

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

****Regular meeting taking place at the WJHS Cafeteria on August 4, 2021**

MEMBERS

Position	Present	Absent
Presiding Officer	Matt Seman	
	Charles Waugh	
	Teresa Benner	
	Kurt Ratliff	
	Lorri Bandy (Remotely)	
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 Kurt Ratliff and seconded by Tom Ray that the agenda be approved as amended:

Discussion: changes are highlighted – mask mandate, consent agenda, letter F add, add letter g
– Kristy Cole, Hannah Levin, Kristi Martin, Anna Retzer

Motion carried

Public Comment & Recognition of Employees, Faculty Spotlight

Byron Painter – South County Publications
Several – See sheet in board book

Oath of Office

Josh Frye read the oath of office and was sworn in.



Informational Items and Dates

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

- o August 4 6:30 Regular BOE Meeting
- o August 16 Teachers In-service
- o August 17 First ½ Day for Students
- o August 18 Second ½ Day for Students
- o August 19 Full Day Attendance
- o August 18 6:30 Regular BOE Meeting
- o September 6 No School Labor Day
- o September 15 6:30 Regular BOE Meeting

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Teresa Benner and seconded by Charlie Waugh to approve the consent agenda containing items a, Approval of Superintendent's Acceptance of Resignations:

- o Bethany Russell – WHS Guidance
- o Mike Brennan – WCUSD#15 Technology Assistant
- o Cynthia Besjak – SES Cook
- o Jessica Housh – JH Cook
- o Jon Hampton – Retirement 2024-2025
- o Peggy Mason – Retirement 2024-2025
- o Tori Sorensen – SES Paraprofessional
- o Regina Plake – SES Paraprofessional
- o Dave Hollis – Bus Driver August 20
- o Mitch Davidson – WHS Girls' Soccer Coach

Discussion: None

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

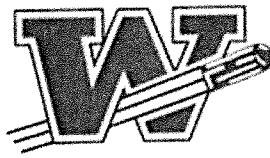
Motion carried

Information Items

A. Superintendent's Report/Discussion Items

1. Financial Update

Below is a picture of the FY22 Tentative Budget. Mr. Reedy recommends the BOE approves the FY22 Tentative Budget. It does not include the FY22 EBF revenue. We have yet to receive the increase EBF amount for FY22. Mr. Reedy budgeted flat EBF until we receive the new FY22 EBF disbursements.



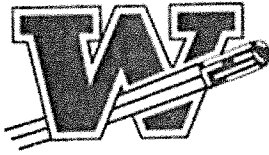
	2020-2021	2021-2022		Results of Operation	2021-2022		Balance 2021-2022
	Balance	Revenue	Expenditures		True Balance	Early Tax \$	
EDUCATION	\$5,040,999	\$11,332,335	\$11,448,531	(\$116,196)	2,146,295	\$2,778,508	\$4,924,803
BUILDING	\$1,436,735	\$1,178,505	\$1,322,914	(\$144,409)	868,810	\$423,516	\$1,292,326
BOND & INTEREST	\$1,156,946	\$2,935,771	\$2,934,762	\$1,009	165,176	\$992,779	\$1,157,955
TRANS	\$715,458	\$944,039	\$927,051	\$16,988	534,010	\$198,436	\$732,446
IMRF	\$397,678	\$546,584	\$484,734	\$61,850	281,274	\$178,254	\$459,528
S & C	\$53,509,646	\$1,111,704	\$27,365,416	(\$26,253,712)	27,255,934	\$0	\$27,255,934
WC	\$368,254	\$87,228	\$0	\$87,228	411,838	\$43,644	\$455,482
HLS	\$25,142	\$4,596	\$0	\$4,596	27,452	\$2,266	\$29,738
Total (All Funds)	\$62,650,858	\$18,140,762	\$44,483,408	(\$26,342,646)	31,690,789	\$4,617,423	\$36,308,212
Total (Operating Funds)	\$7,959,124	\$14,088,691	\$14,183,230	(\$94,539)	4,242,227	\$3,622,358	\$7,864,585

2. Construction Update

- The Unit/Tech Office should be completed by August 6. Furniture installation will be August 6 & 9. We will move into the new space the week of August 9. Procurement for carpet and the front door is behind schedule. They will install temporary carpet and a temporary front door until the correct carpet and front door arrives. Re-installation will occur outside normal business hours.
- The WMS 5th grade center demolition is almost complete.
- We will work with building administrators to create a student drop off & pick up traffic patterns and parking.

3. Return to Learn Plan

- Pritzer issued a directive and we want to do what we can to keep our students in school 5 days a week.
- We have no choice, concerns need to go to the Governor and IDPH
- Last year data was shared, including quarantines and positive for staff and students.
- Quarantines hurt kids, masks do not
- Asked for percentage of vaccinated students from IDPH- this is not available yet. We will be asking parents to supply this information for contract tracing and to keep them in school
- Staff vaccination percentages were presented
- Reasons why Mr. Reedy was going to recommend universal masking prior to the Governor's order were discussed
 - It was noted that medically compromised children did not attend school last year and they deserve to return to school
 - We don't have the space to keep them 3-6 feet apart and having them universally masked keeps them in school. It doesn't impact other students in the classroom and with their extra-curriculars
 - Symptomatic students and staff
 - Now have an ability to test to stay in school if close contact to a positive within three feet. The contact can test days, 1, 3, 5, 7 and if they remain negative, they can stay in school and participate in their extra-curricular activities



- Parents will not have to miss work, kids will not have to go to remote learning due to quarantines over and over with universal masking and testing strategies, etc
- Spoke about liability and tort immunity
- 1 symptom checks still apply, but checks will not be done at the door this year
- The masking only applies when inside. They can do classes outside and not be masked.
- Other
 - The SES & WJHS intercom systems need replacement. Senergy Electric has donated \$10,000 worth of equipment.
 - Our mower lease has expired, and we are in need of a new mower. We are financially in a position to purchase one.
 - Looking to add a 4th grade teaching position due to enrollment. There are currently 5 sections of 4th of 25-26 and we would like to reduce the class size in this grade. There is money to fund this position for the next three years through ESSER money. The board is agreement to post this position. We will evaluate the position going forward. There are 5 empty classrooms at SES and the JH, 4 (in the facility plan) at the HS. This is enough for about 30 years.
 - Listed below are the open positions plus all the new hires for 2021-2022. We are having a hard time filling a few positions.

Action Items

A motion was made by Kurt Ratliff and seconded by Matt Seman to approve the WCUSD#15 Return To School Plan for 2021-2022.

Discussion: None

- On roll call the following members answered aye:

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

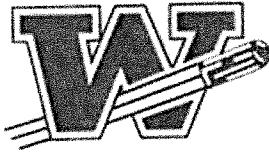
Motion carried

A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded by Matt Seman to approve the FY22 2021-2022 Tentative Budget.

Discussion: None

- On roll call the following members answered aye:

Matt Seman	Tom Ray
Lorri Bandy	Kurt Ratliff
Charles Waugh	Teresa Benner



Josh Frye

- On roll call the following members were absent:

Motion carried

A motion was made by Teresa Benner and seconded by Kurt Ratliff to approve the Senergy Electric Contract for new SES and WJHS intercom system for \$21,500.

Discussion: None

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

- On roll call the following members were absent:

Motion carried

A motion was made by Tom Ray and seconded by Kurt Ratliff to purchase a 2021 Exmark Lazer S-Series Diesel mower from Illinois Power Equipment for \$16,799.00.

Discussion: Comes with a 5-year maintenance agreement

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

- On roll call the following members were absent:

Motion carried

A motion was made by Matt Seman and seconded by Charlie Waugh to approve the PRESS POLICIES:

1:10, 1:20, 1:20-AP, 1:30, 2:10, 2:20, 2:30, 2:120-E1, 2:120-E2, 2:125 E3, 2:130, 2:150-AP, 2:200-AP, 2:220-E4, 2:220-E7, 2:240, 2:240-E1, 2:240-E2, 2:250-E2, 2:250-E3, 3:30, 3:30-E, 3:70-AP, 4:15-E1, 4:15-E2, 4:15-E3, 4:40-AP, 4:60-AP3, 4:140-AP, 4:140-E1, 4:140-E2, 4:140-E3, 4:170-APS, 5:10, 5:30, 5:30-AP2, 5:30-AP2 E1, 5:30-AP@ E2, 5:40-AP, 5:125-E, 5:170-AP1, 5:170-AP2, 5:170-AP3, 5:170-E1, 5:190-E1, 5:190-E2, 5:190-E3, 5:240-AP, 6:100, 6:100-AP, 6:100-E1, 6:100-E2, 6:120-AP4, 6:145, 6:160, 6:170, 6:170-AP1 E1, 6:170-AP1 E2, 6:170-AP2, 6:190-AP, 6:235, 6:235-AP1, 6:235-AP1 E1, 6:235-AP2, 6:235-E3, 6:235-E4, 6:250-AP, 6:255, 6:260, 6:260-E, 7:220, 7:230, 7:240-AP2 E1, 7:280, 7:340-AP1 E3, 7:340-AP1 E4, 7:340-AP2, 7:345-AP E4, 8:90, 8:95-E2.



Discussion: None

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

Motion carried

A motion was made by Teresa Benner and seconded by Charlie Waugh to approve the WHS & Riverton HS Wrestling Coop 2021-2023.

Discussion: Takes place in Riverton, 4 students last year

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

Motion carried

A motion was made by Tom Ray and seconded by Kurt Ratliff to approve the following transfers, hires, and volunteers for the 2021-2022 school year.

- Michelle Gramley – Transfer SES Para to WHS Admin Assistant
- Katie Mohn – SES Paraprofessional
- Jessica Allen – SES Paraprofessional
- Stan Clow – Bus Driver
- Sara Gwaltney – SES Early Childhood Teacher
- Jacob Hopkins – WHS Guidance Counselor
- Kristy Cole – WJHS Assistant Literary Coach
- Hannah Levin – WHS Fall Play Director
- Kristi Martin – Paraprofessional
- Anna Retzer - Paraprofessional

Discussion: None

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



Motion carried

Executive Session

A motion was made by Teresa Benner and seconded by Tom Ray to enter into Executive session for the purpose of: 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 Teresa Benner
Josh Frye

- On roll call the following members were absent:

Motion carried

The Board entered executive session at 7:33pm and returned to open session at 7:53pm.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Kurt Ratliff and seconded by Teresa Benner to adjourn the meeting.

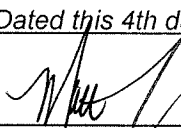
Discussion: None

Motion carried.

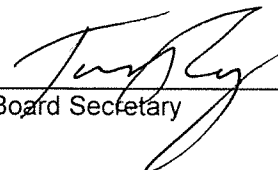
Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm

Board Approval

Dated this 4th day of August 2021



Board President



Board Secretary



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