

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 January 26, 2021, 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 January 26, 2021, 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 roll call of members on the Board were shown to be present as follows: Matt Driscoll, Kevin Bowman, and Christian Rosen. Absent was Scott Hauptert. Also present were Steve Downs and Andrew McDaniel.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled February 9, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, February 23, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, and March 9, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$52.30 donation for Southwood Elementary from Box Top for Education for student use was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the donation of a Cricut Machine, Cartridges, and Storage Container from Megan Henderson for Southwood Elementary; estimated value \$475.00 based on new and used pricing was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

From Andrew McDaniel, Southwood Jr/Sr High School Principal, we would like to congratulate senior Aaliyah Douglass for advancing out of regionals and making it to the Girls State Wrestling Finals on January 15th, Aaliyah traveled to Hamilton Heights High School and wrestled against the top female athletes in the state, leaving with an 8th place finish. Way to go, Aaliyah! We are very proud of you!

Southwood High School is proud to announce it has received another exemplary behavior report from the IHSAA. One of the game officials writes: This Exemplary Behavior Report is a great tool to recognize student-athletes. As a basketball official, I feel it is very important to look for the positive aspects of athletic competition. It was obvious that the Southwood coaching staff emphasized sportsmanship within their program. This young lady (Alaina Winer) was a joy to officiate tonight. She always had a smile on her face and displayed outstanding sportsmanship on the court. Her positive attitude was noticeable amongst the officiating crew.

SHS would like to recognize the contributions Mrs. Warford has made this school year. Recently, she has gone above and beyond in her job responsibilities. In fact, given some staff absences, she has worked hard to help make sure teacher situations have been taken care of. She has maintained the daily schedule of reading accommodations for students on an IEP, made photocopies for substitutes, and has been in communication with classroom teachers when absent. We are very thankful for Mrs. Warford's contributions.

The Southwood Community would like to congratulate Carson Rich, grade 12. He scored his 1,000th point of his basketball career Friday, January 22, 2021, against the Tippecanoe Valley Vikings! Way to go, Carson!

Jay Snyder, Northfield Jr/Sr High School Principal, would like to congratulate teacher, Mr. Roger Votaw for being honored by the Urbana Lions Club. Denny Craft from the Urbana Lions Club came to honor Mr. Votaw and his students for all they have done over the past years to help out the Urbana Lions. Mr. Craft made the comment that they always ask Mr. Votaw for a couple students to come help, when students come to help, Mr. Votaw will stay and help right along with the students. Mr. Votaw was presented with the W. P. Woods Fellowship which is the highest honor bestowed by the Lions of Indiana Foundation.

On January 9, 2021, 13 Northfield Art students competed in the Scholastics National Art & Writing Competition, with 40 pieces of artwork. Scholastics is a well-known art competition for students grades 7-12. The competition begins with judging at a regional level. Our region is Northern Indiana, parts of Northwest Ohio, and Southwest Michigan. The following students received awards at the regional judging and will have artwork on display at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art from Feb 13 - April 10, 2021:

Emma Bone - Mixed Media- Honorable Mention  
Grant Dale - Ceramics- Honorable Mention  
Chloe Miller- Drawing/ Illustration- Honorable Mention  
Trinity Shockome- Ceramics- 2 Honorable Mentions  
Grant Dale- Ceramics- Silver Medal  
Chloe Miller- Mixed Media- Silver Medal  
Grant Dale- Ceramics- 2 Gold Medals  
Chloe Miller- Mixed Media- Gold Medal  
Trinity Shockome- Ceramics- Silver Portfolio (1 of 4 awarded in region)  
Grant Dale- Ceramics- Gold Portfolio (1 of only 3 awarded in region)

Northfield is very proud of the work of our students. They persevered through Covid interruptions and won 12 awards at the regional level! All Gold and Silver Awards will move on to the National Judging later this year. If you see any of these students, please congratulate them! Thank you to Mr. Adam Zwiebel, Art Teacher and the Art students for a job well done!

Northfield girls' basketball received an exemplary behavior report from the IHSAA. One of the officials wrote: "I was impressed with the respectfulness of the team and coaches during this night's contest and numerous displays of sportsmanship. Especially noted sportsmanship from #25 Kyra Kennedy; fouling a player and knocking her to the floor, then lending a hand to help her up and apologizing to the player and to me." Thank you, Kyra and NHS Lady Norse, for your respect and sportsmanship.

Janette Moore, Metro North Elementary Principal, shared that Metro North parent, Jessica Beane, recently shared her appreciation for first grade teacher, Mrs. Stacey Bone. Mrs. Beane's daughter was in Mrs. Bone's class during the 2019-20 school year and commented that during our school closure, Mrs. Bone went above and beyond to ensure every student had someone to talk with and was there for her students. As a parent, she appreciates Mrs. Bone believing in her child's dreams and pushing her (and others) to be the best person they can be. Mrs. Beane went on to share that her daughter adores Mrs. Bone and that beautiful souls like hers are not ones you come across often. Thank you, Mrs. Bone, for your passion and dedication to our students!

Joel Martin, Principal at Sharp Creek Elementary, would like to thank substitute teachers Toni McKillip, Kristy Good, and Cheryl Hodson for their multiple days of working in our building recently. They all did a great job!

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

The Board of Finance Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, January 12, 2021, were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The Reorganization Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, January 12, 2021, were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday January 12, 2021, were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

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

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

#### Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Amy Oprisek, Teacher, White's Jr/Sr High School, was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #123 to begin May 24, 2021, with no definite return date, was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

#### Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

#### Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Mike Keaffaber was pleased to announce that MSD has no active COVID-19 positive cases at this time and today our last group of quarantined students have returned. In the first 17 days of the semester, there have only been 4 positive cases.

#### Curriculum Report:

Mr. Tim Drake reported that research states it is good to have students present in school. That being said, he reported that we currently only have 26 students learning virtually. This semester, a doctor's note is required for a student to be a virtual learner. It must state that the student or someone in their household is at high risk.

#### New Business:

The recommendation to approve the COVID-19 Additional Leave Resolution (Rescinded from January 12, 2021, and Replaced) was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2020 School Board Scholarship for 2021 to \$500.00 each for Northfield and Southwood was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, and Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight/extended trip for Northfield Seniors to Orlando and Cocoa Beach, FL, March 14-18, 2021, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, 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 6:35 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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SCOTT HAUPERT, BOARD MEMBER

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CHRISTIAN ROSEN, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

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MATT DRISCOLL, SECRETARY