

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
MANCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABASH COUNTY
WABASH CITY SCHOOLS

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Manchester Community Schools, Metropolitan School District of Wabash County and Wabash City Schools was held at the Honeywell Center, Legacy Hall, 275 W. Market Street, Wabash, IN, on April 20, 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, who presided over the joint meeting, called the meeting to order. In attendance from Manchester Community Schools were Dr. Bill Reichart, Superintendent, Scott Bumgardner, Business Manager, Steve Flack, Brady Burgess, Dr. Nathan Trump, Sally Krouse, Brian Schilling and Ruth Ayers. Representing MSD Wabash County were Mike Keaffaber, Superintendent, Chris Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Tim Drake, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, Matt Driscoll, Todd Dazey, Todd Topliff and Gary Fadil. Representing Wabash City Schools were Jason Callahan, Superintendent, Matt Stone, Business Manager, Kim Pinkerton, Brandon France, Mary Anne Tait, Liz Hobbs and Tiffanie King. Community attendees were Paul Voigt, Emma Rausch, Chelsea Boulrisse, Jon Higgins, Ann Higgins, Brad Lee, Mark Nevil, Terri Denny, Andy Eads, Cheri Culver, Mike Culver, Randy Self, Cathy Gohmann, Angela Loschiavo, Thomas Moore, Chris Hickman, Kyle Wieland, John Mason, Joel Stein, Shelly Leifer, Mike Mattern, Danielle Miller, Lisa Ford, Steve Holley, Jeff Galley, Tammy Farlow, Maggie Wimberly, Tony Miller, Lew Curless and Cheryl Roser who took the minutes of the meeting.

Kevin Bowman, MSD Wabash County Board President, welcomed everyone and lead the pledge to the flag.

Each superintendent introduced their Board Members. The Community Foundation of Wabash County was the host of the joint meeting of the three (3) school boards. Patty Grant, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Wabash County, spoke on the purpose of the meeting, which was the education and advancement of Wabash County schools and their students. She introduced Dr. Carol Lindquist who will be coordinating the “Studies for Advancement”.

Dr. Lindquist shared the plan for the Education Study. Phase One includes: a demographic study, through 2026; facilities study; Wabash County Workforce profile; academic audit; analysis of financial strength; and reports and transition, which will give individual findings and be presented to each district and a county-wide summative report. At that point, each district will then need to decide if the wish to continue on with Phase Two.

In Phase Two they will conduct surveys to gather community opinions and host external analysis of legal factors related to shared interests.

Dr. Lindquist explained what was to be expected during the collection process. A “quiet” period will happen during Phase One as studies are completed and progress reports will be given through Community Foundation. At that point, individual school board would meet and make a determination of Phase Two. If Phase Two is needed, that will begin and continue throughout the late summer and fall.

At the conclusion of Dr. Lindquist’s presentation, the meeting was opened for School Board questions and then public questions.

There being no further business to come before the school boards the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

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ATTEST: _____
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