

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

****Regular meeting taking place at the WJHS Cafeteria on November 16, 2020**

MEMBERS

Position	Present	Absent
Presiding Officer	Matt Seman – Virtual	
	Charles Waugh	
	Teresa Benner	
	Kurt Ratliff	
		Corey Conklin
	Lorri Bandy	
Superintendent	Tip Reedy	
Building Principals		
Board of Education Secretary	Tom Ray	

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 Lorri Bandy and seconded by Kurt Ratliff that the agenda be approved as read

Discussion: Removed closed session

Motion carried

Public Comment & Recognition of Employees, Faculty Spotlight

Byron Painter – South County Publications

Brad Buzzard – member of the public

Brenda Proze,

Brenda is the mother of Jenna Proze who was killed last fall in the Vandalia car accident after the Williamsville/Vandalia football playoff game. She spoke to the Board and expressed her appreciation for what WCUSD#15 has done to support her family.



Informational Items and Dates

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

- o November 16 6:30 Regular BOE Meeting
- o November 16-24 Full Remote Learning
- o November 23-24 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- o November 25-27 Thanksgiving Break
- o December 1 Return To In-Person Learning
- o December 18 First Semester Ends
- o December 21 6:30 PM 2020 Levy Hearing
- o December 21 6:30PM Regular BOE Meeting
- o Dec 21- Jan 4 Christmas Break

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Tom Ray and seconded by Charlie Waugh to approve the consent agenda containing items a, b, c, d, and e: Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Closed Session Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2020, Approval of the Bills in the amount of \$2,863,731.27 - including reimbursement of the revolving fund of \$393.53, Approval of the Treasurer's Report, Approval of the WCUSD15 Lunch Report, Approval, and Approval of Superintendent's Acceptance of Resignations:

- o None
- o On roll call the following members answered aye:
 - Matt Seman Tom Ray
 - Lorri Bandy Teresa Benner
 - Charles Waugh Kurt Ratliff
- o On roll call the following members were absent:
 - Corey Conklin

Discussion: Bills includes a bond payment

Motion carried

Information Items

A. Principal's Reports – Full Reports Submitted to the Board

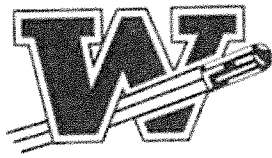
B. Superintendent's Report

1. Financial Update

The October 31, 2020 Williamsville Index shows a \$ \$65,961,687.00 balance in ALL FUNDS and a \$7,423,736.76 balance in OPERATING FUNDS.

We have received the November CSFST payment of \$93,803.54. We budgeted \$950,000 in CSFST revenue for FY21.

FY21 Fund Balance Update: The October ALL FUND revenues were \$844,439.13 and the October ALL FUND expenses were \$1,345,453.56. The October ED FUND expenses were \$994,084.63.



a. Tentative Levy 2020

2020 Tentative Levy: Mr. Reedy recommends the Board approve a 2020 tentative Levy and approve the final 2020 Levy at the December 21 board meeting.

An increase in EAV and new construction will reflect in the overall tax rate compared to our new facility bond payment of \$1,982,600. The facility bond payment will increase at 2% each fiscal year. We will still balloon Levy at 18% to ensure we capture all new construction and EAV growth.

He has yet to receive final new construction estimates from the Williams and Fancy Creek Township Assessors and wants to make sure the new Speedway Truck Stop and the new RCM Grain Elevator are properly assessed. Under-assessment will affect our overall tax rate and effect the local property tax payers.

CPI for the 2020 Levy is 2.3%. When our EAV and new construction increases, our tax rate goes down. We currently have the 2019 11/18 lowest total tax rate and the 2019 12/13 lowest limiting rate compared to other PTELL Districts. The total tax rate includes the bond and debt levy and the limiting rate includes all other levies minus the Bond and Debt levy.

In the spring of 2021 after the assessments and property tax bills are finalized, the Sangamon-Logan-Menard County Clerks will send us the final 2020 Levy Tax Rate and extensions for FY22.

The Evidence Based Funding Formula shows we are at 42% local capacity target. Based on the data, Mr. Reedy is conservatively estimating a 2% EAV growth for our district, which would keep the tax rate flat for another fiscal year.

The Board has not and is not asking for more from the taxpayers. We continue to have the best area education and instruction for students. Our students are successful inside and outside the classrooms. Taxpayer's property values are strong because of our successful schools. People move to our community because of our schools. Great Schools = Great Communities

Because we historically balloon levy over 5%, we are required to have a 2020 Levy Truth in Taxation Hearing. The December 21, 2020 Levy hearing notice will be posted in the local paper and at the district office.

b. Annual Statement of Affairs

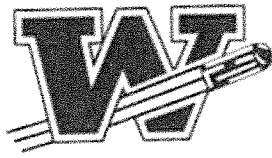
This document reflects the fiscal year audit, staffing, enrollment, asset & liabilities, revenues & expenses, salaries, and payments and contracts exceeding \$500. The WCUSD#15 Statement of Affairs will be posted in the local paper and on the district website each December.

2. Facility Update

Mr. Reedy discussed facility interior design graphic updates and Unit Office design options.

3. Return to School 2020-21

We are in full remote learning as a district November 16 - November 30.



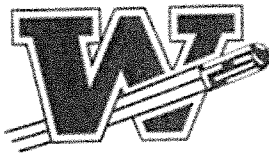
- This decision is based on teacher input, administrative feedback, staffing concerns, local Williamsville & Sherman COVID-19 data, Sangamon County COVID-19 data, and current increases in COVID-19 positive cases within the district, Sangamon County, and the State of Illinois.
- Our goal is to return to some form of in-person learning December 1.
- Full Remote Learning Teacher/Staff Expectations
 - School buildings will be open
 - Teachers and staff will need to daily COVID-19 certify
 - Teachers and staff should report to their building and work their normal contracted hours
 - Teachers and staff will be allowed to bring their children to work if needed (Please confer with Building Principal)
 - Quarantined/Remote Working teachers and staff should connect and communicate with their Building Principal
 - Teachers and staff will be able to schedule meetings/instruction with small groups.
 - Athletic teams and Fine Arts practices may be conducted under the IDPH rules and guidance (Please confer with Building Principal)
- Full Remote Learning Student Expectations
 - School buildings will be open for teachers and staff.
 - Students will need to daily COVID-19 self-certify and notify their Building Principal of COVID-19 positives or quarantines.
 - Teachers and staff may schedule meetings/instruction with small groups.
 - Grades 5-12 students will be expected to follow their daily class bell schedule.
 - SES teachers will be communicating assignments and information to parents.
 - Athletic teams and Fine Arts practices may be conducted under the IDPH rules and guidance (Please confer with Coaches and Teachers)
- Return To In-Person Learning December 1, 2020
 - Over the next two weeks, we will continue to track staff and student data, evaluate the local, area, state, and district data for a return to learn plan. Our goal is to return to some form of in-person learning (4 Day In-Person or Hybrid). Our priorities are still education & instruction, social & emotional health, and safety & mitigations.
- The current local, area, and state COVID-19 data is continuing to increase.

4. Other

a. IHSA Basketball

IDPH and Governor Pritzker placed basketball as high risk. The IHSA then in turn opened up basketball to be played by school districts as a local decision. The IHSA has since then scheduled an IHSA Board of Directors meeting for November 19.

The Sangamon County Athletic Directors have met to discuss options to play or not to play. The Sangamon County Superintendents have met to discuss options to play or not to play. The



consensus of both groups is not to play, not defy the IDPH and Governors orders with basketball as high risk.

Mr. Reedy does not recommend willfully and wantonly defying the IDPH and Governors orders with basketball currently as high risk. Our school attorney and liability insurance carrier are not recommending we violate the current order.

b.2020 WCUSD15 Illinois School Report Card

Annually the Board approves the ISBE school report card. Due to COVID-19, the data, district rankings, and building rankings will stay the same.

c.Legislative Update

The Fall Veto session has been cancelled due to COVID-19. Governor Pritzker is not happy the graduated income tax failed. He is mentioning drastic cuts to funding. We will still advocate for full EBF funding, but we need to be financially prepared for a 5-10% education funding cuts and potential pension costs shifts. Either of these are not healthy financial situations for WCUSD#15. We will be active watching the spring Legislative session.

d.Bus Lease RFP

Our current school bus lease with Central State Bus Inc., is to expire June 30, 2020. Mr. Reedy is creating an RFP and seeking bids with possible bid acceptance at the December 21 board meeting.

Action Items

A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded by Tom Ray to approve the tentative WCUSD#15 2020 Levy payable for the 2021-2022 school year (FY22)

Discussion: None

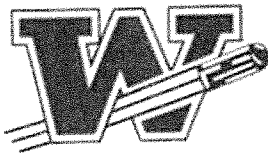
- On roll call the following members answered aye:
Matt Seman Tom Ray
Lorri Bandy Teresa Benner
Charles Waugh Kurt Ratiiff
- On roll call the following members were absent:
Corey Conklin

Motion carried

A motion was made by Teresa Benner and seconded by Lorri Bandy to approve the 2020 WCUSD#15 Illinois School Report Card

Discussion: None

- On roll call the following members answered aye:
Matt Seman Tom Ray
Lorri Bandy Teresa Benner



Charles Waugh Kurt Ratliff

- On roll call the following members were absent:
Corey Conklin

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kurt Ratliff and seconded by Teresa Benner to approve the 2020-2021 Federal Title I, II, & IV Grants for \$140,896.

Discussion: None

- On roll call the following members answered aye:
Matt Seman Tom Ray
Lorri Bandy Teresa Benner
Charles Waugh Kurt Ratliff
- On roll call the following members were absent:
Corey Conklin

Motion carried

A motion was made by Lorri Bandy and seconded by Charlie Waugh to approve the WCUSD#15 Annual Statement of Affairs for FY20

Discussion: None

- On roll call the following members answered aye:
Matt Seman Tom Ray
Lorri Bandy Teresa Benner
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- On roll call the following members were absent:
Corey Conklin

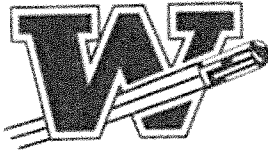
Motion carried

A motion was made by Tom Ray and seconded by Matt Seman to approve the following transfers, hires, and volunteers for the 2020-2021 school year:

- Jessica Jostes – SES Paraprofessional
- Kane Woods – WJHS Asst. Boys' Basketball Coach

Discussion: None

- On roll call the following members answered aye:
Matt Seman Tom Ray
Lorri Bandy Teresa Benner
Charles Waugh Kurt Ratliff
- On roll call the following members were absent:



Corey Conklin

Motion carried

Adjournment

A motion was made by Kurt Ratliff and seconded by Lorri Bandy to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Board Approval

Dated this 16th day of November 2020

Board President

Board Secretary

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