

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

****Regular meeting taking place at the District Office on December 19, 2016**

MEMBERS

Position	Present	Absent
Presiding Officer	Matt Seman	
	Charlie Waugh	
	Pam Kovacevich	
	Corey Conklin	
	Tom Ray	
	Kurt Ratliff	
Superintendent	Don Beard	
Building Principals	Doug Furlow, Adam Eucker, Clay Shoufler, Adam Ibbotson, Janis Lindsey and Becky Miller	
Board of Education Secretary	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 Tom Ray and seconded by Kurt Ratliff that the agenda be approved as read.

Discussion: None

Motion carried

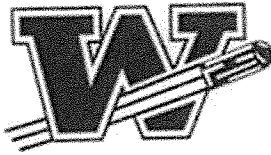
Recognition of Employees and Public

Byron Painter – South County Publications

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded by Corey Conklin to approve the consent agenda containing items a, b, c, d, and e: namely Approval of the following minutes as written and distributed: Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2016, Approval of the Bills in the amount of \$2,298,314.45, including reimbursement of the revolving fund in the amount of \$762.42, Approval of the Treasurer's Report, Approval of the Lunch Report, and Approval of Superintendent's Acceptance of Resignations

- Barb Rogers – cook at WHS



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

Motion carried

Information Items

A. English/Language Arts Textbook Information

Mr. Ibbotson and Mrs. Miller presented information on Math and Language Arts curriculum. Math curriculum has been established, with Language Arts coming next and Science to follow.

Shifts in state standards and the current Language Arts curriculum no longer meeting the needs of our K-8 students were cited as the reasons for the change.

Curriculum information was presented by grade level – K-5, 6th grade and 7th-8th grades respectively. The cost will be paid for on the following schedule:

- January 2017 - \$36,000
- 2018 FY - \$64,373
- 2019FY – \$38,921
- Total is \$139,294

Mr. Ibbotson noted that students and teachers are asked to meet the demands of the state tests and we have to provide the materials to make them successful in these areas while also allowing the district to pay off the cost over a few years. Allowing this is new, but text book companies understand when doing business in Illinois, they need to allow this due to the lack of funding.

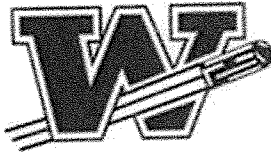
Questions were asked and answered about how often curriculum is currently reviewed and when/if we will go to one and one subscriptions, and if so, will these updates be more on an annual basis. Mr. Ibbotson stated that we are not currently a one to one school and the belief remains it is beneficial to have a physical book in the hands of students.

Training for teachers will be done via staff development.

B. Superintendent's Report

1. Financial Update

Mr. Beard explained the current status of the TIF districts in Sherman. The original TIF expired in 2009 and was renewed. It now expires in 2021, and cannot be extended again. The other two TIF's expire in 2022. Mr. Beard stated the district will be financially better off to take the tax revenue from these sources and encouraged members to really do the math before deciding whether or not to extend them when the time comes.



He also noted the budget situation has not really changed since last month and we are still looking at \$300,000 deficit. He showed fund balance projections for June 2017.

Mr. Beard presented a 2004-2016 cash flow analysis and reiterated where we are at the end of November with a balance in all funds of \$5,495,992 and a balance in the Operating Funds of \$3,856,643. By comparison, at the end of November 2015, our balance in all funds was \$6,050,604 and in the Operating Funds was \$4,482,406

2. Superintendent Search Update

Mr. Beard stated that 35 people have applied thus far and it's likely more will before the deadline closes. He further noted that 71 staff members and 202 community members completed the online survey thus far.

3. Roofing Update

Mr. Beard informed the Board that two days of work were completed at Sherman Elementary before weather took a turn. Two more pinholes in that roof were found and will be repaired at no additional costs.

Mr. Beard stated the company will need multiple days in a row with temperatures of at least 31 degrees or warmer and no rain in order to finish their work. Once Sherman is complete, they will move on to the school buildings in Williamsville.

4. Memorandum of Understanding – Military Leave

Mr. Beard informed the Board of a recently signed Memorandum of Understanding with the teacher's union regarding calls of duty for those staff members serving in the military. We currently have two certified staff members who are active military and one has been called to service during the school year, separate from active duty.

The District has adopted a policy to allow those in that situation to have five days they can make up throughout the year for this type of service.

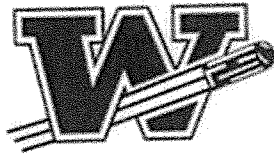
5. Insurance Committee

Mr. Beard discussed meeting with the district insurance committee to inform them of the timeline involved for bidding out these services. He noted insurance premium costs will be an important piece for negotiations and budgeting purposes for the next school year. He also suggested that at some point, the District may want to move away from a September 1st renewal date in order to better plan for negotiations and budgeting.

6. Counselor Services

Mr. Beard shared some information provided to him from one of the district counselors about how understaffed we are in this area with services for our students. Mr. Beard stated this is an area that we really do need to look into when we can. He noted the recommended staffing for counselors to students is 1 counselor for every 250 students. We have over 450 students to 1 counselor in each building.

Mr. Beard will bring back some additional information to the board down the road. He noted that we have passionate counselors who really want to be able to better serve our students and when



these ratios are what they are currently, there is simply no way to properly do that. Letters of recommendations, interceding in family situations, meeting in small groups about social media, bullying, etc – there is not an opportunity to properly address these issues with our current ratios.

7. Other

Reminder: special board meeting on January 12th, 2017 at 6:00pm

Reminder: regular board meeting on January 17th, 2017, the time has been changed to 5:30pm due to a home basketball game.

C. Principal's Report

Janis Lindsey – full report submitted to the Board

- January 12, 2017 – preregistration for Kindergarten for 2017-18
- 18 of 25 classrooms have holiday parties tomorrow

Doug Furlow – full report submitted to the Board

- Department meetings have taken place with all sections and we want to continue to add AP courses where we can
- Mr. Furlow recommended approving a new Business Education course for the 2017-18 school year. The name of the course will be Introduction to Computer Science. A description of the course has been included in your packet. Code HS is the curriculum we will follow. \$2500 for the first year, \$1500 each year after. Mrs. Walsh is looking into grant monies and Perkins grants to cover the cost. The course would not cost the District new dollars
- Finals are now a little different due to Mother Nature. Day 3 will take place after break.

Clay Shoufler –

- Meeting with teachers to figure out electives for next year
- Next year scheduling comes out after Christmas break
- Department meetings have taken place – can plan months in advance with Mr. Ibbotson addition – allows day to day to be completed while planning takes place as well
- Wonderful concerts from band and chorus
- Mr. Farley moved to Texas. Donna Powell has come in to fill his spot. She is a certified teacher and is doing a great job. That position will be opened for next year.

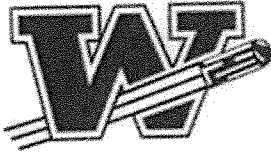
Adam Eucker – full report submitted to the Board

- Had some recent games cancellations due to weather – we will make up what we can
- Thank you to all who came to the court naming ceremony. The signatures have been replaced due to some issues and look much better now

Action Items

A motion was made by Teresa Benner and seconded by Pam Kovacevich to approve the resolution to levy for local property tax as assessed in 2016 to be paid in 2017 in the amount of \$7,334,130 without bonds and \$9,014,130 including bonds.

Discussion: None



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

Motion carried

A motion was made by Matt Seman and seconded by Tom Ray to approve Introduction to Computer Science class for 2017-18

Discussion: None

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

Motion carried

Adjournment

A motion was made by Corey Conklin and seconded by Kurt Ratliff to adjourn the meeting.

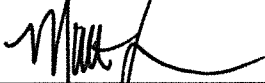
Discussion: None


Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm

Board Approval

Dated this 19th day December of 2016



Board President

Board Secretary

**Submitted by Jenny Brennan, Recording Secretary