

MINUTES OF SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MANCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
April 20th, 2017

The Manchester Community Schools' Board of Trustees met at the Honeywell Center, Legacy Hall, 275 W. Market Street, Wabash, IN on April 20, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members were present or absent as follows:

PRESENT: Mrs. Ruth Ayres, Mrs. Sally Krouse, Mr. Brady Burgess, Mr. Brian Schilling, Dr. Nate Trump and Mr. Steve Flack

ABSENT: Mr. Tim McLaughlin and Mr. Albert Schlitt, Attorney

Also in Attendance: Dr. Bill Reichhart, Superintendent; Mr. Scott Bumgardner, MCS Business Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kevin Bowman, MSD Wabash County Board President called the meeting of the Manchester Community Schools' Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Kevin Bowman led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Each Board President introduced their Board Members. The Community Foundation of Wabash County was the host of the joint meeting of the three (3) school boards. Patty Grant, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Wabash County, spoke on the purpose of the meeting, which was the education and advancement of Wabash County schools and their students. She introduced Dr. Carol Lindquist who will be coordinating the "Studies for Advancement".

NEW BUSINESS

A. Education Study

Dr. Lindquist shared the plan for the Education Study. Phase One includes: a demographic study, through 2026; facilities study; Wabash County Workforce profile; academic audit; analysis of financial strength; and reports and transition, which will give individual findings and be presented to each district and a county-wide summative report. At that point, each district will then need to decide if they wish to continue on with Phase Two.

In Phase Two they will conduct surveys to gather community opinions and host external analysis of legal factors related to shared interests.

Dr. Lindquist explained what was to be expected during the collection process. A "quiet" period will happen during Phase One as studies are completed and progress reports will be given through Community Foundation. At that point, individual school board would meet and make a determination of Phase Two. If Phase Two is needed, that will begin and continue throughout the late summer and fall.

At the conclusion of Dr. Lindquist's presentation, the meeting was opened for School Board questions and then public questions.

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COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Comments from the public were not recorded by Secretary Cheryl Roser.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

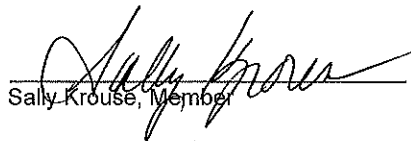
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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mr. Kevin Bowman, MSD Wabash County Board President, adjourned the Manchester Community Schools' Board of Trustees Board Meeting at 6:44 p.m.



Steve Flack, School Board President




Sally Krouse, Member

Brady Burgess, Vice President

Absent

Tim McLaughlin, Member



Nate Trump, Secretary



Brian Schilling, Member



Ruth Ayres, Member

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