

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 28, 2017, 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.

Kevin Bowman, President, called the meeting to order. Mike Keaffaber, Superintendent, Chris Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent, and Tim Drake, Assistant Superintendent, were also present. On call of the roll the members of the Board were shown to be present as follows: Todd Topliff, Todd Dazey, Matt Driscoll, and Gary Fadil. Also present were, Emma Rausch, Chelsea Boulrisse, Lori Cruz, Todd Blair, Tim Cooper, Jan Fahs, Carol Lindquist, Charla Schoeff, Lavonne Sparling, Andy Eads, Keith Gillenwater, Patty Grant, Joel Stein, Angie Loschiavo, Ashley Lengel, Dakota Wilson, Jody Livergood, Carol Cly, Mary Donaldson, Paul Voigt, Phil Boone, and Cheryl Roser who took the minutes of the meeting.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for December 12, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, January 9, 2018, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and January 23, 2018, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

The recommendation to accept the \$500.00 donation from Northfield Athletic Boosters for Northfield High School's new wrestling mat, was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

Staff Spotlight:

Jody Livergood, Teacher, Southwood Elementary was the Staff Spotlight, nominated by the Dyson family. She was given a Pizza Hut certificate and she will receive a MSD shirt donated by Pefley's Farm Equipment, Inc.

Student Council Report:

Southwood High School's Student Council members Dakota Wilson and Ashley Lengel shared with the Board upcoming events at the school. Ms. Wilson talked about the new design for the courtyard. Students will plant flowers and replace benches to start the project. Ms. Lengel shared about the Christmas shopping trip coming up. This is where they take students shopping who might not get gifts for Christmas and help them purchase items for their family and themselves. Student Council members collect money to fund this event.

Staff:

Mr. Keaffaber accompanied Mrs. Katy Gray and her husband along with Mrs. Janette Moore to the Indiana Teacher of the Year banquet on November 17, 2017. Mrs. Gray was in the top 25 for Teacher of the Year. Congratulations Mrs. Gray!

Ann Higgins had a thank you to Valerie Law, Counselor, Southwood Elementary, for her efforts in creating visuals for the classrooms. Mrs. Higgins wanted to celebrate Mrs. Law's dedication to her students.

Minutes of the Tuesday, November 14, 2017, Regular Meeting were approved upon a

motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

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

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

#### Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Kayla Gay, Guidance Counselor, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective December 21, 2017 was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Conner Hobbs, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Southwood Elementary, effective January 8, 2018, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

#### Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

#### Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber talked briefly on the Work Session that was held before the regular meeting.

He also talked again about an Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Code of Conduct, saying he had no update or recommendation.

#### Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake shared that several students will be benefiting later this year from the Dual Credit Scholarship.

The guidance counselors and the teacher's union are in support of moving away from Valedictorian and Salutatorian and change to Cum Laude as well as changing to a 4.0 scale.

#### New Business:

An update on a previous recommendation for buses going to salvage. Bus #40 was not taken to auction; it was never meant to be on the salvage list. It will be used for a sub bus. It has passed inspection.

The recommendation to approve the Transfer of Appropriations Within the same Fund was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Resolution to Transfer Funds to the Rainy Day Fund was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

#### Unfinished Business:

Chris Kuhn submitted to the Board an itemized cost for United Consulting to do the first

part of the Wastewater Treatment Plant at Southwood Elementary. After some confusion on the previous meeting, to be clear, the Board voted again upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried to select United Consulting.

Board Policy:

The Board reviewed policies #4170-4175. Gary Fadil questioned some wording on Policy #4175. Mr. Keaffaber will contact School Board Attorney, Steve Downs, on the wording.

No items from the Board.

Public Comment (All items):

Andy Eads, Keith Gillenwater, and Lori Cruz commented.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p. m.

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KEVIN BOWMAN, PRESIDENT

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MATT DRISCOLL, VICE PRESIDENT

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TODD TOPLIFF, BOARD MEMBER

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GARY FADIL, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
TODD DAZEY, SECRETARY