

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

**\*\*Regular meeting taking place at the District Office on November 19, 2018**

### MEMBERS

Position	Present	Absent
<b>Presiding Officer</b>	Matt Seman	
	Charlie Waugh – arrived at 6:35	
	Pam Kovacevich	
		Corey Conklin
		Tom Ray
	Kurt Ratliff	
<b>Superintendent</b>	Tip Reedy	
<b>Building Principals</b>		Doug Furlow, Clay Shoufler and Adam Ibbotson
<b>Board of Education Secretary</b>		Teresa Benner

### Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance / Approval of Agenda

The meeting was called to order by President, Matt Seman. Roll call was taken by the Recording Secretary. Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Kurt Ratliff and seconded by Pam Kovacevich that the agenda be approved as amended.

Discussion: Consent Agenda item d – added Approval of the FY18 Annual Statement of Affairs Report, Informational Items a – removed Administrators Reports, Action Item b – changed 2019 to 2018, Action Item d – added Brittany Chrans, Removed Executive Session

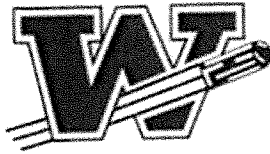
Motion carried

### Public Comment, Recognition of Employees, Faculty Spotlight

Byron Painter – South County Publication

Dave Knox – member of the public who passed on the following to the Board:

- Mr. Knox, who was a Board of Education member for 40 years, stated that it was a blessing to a lot of people to look at the school report cards and see that our school district is the highest ranking school district in Sangamon County. He stated it says a lot about staff and administrators who have worked so hard to achieve this, especially during lean financial times.



- He also stated that he believes the passing of the sales tax is a good thing, and while most people do not want to pay more taxes, this one is worthwhile. He indicated that he believes people are now expecting some tax relief, such as property tax relief. He stated the district did a great job of informing the public what they will do with the money and encouraged them to continue doing that.
- Mr. Reedy and Mr. Seman thanked Mr. Knox for his service to the board and for coming in. Mr. Reedy offered to talk to anyone or any groups who may have questions about where the sales tax revenues will go. Mr. Seman noted the board will continue to be fiscally responsible.

### Informational Items and Dates

Mr. Reedy presented a list of upcoming important dates to the Board.

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| ○ November 19      | Regular BOE Meeting 6:30pm                  |
| ○ November 21      | Early Dismissal Thanksgiving Break          |
| ○ November 22-23   | No School Thanksgiving Break                |
| ○ December 10      | District Vision Committee Meeting 6:30 WJHS |
| ○ December 12 & 15 | WHS Madrigals Performances                  |
| ○ December 17      | Levy Hearing 6:15 Unit Office               |
| ○ December 17      | Regular BOE Meeting 6:30 Unit Office        |
| ○ December 22      | Christmas Break Begins                      |
| ○ January 7        | Teacher In-Service                          |
| ○ January 8        | School Resumes                              |
| ○ January 21       | No School Martin Luther King Day            |
| ○ January 22       | Regular BOE Meeting 6:30 Unit Office        |

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Pam Kovacevich and seconded by Kurt Ratliff to approve the consent agenda containing items a, b, c, d, e, and f: Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2018, Approval of the Bills in the amount of \$566,670.25 including reimbursement of the revolving fund of \$339.00, Approval of the Treasurer's Report, Approval of the FY18 Annual Statement of Affairs, Approval of the WCUSD15 Lunch Report, and Approval of Superintendent's Acceptance of Resignations:

- Kim Bechtel – SES Paraprofessional
  - On roll call the following members answered aye:

Matt Seman	Charlie Waugh
Pam Kovacevich	Kurt Ratliff
  - On roll call the following members were absent:

Tom Ray	Corey Conklin
Teresa Benner	

Discussion: None

Motion carried

### Information Items

#### A. Superintendent's Report



### **1. Financial Update**

The Williamsville Index shows a total \$7,602,059 in All Funds and \$5,832,305 in Operating Funds as of October 31, 2018. The difference between the two funds is the ALL Fund balance includes the \$1,765,000 bond payment.

Mr. Reedy presented the Fund Balance Report and noted that we are still estimating a deficit budget of \$173,232 in FY19 All Funds and a deficit budget of \$178,743 in FY19 Operating Funds. We have received 36% of the FY19 budgeted Revenue and spent 29% of the FY19 budgeted Expenses.

#### **a. Tentative Levy**

Mr. Reedy reviewed the tentative levy with the Board and noted the following:

- In tax capped counties it is always best to balloon levy (we have traditionally levied around 15 - 18%) for the purpose of not losing out on any new property that may come on the tax rolls.
- This does not mean that we will be extended an 18% growth in dollars coming in, nor does it mean that taxes will be raised. We will only get what our limiting rate produces under the tax cap.
- Our overall tax rate will continue to decrease as the EAV grows under the tax cap.
- Historically, our EAV has been growing at an average of around 4-6% annually.
- Copies of the 18% balloon levy and a 3-4% realistic levy are included in the BOE packet.

A levy hearing will be held prior to the regular Board meeting on December 17, 2018.

### **2. Facilities Update**

Mr. Reedy informed the Board the District moved forward with the lighting project from Springfield Electric. The District utilized grant and special financing options to replace light bulbs with more efficient bulbs resulting in potential cost savings to the District. The bulbs have been replaced at both Sherman Elementary School and WHS. The only cost to the District is in the recycling of the bulbs, and is estimated at \$3,000.

We have completed the annual Health, Life, Safety (HLS) survey. The maintenance staff is working to complete the annual HLS Inspection. The sales tax revenue can be used to pay for HLS expenses.

### **3. Illinois School Report Card**

Included in the BOE packet is "at a glance" 2018 Illinois School Report Card data for the District and each school building. Mr. Reedy stated that we are very proud of the 2018 data.

WHS and WJHS were rated as Exemplary (the highest rating), while WMS and SES were rated Commendable.

The Exemplary Rating is defined as, 'Schools performing in the top 10% of schools statewide, with no underperforming student groups.

The Commendable Rating is defined as, 'A school that has no underperforming student groups, a graduation rate greater than 67%, and whose performance is not in the top 10% of schools statewide.

### **WCUSD#15 is the top 2018 ranking school district in Sangamon County.**



Additional information can be found at the links below

<https://www.illinoisreportcard.com/Default.aspx>  
<https://www.illinoisreportcard.com/District.aspx?districtId=51084015026>

#### **4. III Conference**

The III Conference is a very good professional development opportunity for the Board of Education.

#### **5. District Vision Committee**

We held our 12th meeting on November 13th in the WJHS Cafeteria. Mr. Reedy and the committee celebrated the passing of the Sangamon County Schools Facility Sales Tax. He also presented a financial update and communicated the "next steps" for the CSFST.

The next meeting is March 11, 2019, 6:30pm, in the WJHS Cafeteria.

#### **6. Sangamon County Schools Facility Sales Tax**

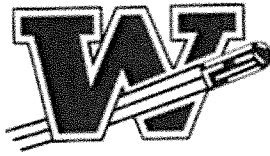
Mr. Reedy presented approval and opposed percentages for the sales tax, as well as voter turnout information. He thanked everyone who helped out with the initiative and talked about the next steps.

What's next?

- Ensure the public understands what it can and cannot be used for
- Should there be any question as to whether the revenue can be used, the auditors will be contacted
- Timeline was shown – revenues will not come to the district until Oct/Nov of 2019
- Must confirm our enrollment annually with the Regional Office of Education as the money follows the student
- Money goes in the Capital Fund (fund 60)
- List of goals was shown
  - Enhance safety and security - \$170K
  - Payoff existing debt certificates - \$175K, ends in 2024
  - HLS expenses – various estimates
  - Deferred Maintenance - \$5.6M - \$10.5M estimates for all buildings
  - Facility upgrades – photos of potential upgrade ideas were shown

#### **7. Other**

- 2019 5Essentials Survey: The survey is open to parents and will be available on December 11. Data collected from the ISBE 5 Essentials Survey Data is used annually towards our District School Report Cards
- 2019 Competency-Based High School Graduation Requirement Pilot Program: This application will allow all Sangamon and Menard County students the opportunity to learn beyond the traditional school setting. There is no obligation to participate when registering. Competency Based Education is designed to do the following:
  - Promote innovative learning that extends outside the classroom.
  - Advance students to higher-level work once they demonstrate mastery of competencies, rather than advancing based upon seat time in the classroom.
  - Give supports to struggling students before they advance and prevent further failure down the road.



- Keep all students on pace to graduate and ensure those below level make rapid progress.
  - Graduate students with deeper college and career readiness skills.
  - Identify how teachers can help students move in different ways.
  - Creates a customized learning plan available to all students.
- ISBE Instructional Day Changes: Information explains ISBE changes to an Instructional Day that are aligned to the Evidence Based Funding Model.

### Action Items

A motion was made by Kurt Ratliff and seconded by Charlie Waugh to approve the tentative WCUSD15 levy payable for the 2019-2020 school year

Discussion: None

- On roll call the following members answered aye:  
Matt Seman                      Charlie Waugh  
Pam Kovacevich                Kurt Ratliff
- On roll call the following members were absent:  
Tom Ray                              Corey Conklin  
Teresa Benner

Motion carried

A motion was made by Pam Kovacevich and seconded by Matt Seman to approve the 2018 WCUSD15 Illinois School Report Cards

Discussion: None

- On roll call the following members answered aye:  
Matt Seman                      Charlie Waugh  
Pam Kovacevich                Kurt Ratliff
- On roll call the following members were absent:  
Tom Ray                              Corey Conklin  
Teresa Benner

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kurt Ratliff and seconded by Charlie Waugh to approve the maternity leave of Megan Baugher from March 28, 2019 – June 1, 2019

Discussion: None

- On roll call the following members answered aye:  
Matt Seman                      Charlie Waugh  
Pam Kovacevich                Kurt Ratliff
- On roll call the following members were absent:  
Tom Ray                              Corey Conklin  
Teresa Benner



Motion carried

A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded by Matt Seman to approve the following hires and volunteers for the 2018-19 school year

- o Youngsil Km – WMS Translator
- o Valerie Sagle – WJHS Paraprofessional
- o Brittany Chrans – SES Paraprofessional
- o Nick Roscetti – Volunteer WHS & WJHS Baseball Coach
- o Roger Lanter – WHS/Riverton Wrestling Coach and WCUSD#15 Activity Bus Driver

Discussion: Youngsil Kim is working with a new Korean student

- On roll call the following members answered aye:  
Matt Seman                      Charlie Waugh  
Pam Kovacevich                Kurt Ratliff
- On roll call the following members were absent:  
Tom Ray                              Corey Conklin  
Teresa Benner

Motion carried

### Adjournment

A motion was made by Pam Kovacevich and seconded by Matt Seman to adjourn the meeting.


Discussion: None

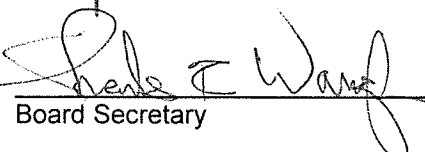
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm

### Board Approval

Dated this 19th day November of 2018

  
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Board President

  
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Board Secretary

\*\*Submitted by Jenny Brennan, Recording Secretary and Director of Human Resources