

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 27, 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 27, 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 (Zoom). Also present were Phil Boone, Andrew McDaniel, and Brett Evans.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for November 10, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building; November 24, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building; and December 8, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$100.00 donation from William and Julie Adams; \$20.00 donation from Charles and Beverly Kelley; and \$30.00 donation from William and Janet Hunter for Southwood Choir was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

Schools Recognition:

Mr. Boone, Southwood Elementary Principal, was present to share his recognitions.

College & Career Go Week had to look a little bit different this year, but our students were still busy learning about future opportunities. The 4th grade classes were still able to visit Heartland Career Center in smaller groups to learn about the offerings there. Additionally, Mrs. Cordes from HCC came out to our school to talk with all 4th and 5th grade students about some of their programs. Mrs. Law, Counselor at Southwood Elementary, always decorates beautifully for the week, with information displayed about famous Hoosiers and their college/career choices, along with some fun and interactive activities that are velcroed to different hallway areas. Students in K-3 missed the "Walk Into My Future" event, but they were still able to take a virtual

tour of Manchester University and engage in some other activities provided by the Promise Scholars/YMCA staff.

The Southwood Elementary teachers would like to thank school counselor Valerie Law for coming and speaking to each class about recognizing and discouraging bullying in our school. Each class was able to play Bully Bingo and take home some "No Bullying" (jelly) beans. Mrs. Law takes something that is state-mandated and turns it into a fun, interactive, and informative way that we hope is proactive in encouraging our students to make good choices in their peer relationships. Mrs. Law also had the opportunity to present this information to the 4th and 5th grade students at Sharp Creek.

Aside from the trip to Heartland Career Center, our students have enjoyed two other study trips thus far. Kindergarten visited McClure's Orchard, and our Little Knights visited Garden Gate Greenhouse & Nursery. We are thankful for community partners who are doing their part to keep our community safe, while still working to provide unique, hands-on learning experiences for our students.

Mr. McDaniel, Southwood Jr/Sr High School Principal, was present to share his recognitions.

Southwood High School would like to congratulate Mrs. Keefer and the Choir Program for an excellent concert on Tuesday, October 13. Both the junior high and high school students performed. Additionally, a big thank you to Mrs. Keefer for not only preparing the students musically, but also preparing for the performance so that it was aligned with re-entry protocols. Outstanding job!

Congratulations to our Football Team as outright TRC Champs again with their win over Tippecanoe Valley on Friday, October 16, 2020. Additionally, congratulations to the Gridiron Knights for their outstanding performance against county rivals Northfield in the first round of sectional play. The Knights host Caston in the next round of sectional play, Saturday, October 31, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.

Southwood would like to congratulate Braden Sweet for finishing number 1 overall at the Regional Cross-Country Meet with a school record time of 15:48. He also competed at Semi-State in Huntington this last Saturday and placed 16th overall. He will advance to the State Cross-Country Meet on Saturday, October 31, 2020, at Terre Haute.

We are excited about our students' academic success in AP. A number of our students will be receiving checks from the University of Notre Dame for their success in AP exams during the previous school year. Students who earned a qualifying score on a Math, Science, or English exam will receive \$100 per exam. Additionally, teachers earned rewards for student participation in the exams. The program coordinator from the University of Notre Dame let us know that checks would be mailed this week!

Mr. Keaffaber shared other recognitions from Jay Snyder, Northfield Jr/Sr High School Principal. Congratulations to Science Teacher, Sabrina LeMaster. She was recently named a finalist for the 2020 AP-TIP IN Science Teacher of the Year.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Minutes of the Tuesday, October 27, 2020, Regular Meeting was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

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

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

Dr. Kuhn reviewed the Education Fund and Operation Fund cash flow.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Stacie Denniston (verbal), North Bus Driver, effective October 20, 2020, Ashley Corn, Cook, Southwood High School, effective November 6, 2020, were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve Clint Enyeart and Sean Unger, Southwood Elementary Boys Basketball coaches for the winter season, 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:

Superintendent Mike Keaffaber shared COVID-19 updates as they pertain to the school district.

Superintendents across our region of Indiana are sharing data with the Indiana State Department of Health regarding close contacts of positive cases. Of the School Districts reporting, currently there have been 1,500 close contacts across the state, and only two of those close contacts have tested positive themselves. Data like this will help the state continue to shape best practices as we continue to navigate COVID-19.

MSDWC will continue with their current Re-entry Plan, consulting with the local health department for guidance as situations continue to develop and more is learned about COVID-19.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake stated that virtual learning is still going on in our district but those numbers continually change as quarantine ends for some students.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the 2019-2021 Teacher Contract (2nd year of the 2-year contract) was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Resolution to Transfer funds to the Rainy-Day Fund was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Board Policy:

The first reading of Board Policy #5190 Animals in Classrooms was reviewed and the second reading and vote will be at the November 10, 2020 Board Meeting.

Items from Board Members:

None.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

Tim Drake shared the comments with the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 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