

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 Office, 204 N 300 W, Wabash, IN, on September 11, 2018, 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, Dr. 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 Dazey, Matt Driscoll, and Todd Topliff. Absent was Gary Fadil. Also present were: Andrew Christman, Josh Siglar, Brian Ridgeway, Keith Bryant, Ryan Harrington, Bob Shultz, Denise Enyeart, Charles Enyeart, Tiffany Hauptert, Jeff Dawes, Steve Holley, Janette Moore, Todd Eltzroth, Jay Snyder, Phil Boone, Andrew McDaniel, Troy Friedersdorf, Megan Henderson, and Cheryl Roser who took the minutes.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for September 25, 2018, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, September 25, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Work Session, at the Honeywell Center, Legacy Hall and October 9, 2018, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building. The October 23, 2018, meeting is canceled due to Fall Break.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the donation from Donors Choose for Spanish Textbooks for Northfield High School, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey a second by Matt Driscoll and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the donation from Donors Choose (including Jessica Savage, Lecretia Swan, Lavonne Sparling, Kale Sparling, Kari Johnson, Makynlea Elzy, Sable Shoue) estimated value \$420.00 for Mrs. Kami Ross' Kindergarten Class Project at Metro North Elementary, "Flexible Seating for Kids that Need to Wiggle", was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the donation from Indiana State Parks and the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation-"Discover the Outdoors Field Trip" grant, an estimated value of \$155.00, for Metro North Elementary Kindergarten Classes, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the donation from Donors Choose, estimated value \$83.19, for Southwood Elementary classroom projects was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Blessings in a Backpack:

Megan Henderson is now coordinating the Blessings in a Backpack for the county. This program sends home food on the weekend, that is easy for a younger child to prepare. The volunteers pack the bags on Thursday evenings and deliver them on Friday mornings to the schools. They are packing 466 bags currently. They pack items such as microwavable macaroni and cheese, prepackaged snack food bags, pudding cups, juice drinks, etc. Through this program, students are provided with food for the weekend. Without these many students would not have much food for the weekend.

Staff Recognition:

Northfield Jr/Sr High School would like to thank Denise Stouffer for once again making the subject that she teaches come alive. Her hard work, extra time, planning and organizing of the field trip to Canada is much appreciated. Her work allowed students to experience Shakespeare first hand.

Southwood would like to recognize the efforts of Mr. Stetter and Mrs. Johnson, Student Congress Advisors, for the Homecoming events for the week. Our student and staff members were able to participate in the Dress-Up Days. They hosted movie night in the auditorium viewing *The Greatest Showman*. Other activities will continue for the week. A BIG thank you to Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Stetter.

Metro North Elementary was recognized for achieving LLEP (Legally Licensed Exempt Provider) approval for the Pre-School program.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Minutes of the Tuesday, August 28, 2018, 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 Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

There was no payroll to approve.

Chris Kuhn reviewed the August end of month totals with the Board.

President Kevin Bowman opened the 2019 Budget Hearing. Chris Kuhn reviewed the 2019 Budget before opening the hearing up for questions. After hearing no questions, President Kevin Bowman closed the hearing.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Don Sweet, South Bus Driver, effective May 25, 2018 was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Amy Powell, North Bus Driver, effective September 4, 2018 was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

No report.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake shared that eLearning Day would be September 13, 2018. There will be professional development going on throughout the district.

ISTEP Spring Scores have been embargoed. Emails received stated there was a scoring error and over 27,000 student scores were affected by that error.

New Business:

School Improvement Plans were presented by principals. After hearing all of the plans, the Board voted to approve those upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the field trip for Northfield Spanish Classes to Chicago, IL, October 10, 2018, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

Keith Bryant, United Consulting, brought to the Board the bid that they feel is the best option for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. Cornerstone Stewards, Inc. was the company with the lowest bid while still providing the quality of work that we need for the project. After hearing the break-down of the bid from Cornerstone, The Board, upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried. The vote was with stipulations that options 1, 2, and 3 be removed from the contract allowing MSDWC to pursue local contractors to complete these steps or even use our own maintenance staff for some of the jobs.

A motion by Todd Topliff was made to allow Mike Keaffaber, Superintendent, the ability to sign all appropriate documents for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project as they should arise, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

Board Policy:

Board Policy #4260, Use of Metal Detectors will be brought back for the second reading after School Attorney, Steve Downs has reviewed and made any suggestions to that policy.

Public Comment (All items):

Mr. Keaffaber reviewed the “Statements from the Public” protocol.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p. m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

KEVIN BOWMAN, PRESIDENT

MATT DRISCOLL, VICE PRESIDENT

TODD TOPLIFF, BOARD MEMBER

GARY FADIL, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST: _____
TODD DAZEY, SECRETARY