

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
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 Sept 27, 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. Mike Keaffaber, Chris Kuhn and Tim Drake were present. On call of the roll, the members of the Board were shown to be present as follows: Todd Dazey, John Gouveia, Troy Baer and Kevin Bowman. Also present were: Marshall Blair, Rosa Sparling, Emma Sue Rausch, Chelsea Boulrisse, Brad Lee, Bill Hunter, Carol Cly, Lisa Fadil, Todd Blair, Todd Topliff, Teresa Galley, Andrew McDaniel, Paul Voigt, Nikki Brubaker, Gary Fadil, Steven Weir, Brian Gottschalk, Jeff Dawes, Joel Stein, Troy Friedersdorf, Tammy Ford and Cheryl Roser took the minutes.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled October 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., October 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. and November 8, 2016 all at the Administration Building.

Public Input:

President Matt Driscoll, opened the floor for public input. Gary Fadil, Carol Cly, Todd Topliff and Bill Hunter all spoke on consolidation/reconfiguration issues. Jeff Dawes spoke to the patrons at the meeting regarding an Executive Session, how they are conducted and what benefits they have for the Board. Mr. Dawes was a former MSD school board member. Mr. Driscoll then closed public input to continue with the meeting.

Mr. Keaffaber shared with the Board a donation from Zoetis through Countryside Veterinary for \$145.63 to Southwood FFA.

Staff Recognition:

Mike Keaffaber recognized Shelly Faust, Southwood High School teacher, on being named Wabash Plain Dealer's Readers' Choice Best Teacher for 2016; Denise Stouffer, Northfield High School teacher, for making her class come alive. She organized a trip for students to visit Canada for the Shakespeare festival.

Student Recognition:

Mr. Keaffaber recognized Southwood Jr/Sr High School students Isabel Davis, Taylor Barnett, Maggie Ball and Alex Farr. They created the winning video for student behavior expectations in the school's hallways. Student and staff voted on the best video.

Sophie Rosen was recognized for placing 3rd out of 1,704 students across Northern Indiana who competed in the Northern Indiana Sumdog Math Contest. Twelve other students placed in the top fifty.

Dayna Dale, Southwood High School golfer, place fourth overall in the ISHAA Regional golf tournament advancing her to the state meet. She is the first Southwood golfer to ever advance to the state finals and her score of 73 at the Regional meet was a school record.

Minutes of the Tuesday, September 13, 2016 Regular Meeting were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Troy Baer and unanimously carried.

Claims 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 John Gouveia, a second by Troy Baer and unanimously carried.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Jozanna Corn, White's High School, Art Club Supervisor, effective the 2016-17 school year; Linda Felheim, White's High School, Winter Ball Sponsor and Yearbook, effective the 2016-17 school year; Kayla Rudd, White's High School, Literature Club, effective the 2016-17 school year; Teresa Updike, White's High School, Winter Ball Sponsor, effective the 2016-17 school year; Brad Rody, Southwood High School FFA Volunteer, effective the 2016-17 school year; Crystal Lochard, 3 Hour Cook, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, effective September 19, 2016 were approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Troy Baer and unanimously carried.

Professional Conference Requests:

The recommendation to approve the conference requests for Brian Miller and Aaron Hyden, to attend the Hoosier Educational Computer Coordinators (HECC) Conference, November 10-11, 2016 in Indianapolis, IN; Pama Poe, WMAP, to attend the IN-AER Conference, November 3-4, 2016 in Indianapolis, IN were approved upon at motion made by Troy Baer, a second by John Gouveia and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

Matt Driscoll reported on the September 21, 2016 Heartland Career Center Board meeting. At that meeting the Board agreed to a \$95.00 per unit increase for certified staff and 2% increase plus a one time \$300.00 stipend for non-certified staff.

They had a “meet the instructor” night and culinary students prepared food for the evening.

Superintendent’s Report:

Mr. Keaffaber updated the Board of the recent ADM count. ADM for 2015-16 at this same time was 2137 students, then 2016-17 ADM (unofficial) is 2045.

Curriculum Report:

Tim Drake reported on College and Career “Go Week”. Students and staff have been wearing their favorite college school gear for the week. Elementary students were given the opportunity to wear clothing for a career they would like to pursue.

Mr. Drake shared with the Board and the public the IDOE’s Compass data site where school details can be found.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve Southwood’s AP Government and AP History classes to travel to the Inauguration in Washington D.C. January 17-22, 2017 was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Troy Baer and unanimously approved.

The recommendation to approve the field trip for Southwood’s Topics in History class to the Rock ‘n Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, OH November 5, 2016 was approved upon a motion made by Troy Baer, a second by John Gouveia and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight field trip to Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, IN for Southwood Elementary 4th grade, November 3-4, 2016 was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Todd Dazey and unanimously approved.

President Matt Driscoll, opened the Public Hearing for the 2017 Budget upon a motion made by John Gouveia and unanimously carried. Chris Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, took the Board through all sections of the 2017 Budget. After the presentation, Mr.

Kuhn gave the Board time to ask any questions they may have. After questions were taken and answered, Mr. Driscoll asked to close the meeting and upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Troy Baer and unanimously carried to close the hearing.

The recommendation to ratify the teacher contract was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Troy Baer and unanimously carried.

John Gouveia made a motion that the MSD Board of Education make formal invitation to the school boards and superintendents of Wabash City Schools and Manchester Community Schools to engage in a tripartite executive session with the explicit intent to discuss the issues of declining enrollment, school finance, consolidation, feasibility study and any additional items deemed necessary by a pre-meeting of the superintendents and board presidents, a second was made by Todd Dazey and unanimously carried.

Permission to advertise the Project Hearing 2016, Additional Appropriation Hearing, Determination to Issue Bonds, and Intent to Sell Bonds was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Troy Baer, passing with a 4-0 vote. Kevin Bowman abstained.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Items from the Board:

Kevin Bowman apologized to Todd Topliff for cutting him off during public input. He went on to say that he is very passionate about the job he has as a school board member. He believes we, as a community, need to be unified. As a community we need to do better for our children.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 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