

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 May 14, 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: Steve Holley, Jessie Gray, Josh Sigler, Phil Boone, Brian Ridgeway, Sherry Ridgeway, Amanda Sutphin, Erica Tyson, Megan Hyden, Massy Woodyard, Nika Tyson, Logan Shellhamer, Avery Henderson, Grace Drake, Elexis Kelley, Natalie Sutphin, Thatcher Simpson, Becky Woodyard, Amber Kaehr, Megan Henderson, Meredith Kelley, Greg Kelley, Rob Shellhamer, Jodi Kaehr, Daedric Kaehr, Shannon McBride, Kinslee McBride, Stacie Denniston, and Cheryl Roser who took the minutes of the meeting.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for May 28, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, June 11, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, and June 25, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building.

Public Recognition:

The recommendation to approve the \$300.00 donation from Peerless Machine and Tool Corp. for Southwood Elementary Robotics to help with expenses for families attending the World Competition, was approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the donation by F. Howard Halderman of 4 pair of track spikes and 2 pair of track flats valued at \$150.00 for Northfield's Girls Track were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the donations for Unger Mountain were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

Staff Spotlight:

Shannon McBride, Transportation Director, was recognized as our last Staff Spotlight for the year. Ms. McBride was nominated by Stacie Denniston who is a bus driver for the schools. Mrs. Denniston stated that Ms. McBride does her very best every day to keep things running

smoothly with transportation. She keeps routes straight, keeps in communication with the bus drivers, and with parents.

#### Schools' Recognition:

Southwood High School and Northfield High School were recently contacted by GreatSchools.org because the schools were awarded a 2019 College Success Award. The 2019 College Success Award recognizes public high schools that are doing a great job preparing students for college and beyond. College Success Award-winners stand out based on school-level college preparation data and post-secondary data collected and shared by their state. This data indicates whether students are prepared for college, enrolled in college, are ready for college-level course work when they get there, and/or persist on to their second year.

Southwood High School has made the list of Top Ranked High Schools of 2019 by US News and World Report for its exemplary efforts to help students succeed in state assessments and prepare for college.

Northfield High School would like to send a special thank you to Mrs. Stouffer and Mrs. Michel for all of the extra time and work they put into making our prom special for our students

Congratulations go out to Northfield students, Allyson Keaffaber, Kelcie Thomson, and Jasper Donaldson for being finalist for the Dr. James Albright Medicine Excellence Scholarship.

Congratulations to Brittany Bussard for being a 2019 Kiwanis Self-Reliance Award Winner.

Southwood Elementary Robotics Teams who competed in the Worlds Competition were at the meeting to talk about their experiences.

Grace Drake competed in the VEX IQ Challenge Girl Powered Online Challenge and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the world.

Mr. Keaffaber asked the team members questions about their experiences being on the robotics team and the World Competitions. The students were excited to share what they had learned being on the team.

#### Public Comment: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

Minutes of the Tuesday, April 23, 2019, Regular Meeting were approved upon a motion made by Kevin Bowman, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

Claims were approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, 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 April End of Month with the Board and the 2020 Budget calendar.

Personnel Recommendations:

The recommendation to approve the employment of Blake Wynn, Summer Custodian, effective June 3, 2019; Chase Guenin, Summer Custodian, effective May 13, 2019; Jane Kendall, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Southwood Elementary, effective August 6, 2019, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the resignation of Claudia Weitzel, 3 Hour Cook, Northfield High School, effective April 25, 2019; Amy Powell, 3 Hour Cook, Sharp Creek Elementary, effective May 24, 2019; Bobbi Gaylourd, 3 Hour Cook, Southwood High School, effective May 24, 2019; Mary Larimer, Special Education Teacher, Southwood High School, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year; Jesse Gray, Head Custodian, Northfield High School, effective May 24, 2019, were approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the retirement of Deborah Culver, Secretary/Bookkeeper, Metro North Elementary, effective July 31, 2019, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the transfer of Stephanie Willmert, Special Education Teacher to Southwood High School from Southwood Elementary, effective August 6, 2019, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Lucas Topliff, Volunteer Coach for Clay Busters was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to cancel the contract of #100 was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the Summer School Staff as follows: Tami Overman, Tech Aide; Jodi Kaehr, Tech Aide; Amy Siders, Edmentum; Tonya Boone, Edmentum; Janelle Peters, Primary Reading Teacher; Alissa Deeter, Primary Reading Teacher; Gay Lynn Hobbs, Primary Reading Teacher; Casey Penrod, Primary Reading Aide; Angela Herring, Begindergarten Teacher; Lisa Fadil, Begindergarten Teacher; Janette Moore, Begindergarten Principal; Phil Boone, Begindergarten, Principal; Cheri Culver, Begindergarten Assessment; Carl Anderson, SAE; Jeff Smith, SAE; Roger Boone, IOA Proctor; Nicole Michael, IOA Proctor; Cheryl Barton, Bus Driver; Tiffany Clupper, Bus Driver; Suzie Lewis, Bus Driver were

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

Heartland Career Center Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Keaffaber showed pictures of the Wastewater Treatment Plant construction. The project is nearing completion.

Curriculum Report:

Mr. Drake stated that end of the year testing continues.

New Business:

The recommendation to approve the changes to the Employee Salary Handbook (Bus Shuttles and Shared Food Managers positions) was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Jay Snyder shared with the Board the changes being made to the 2019-2020 Elementary Handbook for the first reading. The second reading and vote will be May 28, 2019.

The recommendation to approve the extended field trip for AP Physics, AP Chemistry, and AP Calculus to Cedar Point, Sandusky, OH, May 16, 2019, was approved upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Matt Driscoll, and unanimously carried.

The recommendation to approve the overnight field trip for Southwood Cross Country Team to Kings Island, Cincinnati, OH, June 20-21, 2019, was approved upon a motion made by Matt Driscoll, a second by Todd Topliff, and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

After reviewing the revised NHS and SHS project options the Board recommended to bid the project separately and extend the duration upon a motion made by Todd Topliff, a second by Kevin Bowman, and unanimously carried.

Board Policy:

The Board heard the first reading of Board Policy #4270. The second reading and vote will be May 28, 2019.

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 7:18 p.m.

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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