

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

****Regular meeting taking place at the District Office on April 18, 2016**

MEMBERS

Position	Present	Absent
Presiding Officer		
	Matt Seman	
	Teresa Benner	
	Pam Kovacevich	
	Corey Conklin	
	Tom Ray	
Superintendent	David Root	
Building Principals	Doug Furlow, Adam Eucker, Clay Shoufler, Adam Ibbotson, Janis Lindsey and Becky Miller	
Board of Education Secretary	Charlie Waugh	

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

The meeting was called to order by Vice 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 Teresa Benner and seconded by Tom Ray that the agenda be approved as amended

Discussion: Action Item 7a was updated to add 'legal matters and Board appointment'
Action Item 7c – added #7: Betsy Ingram, JH Cheerleading

Motion carried

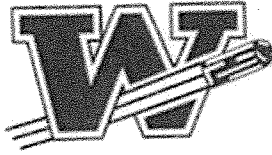
Recognition of Employees and Public

Byron Painter – South County Publications, Lynn Vignali – SES Kindergarten teacher and Alex McCray and Jordee Yanez – members of the public

Moment of Silence for Jack Caldwell

Matt Seman and Dave Root spoke about Jack Caldwell and his many contributions to the District, community and to many of us personally. A moment of silence was observed.

A tree was donated by Harold Carter and will be planted, along with a memorial plaque. A plaque will be placed in the Board room commemorating his service.



Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Tom Ray and seconded by Pam Kovacevich to approve the consent agenda containing items a, b, c, d, e, and f: namely Approval of the following minutes as written and distributed: Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2016, Approval of the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from March 21, 2016, Approval of the Bills in the amount of \$470,911.14, including reimbursement of the revolving fund in the amount of \$2461.38, Approval of the Treasurer's Report, Approval of the Lunch Report and Receipt of Resignations:

- o Caroline Sturgeon, Susan Cox, Trevor Compardo, Deanna Becker, Tyler Casson (JV Coach), and Alicia Kueker

Discussion: Caroline Sturgeon's resignation on this agenda is for the remainder of this school year. Her accepted resignation at the March Board meeting was for the 2016-17 school year.

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

Motion carried

Information Items

A. Faculty Spotlight – Lynn Vignali

Mr. Root and Mrs. Lindsey introduced Mrs. Vignali, Kindergarten teacher who came to speak to the Board about one of the Kindergarten students' favorite activities of the year, the baby chicks.

Mrs. Vignali stated they get all the information and the eggs from the U of I Extension. Once everything is set up, the students take turns rotating the eggs three times per day. Many projects were completed by the students showing the life cycles of both the chicks and of frogs. After 21 days, the chicks hatch and stay in the classrooms for about a week. After that, they are returned to the U of I Extension. The unit is a classroom favorite.

B. Superintendent's Report

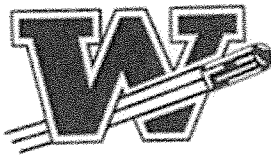
1. Financial Update

Mr. Root presented a 2005-2016 cash flow analysis and reiterated where we are at the end of March with a balance in all funds of \$2,734,940 and a balance in the Operating Funds of \$2,691,033. By comparison, at the end of March 2015, our balance in all funds was \$3,897,124 and in the Operating Funds was \$3,708,929.

Mr. Root stated that our financial trend is downward. The District is currently missing \$300,000 from the State. He also discussed the cost to run the district each month, noting that if the State did not make any more payments, the District could operate for about 5 months.

2. Funding Impact on WCUSD 15

Mr. Root presented the Board with an early spring forecast for fiscal year 2017 of General State Aid (GSA).



If the GSA goes through as planned the District would receive an additional \$217,461.00; getting the District back to its funding level in 2010. This is all contingent on a budget being passed.

3. 2015-16 Tax Levy / Extension Information

Mr. Root reminded the Board the levy is what we ask for and the extension is what we receive. He also noted the following:

- 4.87% growth
- We will receive \$7,694,260 for the 2016-17 year, compared to \$7,467,682 for the 2015-16 school year.

Mr. Root stated that we use a balloon levy in order to capture all growth. The extension is tax capped with a tax limiting rate. This year that rate is 3.66. Our bond and interest rate is \$0.93, totaling a tax bill of \$4.60 for every \$100 of Equalized Assessed Value. Last year it was \$4.64. For a \$100,000 home, taxes in 2016 would be \$1,521 compared to \$1547 in 2015.

4. Food Allergies

Mr. Root noted this topic was discussed at the March meeting to begin a dialogue about the current snack policy.

Issues from the District Dietician were presented to the Board and discussed. It was stated that there are numerous regulations, and many types of allergies to contend with. Once approved snack lists are available, they are quickly obsolete.

Neither the Board nor the Administration want to single students out for allergies, nor take away fun at events like classroom parties, but they must to take into consideration student safety.

The Board will back going to a no snack policy should an alternative solution not be able to be found.

C. Principal's Report

Janis Lindsey – full report submitted to the Board

Elementary Activities

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| • April 25 | 1 st grade music program |
| • Week of May 2-6 | Staff Appreciation week |
| • Weeks of May 2-13 | STAR benchmark screenings |
| • May 2 | PTO Drive Thru BBQ |
| • May 4 | Art Fair and book fair |
| • May 5-6 | Preschool screenings at Williamsville Christian Church |
| • May 9 | 4 th grade music program |
| • May 10 | PTO meeting |
| • May 13 | Kindergarten music program |

Volunteer luncheon this Friday at SES

1st and 3rd grade field trips coming up in May

Living Faith 5K June 11th – all money will be donated to the track at SES



Note – track bids are included in the Board packet

Doug Furlow – full report submitted to the Board
Congratulations to our March Student of the Month – Colton Weiss

Congratulations to Quinn Higginbotham. He placed 4th at the WYSE state competition in the subject area of Biology.

Board is requested to email Doug if they want to hand out diplomas at graduation. You can attend without handing out diplomas as well.

A few students have shown interest in starting a color guard for the marching band. Startup costs for the program would be anywhere from \$1500 to \$2000 in my best estimate. Of course that number is dependent on how many students would actually participate. There is not a stipend for this in the current union agreement but we would certainly need a sponsor/coach. This responsibility would not be a part of Mr. Muskopf's duties. I am asking if the Board has an interest in pursuing the addition of this activity. The Board is open to this activity.

Upcoming Dates:

4/19 & 4/20	ACT Testing
Saturday – 4/23	Jazz Dinner
Saturday – 5/14	Cabaret/Vocal Jazz Night
Thursday – 5/5	Honors Night
May 2 – 6	Teacher Appreciation Week
5/2 – 5/13	AP Exams
Saturday – 5/7	Prom – Illinois Building
Thursday – 5/12	Fine Arts Night
Sunday – 5/22	Baccalaureate – 2:00 at Faith Outreach Christian Church
Sunday - May 29	Graduation – UIS – 5:30 pm

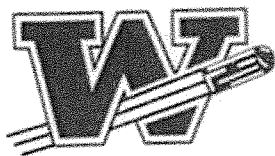
Adam Eucker – full report submitted to the Board

- Sign for Don Williams has been installed and the dedication ceremony will be Thursday, 4/21 - weather permitting
- Girls Soccer won its 1st ever conference title tonight and outscored all teams 33-1
- Coach Fandel obtained his 100th victory
- Athens has joined the group to broadcast games. Seven of 10 teams in our football conference have signed up, with Pleasant Plains, Riverton and Pittsfield still deciding
 - The athletic program made \$1100 this year off of subscriptions which will be able to reinvest into the program

Mr. Root noted that Mr. Eucker does an excellent job of branding our District and he does an excellent job bringing this recognition to our students.

A question was asked if the broadcasting program could be used for fine arts as well. It was stated there are issues with copyright infringements and we would have to purchase the rights to those productions.

Clay Shouffer - full report submitted to the Board
WILLIAMSVILLE JUNIOR HIGH GRADUATION



The graduation ceremony for 8th grade students at WJHS will be held on Friday, May 27, at 6:30 p.m. The ceremony will be held at Williamsville Junior High School.

ACE Awards

Five 8th grade students will be recognized for outstanding achievement in the areas of leadership, citizenship, and character at the annual ACE Awards put on by the Sangamon County Principals (Schoolmasters). Congratulations to those attending: Corey Beaver, Lexi Henrikson, Nathan Clack, Grant Ripperda and Ayreanna Crowder.

JH Musical

WJHS Musical Theater Group will present "Into the Woods, Jr." on Friday, May 20th at 7:00 PM and Sunday, May 22nd at 2:00 PM. The cast is made up of 33 auditioned 7th and 8th graders.

Side Note – The Board is invited and encouraged to attend the graduation ceremonies for both the junior high and high schools.

Middles School has PARCC testing going on this week.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Pam Kovacevich and seconded by Teresa Benner to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel, legal matters and Board appointment

Discussion:

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

Motion carried

The Board entered executive session at 8:04pm and returned to open session at 8:40pm

A motion was made by Teresa Benner and seconded by Tom Ray to return to open session.

Discussion: None

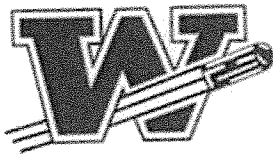
Motion carried.

Action Items

A motion was made by Teresa Benner and seconded by Pam Kovacevich to approve 2016-17 Student and Extra-Curricular Handbooks:

Discussion: None

Motion carried



A motion was made by Tom Ray and seconded by Corey Conklin to employ certified and non-certified staff:

- Summer workers (all buildings)
 - Painters: Chris Byer, Curt Lochman, Bree Havens and Nick Thompson
 - Cleaners: Pat Fawns, Kim Bechtel, John Chamblin, Kelly Banister, Megan Kircher, Stephanie Sanderbeck, Heidi Farris and Laura Everhart
- Eric Smith and Rich Batson – Bus Drivers
- Amanda Locke – Cook
- Holly Crocher – SES Teacher
- Lindsey Wherley – 7th Grade Girls' Basketball
- Jenna Wernsing – 6th Grade Girls' Basketball
- Betsy Ingram – JH Cheerleading

Discussion:

- On roll call the following members answered aye:

Charlie Waugh	Teresa Benner
Corey Conklin	Pam Kovacevich
Tom Ray	Matt Seman

Motion carried

A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded by Pam Kovacevich to approve the 2015-16 amended school calendar

Discussion: One added day due to power outage

Motion carried

A motion was made by Matt Seman and seconded by Pam Kovacevich to approve SES track bid

Discussion: Sherman Jump will help with this funding as well

- On roll call the following members answered aye:

Charlie Waugh	Teresa Benner
Corey Conklin	Pam Kovacevich
Tom Ray	Matt Seman

Motion carried

A motion was made by Teresa Benner and seconded by Charlie Waugh to approve early graduation requests:

- Abigail Bridges

Discussion: None

Motion carried



A motion was made by Pam Kovacevich and seconded by Teresa Benner to approve updated policy agreement

Discussion: 7:10AP modified

Motion carried

Adjournment

A motion was made by Tom Ray and seconded by Charlie Waugh to adjourn the meeting.

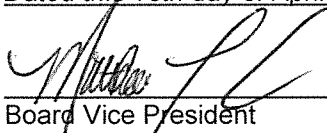
Discussion: None

Motion carried.

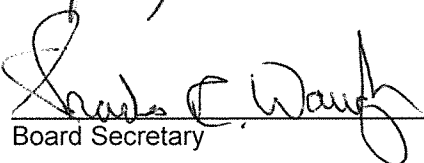
Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm

Board Approval

Dated this 18th day of April 2016



Board Vice President



Board Secretary

**Submitted by Jenny Brennan, Recording Secretary