

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 October 25, 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, Superintendent was present. On call of the roll, the members of the Board were shown to be present as follows: Todd Dazey, Troy Baer and Kevin Bowman. Absent was Chris Kuhn and Tim Drake. Also present were: Emma Sue Rausch, Bill Hunter, Carol Cly, Todd Blair, Troy Friedersdorf, Chelsea Boulrisse, Todd Topliff, Gary Fadil, Joel Stein and Cheryl Roser took the minutes.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled November 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., November 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. and December 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. all at the Administration Building.

Public Input:

Todd Blair asked if there was any update on the invitations sent out to other school corporations to discuss declining enrollment and collaboration. Mr. Keaffaber stated there was no update. Gary Fadil questioned the date for the December board meeting which was incorrect on the agenda. The date of the December meeting should be December 13, 2016. Joel Stein asked a specific question to Kevin Bowman after he attended the public forum for the school board candidates where Mr. Bowman stated that he currently would not vote for the bond that is being proposed. Mr. Stein asked how he planned to pay for the current debt and what other options were there other than the bond. Mr. Bowman had no comment at the time.

Staff Recognition:

Mike Keaffaber recognized Northfield Jr/Sr High school and Kathryn Nevil, Northfield Yearbook Advisor, for being one of ten schools across the country to be a winner of Shar-abration contest. This was a national yearbook contest.

Minutes of the Tuesday, October 11, 2016 Regular Meeting were approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Troy Baer and unanimously carried.

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

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

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Bonnie Lane, 3-hour Cook, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, effective October 17, 2016 was approved upon a motion made by John Gouveia, a second by Todd Dazey and unanimously carried.

Professional Conference Requests:

The recommendation to approve the conference requests for Tim Drake, Curriculum Director, to attend the Indiana Association of the Gifted Conference, December 11-13, 2016 in Indianapolis, IN; Sandy Gutzwiller, Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, to attend the IFLTA (Indiana Foreign Language Teachers Association) Conference, November 4-5, 2016 in Indianapolis, IN; Troy Friedersdorf, Principal, White's Jr/Sr High School, to attend the IASP (Indiana Association of School Principals) Fall Conference, November 20-22, 2016 were approved upon a motion made by Troy Baer, a second by John Gouveia and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber told the Board that bids for Metro North Elementary roof will be advertised October 30, 2016 and November 6, 2016. The bid meeting will be November 8, 2016 in the Board room. Bids will be due November 15, 2016 by 10:00 a.m. with bid opening to begin at that time.

Curriculum Report:

No report.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the Southwood Senior Class field trip to Chicago, IL, May 5, 2017 was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Troy Baer and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight trip for Southwood Wrestling Team to compete in a tournament in Danville, IL, December 29-30, 2016 was approved upon a motion made by Troy Baer, a second by John Gouveia and unanimously carried.

President Matt Driscoll called to open the Project Hearing on Additional Appropriations. John Gouveia made the motion to open the hearing, Todd Dazey seconded the motion and it was a unanimous vote to open the hearing.

After hearing comments from the Board, John Gouveia made a motion to close the hearing, a second by Todd Dazey and it was a unanimous vote to close the hearing.

The recommendation to adopt the project resolutions: Additional Appropriation Resolution and adopt Final Bond Resolution, which includes approval form of Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and appointment of bid committee was approved upon a motion made by Todd Dazey, a second by Troy Baer, passing on a 3-1-1 vote with Kevin Bowman voting against and John Gouveia abstaining.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Items from the Board:

John Gouveia commented on there being no response from the schools invited to meet to collaborate.

Matt Driscoll asked the candidates running for School Board what they believe should be done to improve the financial status of the district. Carol Cly feels consolidating administration is the first step. Todd Topliff was frustrated in being asked that question stating they do not see the financial information that the current Board does and doesn't think they can make a well informed comment. Gary Fadil and Bill Hunter agreed. Chad Watson was not in attendance for comment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 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