

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 March 23, 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 March 23, 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, Christian Rosen, Scott Hauptert. Also present were Phil Boone, Jay Snyder, Tiffani Flora, and Tim Flora.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled April 27, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, May 11, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building, and May 25, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$10.00 donation from Joy Oetting for Northfield High School Prom was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$350.00 donation from LaFontaine Christian Church for Southwood High School FCA was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

School Recognition:

From Phil Boone, Principal at Southwood Elementary. SES would like to recognize and congratulate our Battle of the Books team. The 10-member team competed in the virtual event last night, answering correctly on nearly 80% of all questions asked across the four rounds. Team members are: Avery Henderson, Olivia Ranck, Ross Andrews, Brock Shambarger, Clara Campbell, Ava Goodpasture, Grace Ranck, Sophia Cline, Elin Tyson, and Alyvia Frieden. Huge thanks to our coaches, Mrs. Jennifer Finney and Mrs. Natalie Unger, for their time and efforts committed to helping this team succeed this year.

On Wednesday evening, March 10, 2021, approximately 50 soon-to-be kindergarteners, Class of 2034, and their parents visited SES for our first ever in-house Kindergarten Roundup. Current Little Knights and other future kindergarteners enjoyed visiting classrooms, doing a craft, receiving a goody bag, and eating a tasty treat. We heard many positive comments from parents about the in-house format of Kindergarten Roundup. The success of the evening would not have been possible without the contributions of these staff members: Mrs. Fadil, Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Dupont, Mrs. Correll, Mrs. Binkerd, Mrs. Elliott, Miss Robbins, Mrs. Dye, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Height, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Law, Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. Ashley Unger, and Mrs. Whitesel.

Congratulations to all of our artists recognized at the recent Honeywell art/banner program. Elin Tyson (4th grade) and Shelby Hunt (6th grade) had their work selected to be printed on the large banner that will be on display in the downtown area.

From Jay Snyder, Principal at Northfield Jr/Sr High School. Congratulations to Senior Grant Dale. More than 80,000 students submitted nearly 230,000 works of art and writing to the 2021 Scholastic Awards and Grant was awarded 2 National Medals for his Artwork. Grant was awarded a National Gold Medal for his ceramic piece 'Vlad the Impaled', and a National Silver Medal with Distinction for his Portfolio (1 of 30 awarded Nationally). We are very proud of Grant and applaud his Creativity, Preparation and Resolve through this unpredictable school year.

Keaton Stout, Clay Herring and Ben Kissel first started looking into an entrepreneurship idea/program in Mr. Sincroft's English class. Mr. Sincroft gave them the opportunity to participate in the program as an alternative to another project in his English class. Keaton, Clay, and Ben got to work brainstorming an idea. They soon decided on a Historical Walking Tour in Wabash. They later asked if Ethan Galbraith would join, to which he happily obliged. Initially, the idea of a walking tour stemmed from their mutual interest in history, especially in the locality, but it has grown to be so much more than that. They immediately recognized the opportunity, not only to educate and entertain the inhabitants of Wabash, and hopefully it's visitors, but also to partner with other small businesses and be a real benefit to the local economy. Tourism brings people and people bring money. These boys hope to not only provide an experience well worth the price of admission, but also to make a difference in our community and help grow this town they've grown to love. Thanks Ethan, Keaton, Clay, and Ben for your work on creating Arklight Historical Tours. Thank you also to Mr. Sincroft and Mr. Bahney for their willingness to support these students with time and advice in this entrepreneurial idea.

Congratulation to NHS artists that were recognized at the Wabash County Virtual Spring Art Show and Banner Awards - Madi Archer, Emma Bone, Emma Warnock, Ryan Brunett, Eden Hoover, Jaycie Krom, Avry Napier, Jessica Ray, Ainsley Dale, Bailei Byers, Grant Dale, Jasmine Fisher, Ethan Galbraith, Maddie Lloyd, Chloe Miller, Trinity Shockome, Clayton Tomlinson.

From both Mr. Snyder and Mr. McDaniel. The SHS and NHS Community would like to congratulate those students who performed the County Honors Band and Choir performance on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. What an outstanding performance! Great job by all!

From Andrew McDaniel. We are very proud of our Boys' Basketball Team after a dominating win in the first round of Regional play vs. Seton Catholic and an absolute nail-biter of a win in the second round against Lafayette Central Catholic. Although our Knights fell to Kouts in Semi-State play, we want to congratulate them on an outstanding season. Coach Burrus has led the Knights to three semi-state basketball opportunities in eleven years. Additionally, the team brought a lot of excitement and school pride these last few weeks. Way to go, Knights!

Ann Higgins, Director of Special Education, Wabash Miami Area Program, presented to the Board an overview of WMAP for the new Board Members who may not know what WMAP offers and as a refresher to the other members.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

The Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, March 23, 2021, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Christian Rosen, and unanimously carried.

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

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

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Tiffani Flora, Assistant Director of Special Education, WMAP, effective July 21, 2021; Cody Schuman, Volunteer Trapshooting Coach, Northfield and Southwood, effective the 2021 season, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Sarah Ranck, Teacher, Southwood Elementary, effective the end of the 2020-2021 school year, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported on the recent board meeting. They approved fund raisers for the students going to state competition. Approved was the YMCA Day Camp to be held at HCC in June. Approved IVY Tech's adult Industrial Maintenance class and CNC class to be held 2 days a week at HCC.

He reported that enrollment is up to 773 for the next school year and they are looking at options to accommodate the large numbers.

#### Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Mike Keaffaber reported on the quarantine list which has not changed much in the last month. He also reported on Governor Holcomb's State of the State Address which revised several COVID-19 restrictions, one being the mask mandate. This change will not include schools. CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act) or ESSER I (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Act) and ESSER II were discussed. The plans for the ESSER II funding will soon be solidified and reported once the state releases the application.

#### Curriculum Report:

Tim Drake reported on the CARES grant. We received \$180,000, of which \$60,000 was used for PPE and \$100,000+ funded the creation of and implementation for virtual instruction/learning by teachers. Mr. Drake then discussed the Dual Credit and AP data that was released by the Indiana Department of Education.

#### New Business:

The recommendation to approve the extended field trip for Sharp Creek Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> grade to the Indianapolis Children's Museum, Indianapolis, IN, April 16, 2021, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the 2021 Summer School offerings was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Scott Hauptert, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve Kevin Bowman as the School Board Appointment of a non-voting member to the County Redevelopment Commission 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 7:20 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