

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 Building, 204 N. 300 W., Wabash, IN, on April 23, 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 and Todd Topliff Absent was Gary Fadil. Also present were: Janette Moore, Andrew McDaniel, Marissa Wilson, Kassie Metzger, Sheryl Holley, Steve Holley, Karen Morris, Jessica Holley, Aaron Holley, Sabrina LeMaster, Jessie Gray, Adam Weesner, 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 May 14, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, May 28, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and June 11, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the donations for Southwood High School's Knight Flight 5K: \$100.00, Snyder Tire; \$100.00, LaFontaine Christian Church; \$100.00, Crossroads Bank; \$100.00 Midwest Eye; \$100.00, Anonymous, \$100.00, Anonymous; \$1797.35, Anonymous were approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the donations for Southwood Elementary Robotics: \$250.00, Inguard; \$975.00, Wabash County Convention & Visitors Bureau; \$500.00, Anonymous; \$250.00, Anonymous were approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Schools' Recognition:

Several Southwood High School Football players, Mr. Finicle, Coach Snyder, and Andrew McDaniel attended the United Healthcare and Indianapolis Colts' Helmets program initiative. Southwood was nominated by members of the community who voted online to send them to this ceremony. Southwood received \$1,000 toward the purchase of new football helmets and students received training in tackling form to reduce the risk of concussion. We also heard from Tim Knight, a motivational speaker, and Ryan Diem, former offensive lineman for the Colts.

The Southwood Community would like to express their appreciation for Miss McClure's efforts in the first annual Knight Flight 5k. We had over 300 participate in the race. What an absolutely awesome experience. We also want to publicly thank the sponsors for the event (participants got a free t-shirt): Brad Metzger of All State Insurance, Snyder Tire, Crossroads Bank, LaFontaine Christian Church, Midwest Eye. It is our hope that this becomes an annual event.

Southwood students had a great field trip on Thursday, April 18 to see the Indiana Supreme Court to hear oral arguments. Indiana Supreme Court Justice, Chris Goff is a Southwood alumnus.

Southwood High School had nearly 100 students, grades 7-12, who successfully completed their yearly Reading Counts tests, attend a Tin Caps baseball game in Fort Wayne.

Southwood High School would like to recognize Landon Topliff for his successful pitch for the Innovate With-In. His company is called Bizzy Bees.

#### Staff Spotlight:

Jessica Holley, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, was recognized by Marissa Wilson who is a grandparent and works at Metro North. She wrote: She is one of the kindest people I have the pleasure of working with. She never raises her voice. Always talks nicely to the children. And she has the best patience too. She sets a very good example for others to try to strive for. Over all, just a very sweet person spreading kindness.

#### Student Council Report:

Sabrina LeMaster, Northfield Student Council Advisor, reported for the students. The cornhole boards are in and look very nice. Student Council is waiting on a response about using those along with other games for the last day of school. Emma Brainard, President, revised the election process and elections are being held for offices for the 2019-2020 school.

Karen Morris, AP-TIP IN Program Director, University of Notre Dame, presented to the Board about the AP-TIP IN program. The Advanced Placement Teacher Investment Program is housed under the University of Notre Dame's Center of STEM Education. Notre Dame's program is to help create more interest in AP classes for high school students. The program also provides professional development for the teachers and resources for students. AP-TIP IN prepares our students by engaging them in rigorous math, science, and English coursework. They help students achieve their goal of passing with a qualifying score. The program has an incentive program for students and teachers. AP-TIP IN will begin in the 2019-2020 school year.

Adam Weesner of Barton, Coe and Vilamaa updated the Board on the one bid that was received for the high school projects. He gave the Board several options to bring the bid price down.

The recommendation to approve the Northfield and Southwood High School carpeting/painting bid was rejected upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Minutes of the Tuesday, April 9 2019, Regular Meeting were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

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

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

Chris Kuhn reviewed the transfer of the Education Fund to Operation Fund and Cash Flow for March 2019.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Brian Snodgrass, Custodian, Southwood High School, effective April 19, 2019; Jessica Lindeman, Occupational Therapist, WMAP, effective August 6, 2019; Kayla Frank, Paraprofessional, Metro North Elementary, effective April 15, 2019; Abigail Siders, 3 Hour Cook, Southwood High School; effective April 29, 2019; Lori Brewer, Secretary, Southwood High School, effective April 29, 2019 were approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Tanner Chamberlain, Teacher, Metro North Elementary, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Renee Frank, Paraprofessional, Southwood Elementary, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the leave of #99 to begin approximately September 12, 2019 for 6 weeks was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Heartland Career Center Report:

The Heartland Board of Managers met April 17, 2019. Approval was given to apply for the 2019-2020 Perkins Basic Grant. The cash rent money they receive for the year is being put toward scholarships and will continue for the next school year.

The Construction Trades open house is May 16, 2019 and the Senior Certificate/Honors Program is May 22, 2019.

The next meeting will be May 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Report:

No report.

Curriculum Report:

Testing is going on now. Juniors and Seniors had the opportunity to take the SAT test at their high school this year. Each high school paid for the Juniors who wanted to take the test.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the revised 2019-2020 school calendar was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the field trip for Southwood's Topics in History class to Indiana Holocaust Museum, May 2, 2020, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Board Policy:

None.

Items from Board Members:

None.

Public Comment (All Agenda Items):

None.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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GARY FADIL, BOARD MEMBER

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