

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 9, 2018, at 6:36 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, Bob Shultz, Jim Keaffaber, Michael Rigney, Bill Watson, Nelson Dyson, Andy Eads, Joel Stein, Phil Boone, Lori Cruz, Lisa Hauptert, Alex Hauptert, Tiffany Hauptert, John Gouveia, Ellie Hobbs, Joey Brinson, Gay Lynn Hobbs, Gary Kratzer, MacKenzi Klemann, and Cheryl Roser who took the minutes of the meeting.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for January 23, 2018, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, February 13, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Administration Building, and February 27, 2018, 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting at the Administration Building.

The recommendation to accept the \$488.82 donation from Douglas Martz Law, PC for Southwood High School Football shirts was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to accept the \$600.00 donation from Gentry Well & Pump for Southwood High School Boys Basketball warm-ups was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to accept the donation of a climbing wall, Unger Mountain, valued at approximately \$60,000 for the wall and equipment, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

Student Recommendation:

Congratulations to Jessica Bott, Southwood High School Senior, for being chosen as the 2018 Lilly Scholarship winner. Ms. Bott plans on attending Butler University in the fall of 2018. Ms. Bott was chosen from 50 applicants and 6 finalists.

A message was received from the IHSAA regarding our girls' basketball teams at County Tournament from Official Justin Faw. In his message he stated that both the coaching staff and Northfield and Southwood teams should be commended for their great sportsmanship during the contest that he officiated. He stated that all involved were "truly great" and "the ISHAA and schools should be proud of these two programs for being a positive example of the face of sportsmanship".

Southwood High School Staff wanted to recognize the Boys JV and Varsity Teams for their County Tournament Championships.

Northfield Girls JV and Varsity Teams were also County Tournament Champions.

Mr. Keaffaber recognized Ellie Hobbs, Southwood High School Senior and Heartland Career Center student for being selected by CTE District 17 for this year's Awards for Excellence. She will be presented this award on February 8, 2018 in Indianapolis, IN. She was selected on her many accomplishments throughout her high school and vocational careers.

Southwood High School recognized Business Teacher, Mrs. Kari Johnson, for participating in an initiative with Google to utilize their curriculum resources in the classroom. She was awarded over \$500.00 to a Donor's Choose account to purchase equipment to be used in her classroom.

Also being recognized from Southwood High School are Hannah Miller and Tyler Robinson for their performance as members of the Indiana All State Choir on January 13, 2018, at the Embassy Theater in Fort Wayne, IN. This is the first time in Southwood history that anyone from the school has been chosen for this wonderful opportunity.

#### Staff Spotlight:

Will resume at the January 23, 2018 meeting.

#### Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

President Kevin Bowman opened the meeting up for public comment before moving on.

Minutes of the Tuesday, December 12, 2017, Regular Meeting were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

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

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

Chris Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, reviewed the end of year/month balances.

#### Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Nicole Gable, Northfield High School, Guidance Counselor, effective January 8, 2018, was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #75 beginning January 8, 2018 was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

#### Professional Conference Requests:

The recommendation to approve Mark Nevil, Music Teacher, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, to attend the Indiana Music Educators' Conference, January 12-13, 2018, in Fort Wayne, IN was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

#### Heartland Career Center Report:

Mr. Matt Driscoll reported on the December 20, 2017 meeting. At that meeting, the

Internal Controls/Finance Policies were adopted. The Board asked approval to advertise for cash rent/farm lease option.

A requests were made for approval to add courses to their CTE Program/Course and to allow Ivy Tech to offer an Adult Welding Certification Class at the school. Both requests were approved.

Doug Shannon submitted notification of Retirement at the end of the 2017-18 school year.

A donation of a doll house was given to the preschool program.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber stated that school was canceled, delaying the return back from Christmas break.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake informed the Board of testing start dates. Testing begins for WIDA (English language proficiency standards and assessments) for 16 students and iStar, which tests students with severe disabilities. Counselors have begun scheduling classes for next school year. As several eLearning days are used in the next few weeks, teachers will be working hard on curriculum for those days.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the 2018 Budget Reduction Resolution (from 1782 notice) was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the LIT (Local Income Tax) Resolution was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Rainy Day Transfer to Self Insurance Fund Resolution was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Board Policy:

The Board reviewed policies #4210-4220.

Second reading and vote of Board Policy #4240 Indiana Student Religious Civil Liberties Act: Public Law 220-2017<sup>1</sup> was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

First reading of Board Policy #4175 after the changes made, with second reading and vote at the January 23, 2018 meeting.

Items from the Board:

The Board would like another Work Session, possibly on February 6, 2018, from 5:30-7:30.

Public Comment (All items):

No questions or comments were voiced.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p. m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

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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