

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING 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 February 12, 2019, 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.

Todd Dazey, President, called the meeting to order. Mike Keaffaber, Superintendent, Chris Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent, and Tim Drake, Assistant Superintendent, were also present. On call of the roll the members of the Board were shown to be present as follows: Todd Dazey, Matt Driscoll, Kevin Bowman, Todd Topliff, and Gary Fadil. Also present were: Janette Moore, Heather Amos, Steve Downs, Steve Holley, Josh Sigler, and Cheryl Roser who took the minutes of the meeting.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for February 26, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, March 13, 2019, 5:00 p.m., at the Honeywell Center, and March 26, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at Heartland Career Center.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$354.10 donation from General Mills Corporation-Box Top for Education for Southwood Elementary was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$500.00 donation from Land O' Lakes Foundation for Northfield's FFA was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the \$100.00 donation from Andrew Dixon for Southwood Elementary Robotics was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Staff Spotlight:

Carl Pace, Math Teacher, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, was nominated by Heather Amos, parent. Mrs. Amos stated that Mr. Pace has great communication with parents and makes math fun for students.

Schools' Recognition:

Southwood and Heartland Career Center student Jonathon Dakotah Culver is in the Honeywell Multi-Media program. Dakotah is one of three finalist for the Drive Safe Chicago Public Service Announcement script writing contest on drowsy driving. A film crew from Alan

Weiss Productions in New York will be coming to Honeywell to film the PSA that Dakotah wrote.

All 3 finalists' PSAs will be available for voting on the Chicago Auto Show Facebook page. The winner receives \$2,000, gets free transportation to the Chicago Auto Show, and will participate in a press conference.

Northfield would like to congratulate, Ellie and Erin Proebstle, Ariana and Athena Varner, and Adriana Hershberger as they participated in ISSM Solo and Ensemble contest at Huntington North High School. Each of the girls performed a solo and the five girls also made up an ensemble - for a total of six events. All six events received gold rating, which qualified each of them to perform again at the State level at Perry Meridian High School in Indianapolis on Saturday, February 16, 2019.

Northfield's Jasper Donaldson advanced to Semi-State in wrestling and finished his season and career in the ticket-round.

Northfield would like to congratulate Coach Allen, her staff and her team for winning the Girls' Basketball Sectional and Regional. They did an outstanding job!

Congratulations to Ariel Dale for being named Wabash County Girls' Basketball Player of the Year.

From Mrs. Moore, Metro North Principal: Thanks to all of our bus drivers for continuously going above and beyond for our students. Two weeks ago, after we had a few inches of snow followed by a day of rain, one of our MN students fell as he went out to the bus. He was soaked through and through. His bus driver, Kim Frank, sent him back inside to change, ran her route and then came back to pick up the student, in the same week, three students missed the bus and after dropping off his students at Metro North, Mr. Tom Garthee went and picked up those students that otherwise would have missed school due to no transportation. Our drivers are the first and last person our students see every day, and they pay close attention to details to ensure our students are home safe and sound.

Metro North Robotics team tied for second place at the Columbia Robotics Competition on Saturday. This team of 10 third graders started in November with coaches that knew only slightly more than they did regarding robotics (they knew where the supplies were). These engineers continuously dream big and work hard, and we couldn't be more proud of their problem solving, flexible thinking, patience and perseverance.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Minutes of the Tuesday, January 22, 2019, Regular Meeting were approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

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

Payroll was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

Chris Kuhn reviewed the End of Month totals for January with the Board.

Mr. Kuhn shared with the Board Distress Unit Appeal Board. He informed the Board they may go to the website to see the information.

#### Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Dana Bosteter, Custodian, Southwood Elementary, effective February 11, 2019; Suzanne Bechtold, 3 Hour Cook, Southwood Elementary, effective February 5, 2019; Rocky France, JH Wrestling Coach, effective the 2019 season were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Rick Baber, Custodian, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective February 15, 2019 was approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #95 beginning approximately May 16, 2019 and returning August 6, 2019; #96 beginning February 18, 2019 and returning March 19, 2019; #97 beginning February 15, 2019 and returning March 4, 2019 were approved upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation of the Southwood Spring Coaches are as follows: Warren Daily, Head Baseball; Dalton Gentry, Assistant Baseball; David Glickfield, Assistant Baseball; Cory Blocker, Assistant Baseball; EJ Devarie, Assistant Baseball; Gary Dale, Head Golf; Devin Dale, Assistant Golf; JoDee Dale, Assistant Golf; Rod Cole, Assistant Golf; Brad Wright, JH Golf; Ron Houston, JH Golf; Carl Pace, Head Softball; Heather Hyden, Head Track; Cary Hammel, Assistant Track; Dave Martz, Assistant Track; Larry Vaughn, Assistant Track; Logan Paris, Assistant Track; Tonya Boone, Assistant Track; Jeff Hobson, Assistant Track; Nick Perlich, Assistant Track were approve upon a motion made by Gary Fadil, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

#### Heartland Career Center Report:

At the January 23, 2019, meeting the Board of Managers met for a reorganization meeting. Tony Pulley was elected president, Don Beach, vice-president, and Matt Driscoll, secretary.

In other business, a reminder that the Career Expo with be April 30, 2019.

The 2019-20 school calendar was approved.

#### Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber reported that Steve Holley and Pete Stefanatos met with United Consulting and the wastewater treatment plant project is on schedule despite the weather.

February 1, 2019, was the second count day for the 2018-19 school year and the count increased. Mr. Keaffaber will have the official count at the next meeting. Our School District receives the most student transfers in the county.

#### Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake reported that preschool registration information has been released and enrollment has begun for the 2019-20 school year. Seats are filling up for those classes.

Mr. Drake remind the Board and the public about the robotics competition which will be held February 16, 2019, at Southwood High School. The event has 29 teams competing. Mr. Drake is grateful for the amount of volunteer help they have gotten for setting up the event and for the day of the event.

A group of staff and administrators that went to Chicago for an Apple briefing had a great experience. They all took away from the day just how powerful a tool the iPad is.

The MSD Academic Honors Banquet will be March, 12, 2019, with Dr. Shawn Ahlfeld, Northfield graduate and Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics Division of Neonatology and Pulmonary Biology at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, speaking.

#### New Business:

After a presentation by Adam Weesner of Barton-Coe-Vilamaa, on the updating of flooring and painting in the two high schools, the permission to proceed with design and fee proposals approval for Northfield and Southwood Jr/Sr High Schools for the project of carpeting and painting was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Gary Fadil, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Food to School Interlocal Cooperation Agreement was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the creation of Indiana State High School Clay Target League for MSD was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Board Policy:

None.

Items from Board Members:

Todd Dazey reported that he talked with Dr. Yager, who conducted the study. Dr. Yager stated that all of the information they have is in the report that was given out at the meeting at Honeywell Center. He also believes there would be nothing beneficial for any further meetings.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

None.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7: 42 p.m.

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TODD DAZEY, PRESIDENT

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KEVIN BOWMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

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MATT DRISCOLL, BOARD MEMBER

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GARY FADIL, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
TODD TOPLIFF, SECRETARY