battled injuries and had to plug in some younger players into the varsity lineup. Way to go, Knights! Keep up the good work, Players and Coaches!

Southwood High School Football received an Exemplary Conduct Report for their performance during the Friday, September 25th contest against Manchester. According to referee Scott Thompson: This game is a rivalry and players could have easily been tempted to argue or "trash talk" as one team scored twice early in the contest. No player from either team spoke any disconcerting words toward players from the other team, and they carried themselves as gentlemen while playing hard throughout the contest. As officials, we appreciate the level of discipline and self-control instilled in the players by their respective coaching staffs.

Southwood would like to recognize Shelly Faust for her efforts with Advanced Placement courses. She recently received a letter of recognition from the College Board congratulating her for her significant contribution to the AP Government Exam Reading. We appreciate Mrs.

Faust's dedication to her students. Her AP classes regularly score very well on the exam, earning students college credits! Thank you, Mrs. Faust, for all you do!

Southwood would like to congratulate Braden Sweet for finishing #1 overall at the Cross-Country Sectional Meet at IWU on Saturday, October 10. His time in the race was 16:06. That's fast! The boys qualified to compete as a team. Also, Aleia Sweet and Mariah Brown will advance to Regionals. Good luck to our runners as they will compete next week!

From Joel Martin, Sharp Creek Elementary, thank you to Mrs. Law, Southwood Elementary Social Worker, for presenting bullying prevention information to our 4th and 5th grade students.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Minutes of the Tuesday, October 13, 2020, Regular Meeting was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, 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 the End of Month for September.

2021 Budget Adoption:

The recommendation to approve the 2021 Budget was approved upon the motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2021 Bus Replacement Plan was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2021 Capital Projects Plan was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates (Form 4) was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Allison King, Treasurer/Bookkeeper, Southwood and Northfield High Schools, effective November 2, 2020; Katie Singleton, P.E./Health Teacher (Temporary), Southwood High School, effective approximately January 4, 2021 through April 1, 2021, were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #117, leave to begin October 5, 2020, with an approximately 6-8 weeks; #118, leave to begin approximately January 4, 2021, with an approximate return date of March 15, 2021; #119, leave to begin October 26, 2020, with an approximate return date of November 9, 2020; #120, leave to begin approximately January 4, 2021, with an approximate return date of April 1, 2021; #121, leave to begin August 31, 2020 to approximately December 31, 2020, were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the canceled contract of #122, effective October 13, 2020, was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Southwood Coaches all for the winter season were as follows: Kenneth Norman, Head Girls Varsity Basketball; Rod Cole, Varsity Girls Basketball Assistant; Kennedy Krull, JV Girls Basketball; John Burrus, Head Boys Varsity Basketball; Christian Perry, Boys Basketball Assistant; Jim Hogan, JV Boys Basketball; Devin Dale, C Team Boys Basketball; Mike Kennedy, 8th Grade Boys Basketball; Ryan Chambers, 7th Grade Boys Basketball; Ryan Wilcox, 7th Grade Boys Basketball; Cary Hammel, Head Wrestling; Reena Markstahler, Assistant Wrestling; Harley Hiner, Assistant Wrestling; were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Northfield Coaches all for the winter season were as follows: Melissa Allen, Head Girls Varsity Coach; Brandon Baker, Assistant Girls Basketball; Sydney Chamberlain, Assistant Girls Basketball and JV; Troy Baer, Assistant Girls Basketball; Hilary Moore, JH Girls Basketball; Danielle Tolson, JH Girls Basketball; Rick Brewer, Head Boys Basketball; Rex Reimer, Assistant Boys Basketball and JV; Sean Cline, Assistant Boys Basketball; Shane Vigar, Assistant Boys Basketball; Matt Burkhart, Assistant Boys Basketball; Kevin Leming, JH Boys Basketball; Kevin Pratt, JH Boys Basketball; Kyle Oswalt, JH Boys Basketball; Jerry (Ed) Shenefield, Head Wrestling; Neil Bever, Assistant Wrestling; Isaiah Vanderpool, Assistant Wrestling; Aly Rosemeyer, Head Cheer; Deb Schenkel, Assistant Cheer; Hannah Arrendale, Assistant Cheer; were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber reported on the continued challenges, but also opportunities with COVID-19. He reported that we have 65% of the students back that started the school year on virtual learning, which only leaves 36 traditional virtual learners at this time.

Southwood Elementary 6th Grade Teacher, Jane Kendall, invited published author, Wendy Mass to interact with her students through Zoom. Mr. Keaffaber also joined them through Zoom. Mrs. Kendall and the students were very excited to ask questions of the New York Times bestselling author of twenty-nine novels for young people. Technology allowed her to speak to the students, which would not have been possible because of the distance from where she lives.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake talked more about virtual learning. He, Mr. Keaffaber, and the school staffs keep up with the students through phone calls and if necessary, home visits.

Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors have had a busy week doing college testing. Seniors who wanted to participate in the SAT were given the opportunity to do so at each high school at no cost to them; through the district fund this was made possible. If they choose to take it at another school there will be a fee involved. Sophomores and Juniors were taking the PSAT. Students were not required to take these tests.

New Business:

The Pre-ratification public meeting was held to share the teacher contract tentative agreement as per I.C. 20-29-6-19. The School Board will vote on the contract on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in a School Board meeting. The tentative contract is posted on the MSD of Wabash County's website.

The recommendation to approve buses to be declared salvage to go to the bus auction: Heartland Career Center trade-in Bus #1, Activity Bus A2 2006 Chevrolet, Bus #10 2009 Bluebird, and Maintenance Van 1997 #2 were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Board Policy:

None.

Items from Board Members:

Gary Fadil thanked the teachers for giving above and beyond during these difficult times.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 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