

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION 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 January 26, 2016 at 6:15 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.

President Matt Driscoll, who presided, called the meeting to order. Dr. Sandra Weaver and Mike Keaffaber were present. On call of the roll, the members of the Board were shown to be present as follows: Kevin Bowman, Todd Dazey and John Gouveia. Troy Baer was absent. Also present were Jessika Krom, Paul Voigt, Melissa Brisco, Sabrina LeMaster and Cheryl Roser took the minutes.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Student Council Report:

Northfield High School's Student Council reported on the school's activities. Jessika Krom told the Board about Student Council activities. Earlier this year there was a blood drive with another blood drive scheduled for March 4, 2016. For Halloween, students were permitted to wear costumes. The last day before Christmas break students again were allowed to dress up. They had a hallway-decorating contest with seniors taking top honors. Currently they are selling root beer floats during lunch periods. They will be selling roses for Valentine's Day as well as selling tickets for their upcoming dance.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for February 9, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, February 23, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Building and March 8, 2016, 5:00 p.m., at the Honeywell Center.

Public Recognition and Public Input:

The recommendation to approve the donation of \$1,000.00 from an anonymous donor for Northfield High School was accepted upon a motion made Todd Dazey, a second by John Gouveia and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the donation of \$2,400.00 from an anonymous donor for Southwood High School was accepted upon a motion made Todd Dazey, a second by John Gouveia and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the donation of \$1,000.00 from an anonymous donor for Southwood High School's Athletics was accepted upon a motion made Todd Dazey, a second by John Gouveia and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the donation of \$8,445.00 from an anonymous donor for Southwood High School's Wrestling Program for a new mat was accepted upon a motion made Todd Dazey, a second by John Gouveia and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the donation of \$598.60 from General Mills Company for Southwood Elementary was accepted upon a motion made Todd Dazey, a second by John Gouveia and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the donation of \$1,063.00 from Box Top for Education to be used for Metro North Elementary school programs was accepted upon a motion made Todd Dazey, a second by John Gouveia and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the donation of \$800.00 from Northfield Athletic Boosters for softball uniforms was accepted upon a motion made Todd Dazey, a second by John Gouveia and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the donation of \$500.00 from Greg and Cathy Montel for Northfield Boys Basketball was accepted upon a motion made Todd Dazey, a second by John Gouveia and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the donation of \$500.00 from Stan and Kathy Leland for Northfield Boys Basketball was accepted upon a motion made Todd Dazey, a second by John Gouveia and unanimously carried.

Community Recommendation:

Dr. Weaver recently visited the High Ability class at Metro North Elementary where Angela Christopher, Purdue Extension Educator, brought in a science program for the students to experiment with. The extension office provides all supplies for the unit. Dr. Weaver stated that the extension office has a lot of educational opportunities to share with our students.

Minutes of the Tuesday, December 8, 2015 Regular Meeting were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Dazey and unanimously carried.

Claims for the January 12, 2016 meeting and the January 26, 2016 meeting were approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

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

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Samuel Ryan, P.E. Teacher, Southwood Elementary, effective January 15, 2016; Rebecca Bishir, Speech and Language Pathologist, WMAP, effective January 5, 2016; Lawrence Turner, Paraprofessional, WMAP, effective January 8, 2016; Trish Licari, Teacher, WMAP, effective immediately; Brooke Griffey, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective immediately; Steve White, Bus Driver, effective January 22, 2016; Melody Sullivan, Paraprofessional, WMAP, effective January 28, 2016; were approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Todd Dazey and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Clint Davis, Head Baseball Coach, Northfield High School, effective immediately; Karin Tart, Junior High Girls Basketball Assistant, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective the 2015-16 season; Jessica Bos, 6th Grade Teacher, Southwood Elementary, effective January 4, 2016 through the end of the 2015-16 school year; Gary DeGrandchamp, At-Risk Aide, White's High School, effective January 18, 2016; Erin Poole, Kindergarten Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective January 7, 2016; Nicholas Slone, Special Education Aide, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective January 8, 2016 were approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Todd Dazey and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Maxine Warford transferring from 1:1 aide to Special Education Aide, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective January 4, 2016; Patrick Hopkins transferring from White's High School Alternative Class to Southwood Elementary P.E. Teacher, effective January 18, 2016 were approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #36 has been extended through April 1, 2016; #44 has been extended through May 10, 2016; #53 Leave to begin approximately April 22, 2016 through the end of the 2015-16 school year were approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Todd Dazey, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Professional Conference Request for Aimee Daniel and Ann Higgins, WMAP, to attend the ICASE Spring Conference, February 4-5, 2016 in Indianapolis, IN; Ann Higgins, WMAP, to attend Focus on Inclusion, February 23-24, 2016 in Indianapolis, IN; Ashlee Giordano, Teacher, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, to attend the HASTI Conference, February 4-5, 2016 in Indianapolis, IN; Kyle Highley, Bus Mechanic, to attend the Technician Training Seminar, March 8-9, 2016 in Plainfield, IN; Reena Markstahler, Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, to attend the HASTI Conference, February 4-5, 2016 in Indianapolis, IN; were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by John Gouveia and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

At the recent HCC meeting, Matt Driscoll reported that they had their reorganization meeting.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Weaver recognized some of the Board members for receiving pins for the Certified Award Program (CAP) through the ISBA. These awards were for 2014. The awards had not been mailed out by the ISBA until now. Those receiving the award were John Gouveia and Troy Baer. The Board as a whole received an outstanding acknowledgment.

Dr. Weaver reviewed with the Board the different House Bills, which could impact education.

Curriculum Report:

Dr. Brisco shared information with the Board regarding our eLearning day which was January 19, 2016. All certified staff across the district reviewed the new Mission and Vision statement that the administrators have been working on for a few months. Apple training went on throughout the district as well. Our next eLearning day will be March 22, 2016.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the field trip to Swiss Valley in Michigan for Northfield Advanced PE classes, February 29, 2016 was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Todd Dazey and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight field trip for Sharp Creek 4th grade to Camp Tecumseh, March 24-25, 2016 was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by John Gouveia and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the field trip for Sharp Creek 5th grade to Chicago, IL, April 29, 2016 was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Todd Dazey

and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight field trip for Sharp Creek 6th grade to the Indiana FFA Leadership Center in Trafalgar, IN, May 11-13, 2016 was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Todd Dazey and unanimously carried.

Mike Keaffaber reported starting February 15, 2016 school lunch prices would increase in the elementaries from \$2.10 to \$2.35, and in the junior/senior high schools from \$2.25 to \$2.50. Breakfast, reduced meals, and extra milk will not be affected.

Mr. Keaffaber said the food service staff works diligently to provide an affordable meal following the USDA Nutrition Standards for school meals as part of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. As part of this Act, Section 5, the increase follows the requirement of the regulation to meet the meal cost threshold. Many other factors are involved in this difficult decision.

He stated that if parents have not currently been approved for the Free/Reduced Meals program and feel like they might be eligible or if their income status has changed since the beginning of the school year, they should contact their school office to complete an application.

The recommendation to approve the Fixed Price Quote from North Central Co-Op was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by John Gouveia and unanimously carried. Todd Dazey abstained from voting.

The recommendation to approve the 2016 Budget Reduction Resolution was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Todd Dazey and unanimously carried.

Dr. Weaver reported on the reorganization plans for Wabash Miami Area Program. The Governing Board for WMAP has requested that we look at further decentralizing the cooperative. Our district serves as the Local Education Agency (LEA) and therefore is responsible for the administration and supervision of the joint program, which includes maintaining contracts for all WMAP employees. By decentralizing, MSDWC would have fewer employees to oversee in terms of contracts and any other personnel issues. She stated the it makes sense for a teacher who only teaches Manchester students in Manchester to now be on a Manchester contract. This streamlines record keeping and staff evaluations.

The timeline for the entire process to be completed and go into effect July 1, 2016; this requires no Board action at this point. Dr. Weaver will bring it back to the Board later as approval is needed.

The recommendation to approve the Summer eLearning Grant for \$14,000.00 which will be use for WISE later on this summer was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Kevin Bowman and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

No Unfinished Business.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

MATT DRISCOLL, PRESIDENT

JOHN GOUVEIA, VICE PRESIDENT

KEVIN BOWMAN, BOARD MEMBER

TODD DAZEY, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST: _____
TROY BAER, SECRETARY