

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 December 8, 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 December 8, 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 (Zoom), Gary Fadil, Matt Driscoll, and Kevin Bowman. Also present were Brett Evans, Jay Snyder, and Phil Boone.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for 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, and February 9, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

None

School Recognition:

Phil Boone, Southwood Elementary Principal, Southwood Elementary, congratulates our two students whose banners were selected as overall winners in the Honeywell Center's Winter Banner competition. Lola Winer (6th) and Kinley Davenport (2nd) were our two students who each won for their grade level. We'd also like to thank Mrs. Erica Tyson for her work with all students in creating excitement for the event. To fit the theme of Midwest Winter, Mrs. Tyson helped every individual class come up with a different idea for their drawings.

We'd like to thank Mrs. Laura Langebartels for coming to Southwood Elementary today and capturing several pictures and videos of classroom and building happenings. We appreciate her efforts in helping us to tell our story on social media and other platforms. She's very organized and easy to work with. Looking forward to seeing her finished products!

We would like to thank all teachers and staff for the continued collective effort to ensure that our students are safe and learning during this time of dealing with the pandemic. Every day, there are several who take on an extra duty or extend a helping hand to a colleague to ensure that we continue to operate smoothly. A special thanks goes out to White's High School staff for helping fill the void of staff in our building.

From Jay Snyder, Northfield Jr/Sr High School Principal, Northfield would like to recognize and thank 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, Mr. McDivitt and White's sent teachers to step in and help. They did a fantastic job, and we greatly appreciate it!

Congratulations to the Northfield Finalists for the Honeywell Center Winter Banner Competition. Northfield finalists were Trevor Galbraith, Riley Morrisett, Mackenzie Mucker, Xavier Roark, Makenzie Southwick, Elli Baker, Emma Bone, Ryland Miller, Macie Overlander, Emma Warnock, Avery Napier, Jessica Ray, Maddie Lloyd, and Chloe Miller. Congratulations to our overall school winner, senior, Chloe Miller.

Northfield would like to thank the MSD Technology Team and Administration for helping get the technology needed ready to go to stream games for families and community members that want to continue to watch and support our Norse student athletes.

From Andrew McDaniel, Southwood Jr/Sr High School Principal, he wanted to share an Exemplary Behavior Report completed after the Wednesday, December 2nd, Girls' Basketball Game vs. Eastbrook. According to official, Justin Faw: "I would like to recognize both teams for the sportsmanship that they showed during the contest that I worked. Both teams and the coaches were great to work for. These two teams and coaching staffs are great examples of what the IHSAA is preaching in regards to Sportsmanship."

Joel Martin, Principal at Sharp Creek Elementary, wanted to recognize and thank our Sharp Creek Spell Bowl participants who put in time and effort in studying, practicing, and competing: Collin Biehl (who was awarded a nearly perfect score and recognition ribbon), Kiana Bretzman, Kiana Stevens, Olia Leffert, Bryley Jackson, Haylee Boring, Makaela Shoue, Luke Hemingway, Addison Bretzman, and Maximus Calhoun. Also, a big thank you to Mrs. Bretzman who was our sponsor for the event.

Janette Moore, Principal at Metro North Elementary, wanted to thank Mr. Norman for facilitating another year of the Hoop Shoot contest. Congratulations to Lydia Dubois, daughter of Ryan and Lori Dubois, for winning the 8-9-year-old competition at Metro North and Sharp Creek.

Congratulations to our four Metro North Honeywell Winter Banner Winners! These four artists will have their masterpieces proudly displayed in the downtown area throughout the winter season. Sponsor Choice Winner was Ashton Allen, Kindergarten. School Winner was Faye Leffert, First grade. Kindergarten Level Winner was Natalie Black. First grade Level Winner was Everly Schenkel.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Minutes of the Tuesday, November 24, 2020, Regular Meeting was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

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

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

Dr. Kuhn reviewed November's End of Month.

The recommendation to approve the End of Year Resolution was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Jesse Height, Elementary Boys' Basketball Coach for Southwood Elementary, for the Winter season; Michelle Campbell, Secretary/Bookkeeper, Metro North Elementary, effective January 4, 2021; Ryan Dubois, 6th grade Boys' Basketball Coach, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective the Winter season; were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Samantha Jones, Special Education Aide, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective December 21, 2020; Scott Haupert, 5th grade Boys' Basketball Coach, effectively immediately; Casey Penrod, Kindergarten Aide, Metro North Elementary, effective immediately, were 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:

Superintendent Mike Keaffaber was happy to share the progress towards Heartland Career Center's new Learning Center. A fundraising kick-off will be on Thursday, December 10, 2020.

He reported on the new development to offer a three-year-old preschool program this coming Fall pending School Board approval and interest from the community. There is currently a three-year-old Developmental Preschool program with Wabash City Schools. Studies have

shown there is a great need for early childhood education. We will begin advertising for enrollment in January 2021. If implemented, the program will be taught by a Child Development Associate and parents will be responsible to transport the students to school.

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

Lastly, he thanked Todd Topliff and Gary Fadil for their four years of service on the MSD Board of Education.

Curriculum Report:

No Report.

New Business:

None.

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 6:33 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

TODD DAZEY, PRESIDENT

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GARY FADIL, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST: _____
TODD TOPLIFF, SECRETARY