

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

**\*\*Regular meeting taking place at the District Office on January 17, 2017**

### MEMBERS

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

Discussion: Approval of the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from January 11, 2017 - added to the Consent Agenda, Item g

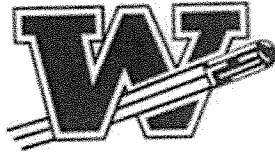
Motion carried

### Recognition of Employees and Public

*Byron Painter – South County Publications*

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Pam Kovacevich and seconded by Tom Ray 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 Levy Hearing Minutes of December 19, 2016, Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2016, Approval of the Bills in the amount of \$531,379.54, including reimbursement of the revolving fund in the amount of \$802.88, Approval



of the Treasurer's Report, Approval of the Lunch Report, and Approval of Superintendent's Acceptance of Retirement

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

Motion carried

## Information Items

### A. Superintendent's Report

#### 1. Financial Update

We received two payments from the State, one in Special Education and one in Transportation; however, they were actually supposed to be paid in the last fiscal year. We will now have to show them in this fiscal year. The district has to yet to receive any payments in this fiscal year that are for this fiscal year. We are receiving GSA (general state aid) payments, but we are missing all categorical payments. These payments come in the form of Special Education and Transportation.

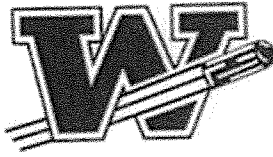
The current backlog of unpaid bills for the State of Illinois is \$11 billion. Our District is financially back to where we were in December of 2009. The last seven years of financial progress and growth have been wiped out due to the State's fiscal mismanagement.

Mr. Beard presented a 2004-2016 cash flow analysis and reiterated where we are at the end of December with a balance in all funds of \$3,502,590 and a balance in the Operating Funds of \$3,454,266. By comparison, at the end of December 2015, our balance in all funds was \$3,999,100 and in the Operating Funds was \$3,955,588

#### 2. Legislative Issues

Mr. Beard informed the Board of a few legislative updates that are education impacting:

- The Grand Bargain Proposal, sponsored by Senators Cullerton and Rodogno, could be considered and voted on as soon as 2/1/17. The proposal contains the following:
  - Property tax freeze; which is devastating to school districts as property taxes are the only consistent revenue stream they have
    - trade off would be relief from unfunded mandates in the areas of PE, Driver's Education and third party contracting – these are a drop in the bucket compared to what would be lost in tax revenue
  - Pension reform options and partial cost shifts based on a prior consideration model
  - Freeze the GSA at its current levels and start using an evidence based plan to distribute funds based on the Vision 20/20 plan



- Income tax increase for individuals from 3.75% to 4.9% and for corporations from 5.25% to 7%, as well as a new tax on sugary drinks
- Tax credits for cost increases in private schools
- Lead testing is now mandated in all school buildings housing Pre-K-5<sup>th</sup> grade students built prior to 1/1/2000
- Changes to both cost and structure for those wishing to substitute teach

### 3. Roofing Update

Mr. Beard stated that most of the work at Sherman Elementary has been completed. The junior high roof has a leak in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade wing and we are hoping to have that addressed soon.

### 4. School Board Election

Mr. Beard reminded the Board that we will have one open seat after the election if someone does not run as a write in candidate. Write in candidates must file by 2/2/17. If no one runs, the Board will need to appoint someone from the available area.

### 5. Superintendent Search Update

Mr. Beard confirmed Superintendent candidate interviews will start tomorrow night at 6:00pm in the district office and take place in executive (closed) session.

### 6. Other

Mr. Beard noted the school calendar has been amended and sent to the ROE for the weather day in December. He also informed the Board the Union has started working on the calendar for 2017-18 school year.

## B. Principal's Report

### Janis Lindsey – full report submitted to the Board

- Kindergarten pre-registration resulted in 80 students with another 20 being likely
- Sherman Elementary PTO night is 1/19/17 at Chik Fil A
- Congratulations to Lindsey Lanter, speech teacher at SES, for being awarded the SASSED Professional Leadership Award. Her classroom will now have a multi-sensory table for her to use with her students during their speech time and to assist her with assessing individual IEP goals in speech and language therapy.

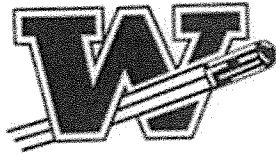
### Doug Furlow – full report submitted to the Board

#### Clay Shoufler –

- Registration is going on for next year
- BLT (building leadership team) school improvement plan goals are being completed
- New binder system will be implemented next year for grades 5-8 to help teach students how to stay organized
- Volleyball and Boys Basketball are in full swing, Scholastic Bowl is coming up
- County Spelling Bee is coming up in February

#### Adam Ibbotson –

- PARCC testing coming up in the spring for grades 3-8
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade orientation is on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017



Adam Eucker – full report submitted to the Board

### Action Items

A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded by Teresa Benner to approve the English/Language Arts K-8 Textbook adoption

Discussion: Reviewed in detail last month

- 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 Corey Conklin and seconded by Tom Ray to keep executive session minutes sealed

Discussion: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded by Pam Kovacevich to approve the destruction of closed minutes recordings that are at least 18 months old and for which approved minutes of the closed meetings already exist in accordance to district policy 2:220

Discussion: None

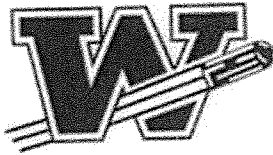
Motion carried

A motion was made by Tom Ray and seconded by Kurt Ratliff to approve the following volunteer coaches:

- Trevis Woods – HS Assistant Softball
- Don Williams – HS Track
- Drew Keenan – HS Assistant Baseball
- Tom Weiss – HS Assistant Wrestling
- Austin Landess – HS Assistant Wrestling

Discussion: None

Motion carried



### Executive Session

A motion was made by Corey Conklin and seconded by Pam Kovacevich to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Under 5 ILCS 120/ 2@ of the Open Meetings Act...the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee or legal counsel for the public body

Discussion: None

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

Motion carried

The Board entered executive session at 5:54pm and returned to open session at 6:57pm.

A motion was made by Matt Seman and seconded by Pam Kovacevich to return to open session.

Discussion: None

Motion carried.

### Adjournment

A motion was made by Pam Kovacevich and seconded by Kurt Ratliff to adjourn the meeting.


Discussion: None

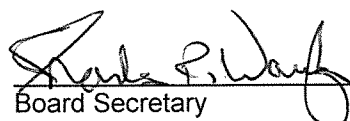
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm

### Board Approval

Dated this 17th day January of 2017

  
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Board President

 V.P. WCUSS #15  
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Board Secretary

\*\*Submitted by Jenny Brennan, Recording Secretary