

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 November 24, 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 November 24, 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: Todd Topliff, Gary Fadil, Matt Driscoll, and Kevin Bowman. Also present were Rickey Nelson, Ryan Nelson, Dadrick Kaehr, Grace Drake, Casey Boardman, Jodi Kaehr, Brian Ridgeway, and Sherry Ridgeway.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for December 8, 2020, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building; January 12, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, Board of Finance, and Organizational Meetings, at the Administration Building; and January 26, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$14.00 donation from Susan Keefer, for Southwood FFA, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$200.00 donation from Gaunt & Son Asphalt; \$200.00 donation from Dairyland Seed Company; \$200.00 donation from L.A.W. Son Inc.; \$100.00 donation from AgVenture McKillip Seeds; \$200.00 donation from Wabash Steel Supply; \$200.00 donation from Troy Eads Excavating, all for Northfield Girls' Basketball, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$50.00 donation from Todd Adams, State Farm Insurance; \$300.00 donation from Sutton Real Estate; \$250.00 donation from F.J. Rettig & Sons, all for Southwood Boys' Basketball, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

### School Recognition:

Mr. McDivitt, White's High School Principal, recognized Valerie Trail for her work on the Girls Who Code Club. In partnership with White's RFS grant writer, they continue to find ways to fund the club to acquire new hardware to enhance the experience for the girls in the club. We are grateful for Mrs. Trail's commitment to this club and for her efforts in working together with RFS on this project.

White's High School celebrated 3 graduations last month. Student Claire gave a moving speech at graduation last month about her struggles and her thanks to those that helped her along the way. We are proud of her and all our graduates as they each display the personal characteristics to overcome challenges that stood in their way of obtaining a HS diploma.

Mr. McDaniel, Southwood Jr/Sr High School principal, shared his school's accomplishments. He wanted to congratulate the football team for their success this season. Several staff members were a great help in getting ready to host the Regional game. Mr. McDaniel thanked them.

Jodi Kahr, robotics coach, and her robotics teams shared with the Board how robotics work. Casey Boardman told the Board how the process goes for building a robot. Grace Drake shared programming. Dadrick Kahr shared with the board their engineering notebooks. Ryan Nelson answered questions from the audience. While sharing, they also demonstrated what their robots can do.

Mr. Martin, Sharp Creek Elementary Principal, shared that K-Kids worked on service projects at their November meeting and donated proceeds from their Halloween Costume Fundraiser to Wabash County Animal Shelter. Mr. Bogert from the shelter graciously stayed to answer questions from the K-Kids members.

Thank you to our "specials" teachers (Mrs. Gray, Miss Knee, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. MacOwan, and Mr. Norman) for all you do for our students. One walk around of our building this morning reveals self-portrait paintings, drumming on buckets, building turkey traps, reading about cover bands and tribute bands, and learning the electric slide. All of these are such engaging activities and give students opportunities they may not have otherwise. You are appreciated and you are good at what you do!

From Jay Snyder, Northfield Jr/Sr High School Principal, we recently had three student athletes sign to continue their academic and athletic careers on to the next level. Addi Baker signed to play softball at Southern Illinois University. Jarret Shafer and Clayton Tomlinson signed to play baseball at the University of Northwestern Ohio. Congratulations!

Phil Boone, Southwood Elementary Principal, would like to recognize and thank our colleagues from White's High School for their recent assistance in making sure that classes in need of substitute teachers were all covered. With White's going virtual for a time, several of their staff volunteered to step into school roles that are typically unfamiliar to them. They did a fantastic job, and we greatly appreciate it!

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Minutes of the Tuesday, November 10, 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 Todd Topliff, a second by Kevin Bowman, 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 Education Fund and Operations fund.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Meredith Kelley, Special Education Aide, Southwood Elementary, effective December 2, 2020, was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Jodi Roser, Secretary/Bookkeeper, Metro North Elementary, effective immediately, was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Fred Mission, Special Education Teacher, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year; Debbie Henderson, Accounts Payable, Central Office, effective January 31, 2021, were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Cheryl Stouffer, from ECA Treasurer at Southwood and Northfield Jr/Sr High Schools to Accounts Payable at the Administration Office, was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve Northfield Jr/Sr High School coach, Scott Haupert, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball for the Winter season, was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Mike Keaffaber shared updated "back to school" regulations with COVID-19 from the Indiana Health Department. We are still promoting in-school instruction.

Mr. Keaffaber shared school corporation-wide COVID-19 updates.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake stated that he is echoing Mr. Keaffaber's thoughts on being overly cautious. Don't send your student to school if they have symptoms, keep them home.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the athletic officials online payment system resolution, was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Board Policy:

None.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

None.

Items from Board Members:

None.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

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TODD DAZEY, PRESIDENT

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KEVIN BOWMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

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MATT DRISCOLL, BOARD MEMBER

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GARY FADIL, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
TODD TOPLIFF, SECRETARY