

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 Building, 204 N. 300 W., Wabash, IN, on April 12, 2016 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.

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: John Gouveia, Todd Dazey, Troy Baer and Kevin Bowman. Also present were Paul Voigt, Chris Kuhn, Jennifer Harry, Hunter Harry, Anthony Cicatko, Mary Brown Melissa Brisco and Cheryl Roser took the minutes.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for April 26, 2016, May 10, 2016 and May 24, 2016 all at 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Public Input:

Jennifer Harry, parent, asked several questions regarding our policy on service animals. Dr. Weaver stated that we do not have a specific policy regarding service animals and that we follow the IEP (Individual Education Plan) that is put together by Wabash Miami Area Program staff for each student.

Public Recognition:

Dr. Weaver read the donation by Community Foundation of Wabash County to Northfield Jr/Sr High School for \$231.00 from the Vanessa Anne Baer Memorial Art Education Endowment.

Student Recognition:

Dr. Weaver shared the students who placed in recent competitions. Brooklyn Stout, fifth grade Sharp Creek Elementary won the Kiwanis Spelling Bee and Zoe Fisher, fifth grade Sharp Creek Elementary won the Journal Gazette Spelling Bee.

Minutes of the Tuesday, March 22, 2016 Regular Meeting were approved upon a motion

made by Kevin Bowman, a second by John Gouveia and unanimously carried.

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

Payroll was approved upon a motion made by Troy Baer, a second by Kevin Bowman and unanimously carried.

Mike Keaffaber, Assistant Superintendent, shared The 2017 Budget Calendar Review.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Sonja Ponder, Paraprofessional, WMAP, effective April 10, 2016; Philip Boone, Teacher, Southwood Elementary School, effective the end of the 2015-16 teacher contract; Megan Smith, Teacher, Metro North Elementary, effective the end of the 2015-16 teacher contract were approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the employment of Rob Cussen, Temporary Teacher, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective April 11, 2016 through the end of the 2015-16 school year; Erin Cantrell, Occupational Therapist, WMAP, effective August 9, 2016 were approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Linda DeLong, Secretary, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective May 20, 2016 was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Carrie Haycraft from Library Aide to Athletic/Guidance Secretary, effective April 11, 2016 was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Kevin Bowman and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve a 2 hours increase for Rhonda Kirby, Aide, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective April 11, 2016 through the end of the 2015-16 school year was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Kevin Bowman and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #57 beginning April 11, 2016 through the end of the 2015-16 school year was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Professional Conference Requests:

Keith McWhitney, Guidance Counselor, to attend the School Safety Specialist Academy Advanced Training 2016, May 9-10, 2016 in Indianapolis, IN was approved upon a motion made by Troy Baer, a second by Toddy Dazey, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Weaver shared a picture of the new mat, which was donated to Southwood High School's Wrestling program. Thank you to the anonymous donor.

Dr. Weaver went over the Annual Performance Report with the Board members.

Dr. Weaver's final concern to discuss with the Board was the Flint, Michigan lead in the water/pipes situation. She had been following that situation, which lead her to find out what our process is for water testing. Steve Holley, Maintenance Director, informed her that our water is tested regularly and we have no lead in our schools' water nor do we have lead pipes.

Curriculum Report:

Dr. Brisco shared with the Board that Metro North Elementary and Southwood Elementary received the Early Literacy Grant through the IDOE in the amount of \$30, 810. This grant is to be used for grades K-2. They will be using the grant money to purchase Writing Units of Study, Reading Response journals, additional leveled text, additional LLI (Leveled Literacy Intervention) kits and additional benchmarking assessment kits so that every teacher will have their own rather than having to share.

Dr. Brisco shared with the Board some news for the WISE conference. There will be a nationally known speaker that will open up new and exciting options for the two-day conference.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve an overnight field trip for Northfield's high school students to attend the Stratford Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Canada September 7-9, 2016 was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Troy Baer and unanimously carried.

Mr. Keaffaber reviewed the mowing bids and recommended the approval of Corey's

Lawn Care for the 2016 mowing season. The recommendation was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by John Gouveia and unanimously carried.

Recommendation to approve the Classified and Administrative stipends were approved except for WMAP Classified staff until approval by the WMAP governing board, upon a motion made by Troy Baer, a second John Gouveia and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Reorganization Agreement for Wabash Miami Area Program was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Dazey and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

Mr. Keaffaber updated the Board on the LaFontaine School appraisal and next steps. He will be publishing a notice regarding terms on which MSD will dispose of the real estate.

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