

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

****Regular meeting taking place at the WJHS Cafeteria on April 22, 2021**

MEMBERS

Position	Present	Absent
Presiding Officer	Matt Seman	
	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 Tom Ray and seconded by Kurt Ratliff that the agenda be approved as amended.

Discussion: Action items f, g, and h were added

Motion carried

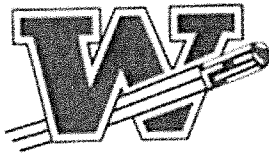
Public Comment & Recognition of Employees, Faculty Spotlight

Byron Painter – South County Publications
Janelle Fanning and Tim Hickey from O’Shea Builders

Informational Items and Dates

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

- o April 19 6:30 Regular BOE Meeting – Cancelled
- o April 22 6:30 Rescheduled Regular BOE Meeting



- April 24 WHS Jazz Dinner
- April 27/28 Tentative Special BOE Meeting TBD (BOE Elections)
- May 1 WHS Prom & Post Prom
- May 3 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 5 WHS Fine Arts Night
- May 10 WHS Band Concert
- May 14-15 WHS Madrigals
- May 17 6:30 Regular BOE Meeting
- May 17 WJHS Band Concert
- May 21 Last Day of Student Attendance
- May 21 WJHS Graduation
- May 24 Teacher In-Service
- May 29 WHS Graduation
- June 21 6:30 Regular BOE Meeting
- July 14 6:30 Regular BOE Meeting

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Lorri Bandy and seconded by Charlie Waugh to approve the consent agenda containing items a, b, c, d, and e: Approval of the Regular and Closed Session Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2021, Approval of the Bills in the amount of \$775,365.76 - including reimbursement of the revolving fund of \$566, Approval of the Treasurer's Report, Approval of the WCUSD15 Lunch Report, and Approval of Superintendent's Acceptance of Resignations:

- Betsy Burris – WJHS Cheerleading Coach

Discussion: None

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

Motion carried

Information Items

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

B. Superintendent's Report

1. Financial Update

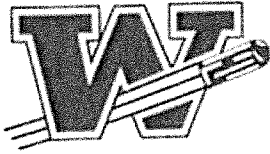
- The March 31, 2021 Williamsville Index shows a \$60,164,334.00 balance in ALL FUNDS and a \$5,335,848.31 balance in OPERATING FUNDS.
- The April 2021 CSFST revenue was \$94,266.26. This is for January 2021. We budgeted \$950,000 in CSFST revenue for FY21 and are on track to receive \$1,050,000.



- FY21 Fund Balance Update: The March ALL FUND revenues were \$670,694.15 and the March ALL FUND expenses were \$1,380,657.55. The March ED FUND expenses were \$967,171.02.
- As of March 31, we have received 92% of our FY21 ALL FUND estimated budgeted revenue and expended 76% of our FY21 ALL FUND estimated budgeted expenses.
- As of March 31, we have received 67% of our FY21 ED FUND estimated budgeted revenue and expended 73% of our FY21 ED FUND estimated budgeted expenses.
- State Budget: Mr. Reedy anticipates a flat state budget and flat EBF funding for next school year. ISBE has requested an additional \$375 million for EBF.
- Levy 2020 Update: Due to several uncontrollable variable from the township assessors and supervisor of assessment office calculations, WCUSD#15 saw a \$.07 limiting rate increase. Mr. Reedy has adjusted the Operations & Maintenance levy \$.07 to make sure our total tax rate stayed the same as promised to the voters.
 - Public District Dispatch Communication: WCUSD#15 can control the levy bond tax rate and as communicated was successful in doing so for FY22. We are committed to keeping the total WCUSD#15 tax rate flat as promised so we are finding a way to reduce the increased tax rate provided by our county clerk by (\$.07.) Using federal ESSER dollars and estimated future district growth, the Board of Education will remove and absorb the (\$.07) tax rate increase that was caused from the uncontrollable variables: property tax appeals, property reassessments, property reevaluations, CPI, township multipliers, and tax exemptions. As communicated during the March 2020 referendum, the WCUSD#15 overall tax rate will be maintained for FY22. Any tax rate increases in your property tax bill will be due to the other taxing body's increased tax rates and not a tax rate increase from WCUSD#15. Mr. Reedy has no confidence in future state or federal education funding. The only guaranteed source of education & instruction revenue for our boys and girls is from local property tax revenue. WCUSD#15's goal is to continue to maintain the voter approved bond levy rate. The district does not have any control over the county clerk, township assessors, qualified exemptions, and property tax appeal board's final extended variables. As our district's EAV increases or decreases, the district's tax rate may fluctuate as it historically has. EAV growth is very important to our communities, local tax property taxpayers, and our school district.
- We will plan to amend the FY21 WCUSD#15 Budget at the June 21, 2021 Regular BOE meeting.

2. Facility Update

- The Board will consider accepting the bids at the April 22, 2021 board meeting.
- Currently the bids are being evaluated by BLDD & O'Shea. The bids look very good, and Mr. Reedy anticipates them all being under budget. The Board should have the opportunity to consider accepting all the facility designs including all the alternates.
- Mr. Reedy reviewed and presented the facility design schematic plan to the Board.

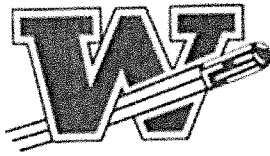


- The construction tentative schedule is as follows:
 - Facility moves (5th Grade, Tech Dept., & Unit Office) May 24-28
 - Demolition/abatement of the 5th grade building & Unit Office June 2021
 - Unit/Tech Office renovations summer 2021
 - WHS inside and outside facility plans start summer 2021
 - WJHS 6th grade renovations summer 2022
 - SES PK & K wing renovations summer 2022
 - We still anticipate the facility plan to be completed by August 2023.
- The Board, WCUSD#15 staff, and public is always invited to meet with Mr. Reedy to review the facility plan.

Tim Hickey and Janelle Fanning came to speak to the Board. Eric Knoles will be the project manager for the construction. All bids came in under budget, including all alternative bids.

3. Return to School Update

- We currently have 142 students (9.3%) who choose Full Remote Learning for the rest of the school year.
- Updated Sangamon County Department of Public Health Guidance for Schools: On Monday April 19, we received documented communication from the local health department. Here are the main points of the health department quarantine changes.
 - After much discussion with medical consultants, we offer the following directions regarding quarantine of student-athletes in sports.
 - In alignment with the CDC, 14-day quarantine continues to be the recommended period. Options acceptable to the CDC include:
 - Students may return to the classroom after 10 days of quarantine and a negative test taken on or after day 10.
 - Students may return to playing sports after 14 days of quarantine.
 - In accordance with CDC's latest guidelines, if IgG antibodies are present for the athlete, they may return to play without quarantine. It is important to rule out the presence of IgM and any ongoing symptoms. It is important to use standard labs for antibodies testing and not home kits.
 - A student who has been fully vaccinated* does not require quarantine unless symptoms develop. If symptoms develop, the student must isolate immediately and be tested.
 - Fully vaccinated is two weeks after the second dose of Moderna or Pfizer vaccine and two weeks after the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.
- Board Policy 7:40: Non Public School Student participation in extracurricular activities. Last fall the Board had discussion to change or modify our current Board Policy 7:40. At that time, the Board agreed to keep the current policy in place and to evaluate again in the spring of 2021. Mr. Reedy's recommendation is to move forward with changing the policy to not allow nonpublic school students to participate in extracurricular activities at WCUSD#15. He believes
 - full time students should only be allowed to participate in our extracurricular activities. Academic expectations and eligibility checks are not the same as we provide with our in-person 6-12 students. Below is a chart of area schools and BOE Policy 7:40.



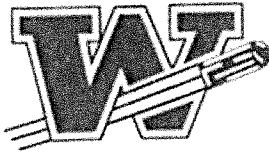
Allows Non Public Students to Participate Extracurriculars BOE Policy 7:40

<u>School</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Wville	X	
Pawnee	X	
Riverton		X
Porta		X
Auburn		X
Greenview		X
P-Plains		X
Tri City		X
Ball Chatham	X	
Lincoln HS		X
NB		X
Athens		X
Rochester		X
Dist 186		X

- Next School Year August 2021: In our discussions with the Admins and teachers, we all agreed to start next school year with 5 Days Full Day in-Person Learning. We will need to evaluate the IDPH/ISBE mandates for returning to school in the fall. We plan to not offer full remote learning to all students. We hope there is not a close contact quarantine requirement. If we have to offer a full remote option to medically compromised families or students, we will investigate a 3rd party instructional program.

4. Other

- WJHS 8th Grade Graduation: WJHS graduation is planned for 6:30pm on Friday, May 21, 2021, on the football field.
- WHS Graduation: We are making plans for the WHS graduation. UIS is not confident they will be able to host graduation ceremonies. We are planning on scheduling WHS graduation on May 29, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Sherman Amphitheater with fireworks to follow. Rain dates are May 30, 2021 or May 31, 2021.
- WHS Prom: Mr. Furlow has been notified due to IDPH and SCDPH capacity limits WHS cannot host the Senior Prom at the Illinois Building or hold a prom at WHS. The students notified Mr. Furlow they did not prefer a prom at WHS. Any proms celebrated outside of WHS will not be a school sponsored event.
- We will need to have a Special Board Meeting to seat the new/returning elected board member and canvass the April 6, 2021 election results. (7:00am April 28 or 29)
- We may need to amend the 2021-2022 Regular Board Meeting calendar. We may need to move the July meeting to Monday, July 12, 2021.
- FOIA Requests: We received a FOIA request from Jennifer Franklin. The FOIA requested all communication with the Sangamon County Department of Public Health April 1- 15. We received a FOIA request from Gregory Srgo, Attorney at Law. The FOIA requested all bid forms submitted and minutes and recordings from the bid package opening held at 2:00pm on April 6, 2021.



Action Items

A motion was made by Teresa Benner and seconded by Lorri Bandy to approve no student registration or fee increases for the 2021-2022 school year.

Discussion: Recommended to stay flat. We are currently in the middle in the area

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

- On roll call the following members were absent:

Motion carried

A motion was made by Teresa Benner and seconded by Matt Seman to add up to 4 paraprofessionals for the 2021-2022 school year to address individual student academic needs and student learning loss.

Discussion: 3 are needed for sure – SES, JH, and HS

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

- On roll call the following members were absent:

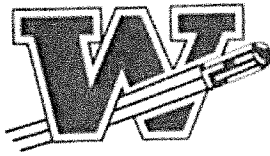
Motion carried

A motion was made by Tom Ray and seconded by Corey Conklin to approve the following resolution:

- BE IT RESOLVED by the school board of WCUSD#15 in Counties of Sangamon, Logan, and Menard, State of Illinois, that Tip Reedy, WCUSD#15 Superintendent, is hereby appointed to prepare a tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, which tentative budget shall be filed with the Secretary of this Board of Education.

Discussion: None

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



- On roll call the following members were absent:

Motion carried

A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded by Matt Seman to approve the School District's expenditure of funds to defray necessary and proper expenses and liabilities of the School District incurred for educational or operations or maintenance or transportation or site and construction purposes of the District for Fiscal Year 2022, until which time the Annual budget of the District is adopted in conformity with applicable sections of the Illinois School Code.

Discussion: Will be an annual approval – gives the authority to pay bills before the new FY

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

- On roll call the following members were absent:

Motion carried

A motion was made by Lorri Bandy and seconded by Charlie Waugh to approve the amended 2020-2021 WCUSD#15 School Calendar.

Discussion: Been submitted to ROE and ISBE

Motion carried

A motion was made by Corey Conklin and seconded by Lorri Bandy to accept the low bid from CAD Construction Inc. for \$274,200.00 for all work associated with the construction of the storage building with associated site and electrical work.

Discussion: None

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

- On roll call the following members were absent:

Motion carried

A motion was made by Tom Ray and seconded by Matt Seman to approve the guaranteed maximum price (GMP) amendment with the O'Shea Builders Inc. CMc contract



Discussion: None

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

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kurt Ratliff and seconded by Lorri Bandy (In accordance with the bid evaluation performed by BLDD and O'Shea Builders, Inc.) to accept the apparent low bidders as listed on the attached Bid Summary Page, managed by O'Shea Builders Inc. and combined with the previously approved architectural precast concrete and early electrical bidders and related direct and indirect construction costs. The total guaranteed maximum price (GMP) is \$49,589,000.00. Including Owner controlled Soft Costs, including the asbestos abatement and storage building projects, the total project value is \$53,913,255.00.

Discussion: None

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

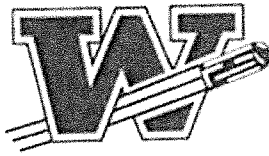
Motion carried

A motion was made by Teresa Benner and seconded by Charlie Waugh to declare the WJHS playground equipment, benches, and basketball hoops as surplus items.

Discussion: Cathy Fowler, Williamsville UM Church would like this equipment – if we declare it surplus, we can gift it to them. They will take care of moving it.

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

Motion carried



A motion was made by Kurt Ratliff and seconded by Tom Ray to approve the following transfers, hires, and volunteers.

- Katie Barton – Volunteer Assistant Softball

Discussion: None

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

Motion carried

Executive Session

A motion was made by Lorri Bandy and seconded by Charlie Waugh to enter into Executive session for the purpose of: Under 5 ILCS 120/2(C) 1 - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee.

Discussion: None

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

Motion carried

The Board entered executive session at 7:18pm and returned to open session at 7:51pm.

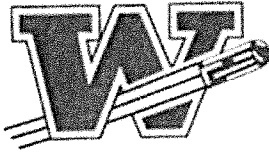
Adjournment

A motion was made by Corey Conklin and seconded by Matt Seman to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: None

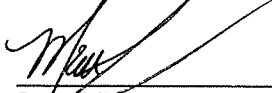
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm

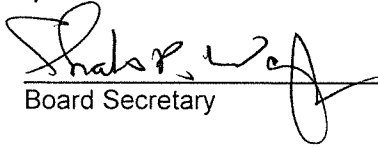


Board Approval

Dated this 22nd day of April 2021



Board President



Board Secretary

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