

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

****Regular meeting taking place at the District Office on February 21, 2017**

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 Charlie Waugh and seconded by Kurt Ratliff that the agenda be approved as amended.

Discussion: Moved Action Item g to the end of the action items

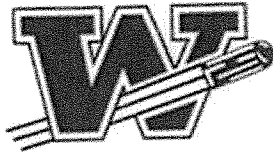
Motion carried

Recognition of Employees and Public

Tip Reedy, Tara Reedy, Makayla, Makenzie, Makenna and Gage Reedy
Jennifer Smith – WHS Industrial Arts Teacher
Chris Manion – member of the public

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Tom Ray and seconded by Charlie Waugh to approve the consent agenda containing items a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j and k: namely Approval of the following minutes as written and distributed: Approval of the Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2017, Approval of the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2017, Approval of the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2017, Approval of the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2017, Approval of the Executive Session



Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2017, Approval of the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2017, Approval of the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2017, Approval of the Bills in the amount of \$666,931.36, including reimbursement of the revolving fund in the amount of \$2608.66, Approval of the Treasurer's Report, Approval of the Lunch Report, and Approval of Superintendent's Acceptance of Resignation and Retirement

- Katie Ibbotson – Individual aide at SES
- Babette Neuman – bus driver
- Breana Havens – WJHS art teacher

- On roll call the following members answered aye:
Tom Ray Charles Waugh
Matt Seman Kurt Ratliff

- On roll call the following members were absent:
Teresa Benner Corey Conklin
Pam Kovacevich

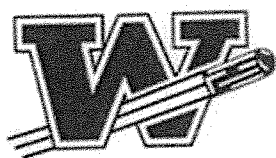
Motion carried

Information Items

A. Faculty Spotlight

Jen Smith, WHS Industrial Arts Teacher, came to speak to the Board about the Robotics class she is instructing. She shared the following:

- New in the 2016-17 school year, the robotics class can be used for competition or battle bots.
- Students have been building the robots from the ground up and have been keeping an engineering journal. Several students in the program are interested in going on to the engineering field.
- Students start off learning the different areas of robotics and then put their knowledge into practice.
- There is no manual for putting the robots together. The students have to figure it out as they go.
- Once the robots were built, the students had some classroom competitions with them.
- They drew them; they built them, and then used Auto Inventor to transform their claw bots into battle bots.
- They programmed their wheels to correspond with their controller on their bots.
- The students are very much enjoying the class and learning a lot.
- Next up, they will work on putting 3 or 4 bots together in order to have them complete a job.
- Mr. Furlow thanked Mrs. Smith for her excitement and willingness to take on this class.
- A question was asked and answered about what courses are required to take prior to the robotics class.



B. Superintendent's Report

1. Financial Update

Mr. Beard stated that we still have not received any categorical payments from the State. Categoricals are in the form of special education and transportation. For this fiscal year alone, the State owes our District \$460,000; which we likely will not see. The projected deficit for this fiscal year is now \$650,000. We diverted \$350,000 from general state aide (GSA) to the transportation fund.

Mr. Beard presented a 2005-2017 cash flow analysis and reiterated where we are at the end of January with a balance in all funds of \$3,154,588 and a balance in the Operating Funds of \$3,115,010. By comparison, at the end of January 2016, our balance in all funds was \$3,843,389 and in the Operating Funds was \$3,799,571.

2. Legislative Update

Mr. Beard informed the Board that discussions remain in the Senate on the grand bargain, but is really more talk than action. The House has taken no action on the measure at this time.

He also let them know that a new bill has been introduced to require seatbelts on school buses. On the surface, it seems like a good idea, and we want to keep our students safe, but as an unfunded mandate, this would increase the cost per bus by \$25,000-\$30,000, and will decrease the capacity of the buses, so more will be needed. If this remains an unfunded mandate, it will be a significant expense for school districts.

Mr. Beard reminded the Board about a previous discussion he had with them regarding our staff counseling challenges in regards to the ratio of counselors to students. Mr. Beard informed the Board that a new bill would tie school funding to the counselor ratio in the District. If this bill passes, we would have to add more counseling staff in order to be within the ratios tied to funding. This would be another expense for the District.

3. Facilities Update

Mr. Beard stated that all roofing work has been completed at all four school buildings. He noted that the repairs/replacements should make a big difference in the spring, and will also help us see what else we need to complete in the near future.

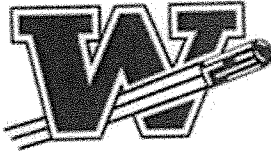
C. Principal's Report

Janis Lindsey – full report submitted to the Board

- Sherman Jump - about \$35,000 was raised and will be split between prizes for the kids, PE Department (for behavior program for the school) and St Jude
- County spelling bee under way
- Kindergarten music program has been changed to the evening, and the 4th grade recorder concert will move to the daytime

Elementary Activities

- February 20 No school- Presidents' Day
- February 22 County Spelling Bee in Pawnee



- February 23 Title I Family Night
- February 24 11:00 dismissal
- February 28 Chuck E. Cheese spirit night
- March 6 No School
- March 14 PTO meeting
- March 15 PTO Chick Fil-A spirit night
- March 15-16 4th grade recorder recitals
- March 17 Spring pictures in the AM
- March 17 Sherman Jump assembly

Doug Furlow – full report submitted to the Board

- Congratulations to Andrew Roberts. He was selected as our January Student of the Month.
- Congratulations to our Scholastic Art Award winners:
 - Gold Key Winners: Adriana Smith-Drawing and Illustration, Isabella Szabo-Ceramics & Glass
 - Silver Key Winners: Molly Budinger-Drawing and Illustration, Isabella Marcolini-Photography, Michaela Sapochak-Ceramics & Glass, Isabella Szabo-Ceramics & Glass, Margaux Thuilliez-Drawing and Illustration
 - Honorable Mention: Alexa Bartlett-Painting, Noah Branson-Photography, Carson Cole Drawing and Illustration and Photography, Mason Fleck-Drawing and Illustration (2), Annaliese Hastings-Painting (2), Mackenzie Hess-Painting, Isabella Marcolini-Photography and Digital Art, Wyatt Peek-Drawing and Illustration, Ethan Rouse-Photography, Avery Scott-Painting, Isabella Szabo-Ceramic & Glass and Painting, Margaux Thuilliez-Painting and Drawing and Illustration, Athena Welander-Photography and Painting

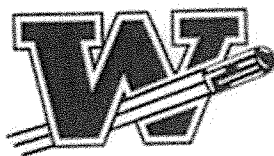
Upcoming Dates:

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| Friday – 2/20 | No School – Presidents' Day |
| Thursday – 2/23 | WHS Mid-Winter Concert (WJHS) |
| Friday – 2/24 | 11:30am dismissal – SIP in-service |
| | 11:30 – NHS meeting |
| 3/24 & 3/25 | WHS Musical |
| Monday – 3/6 | No School – Casimir Pulaski |
| Saturday – 3/4 | IHSA Solo Ensemble |
| Tuesday – 3/7 | NHS Induction |
| Friday – 3/10 | End of 3rd Quarter |

WHS Handbook Revisions – 2017-18

DUAL ENROLLMENT OPTION-FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE AT LINCOLN LAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Students who have obtained 12th grade status at Williamsville High School have the opportunity to receive a total of two (2) credits for classes they complete at Lincoln Land Community College and apply that credit toward graduation. Students must receive guidance counselor approval for the dual enrollment option. See the high school course guide for a full description and requirements. The course guide can be found on the high school guidance webpage. Dual enrollment grades will not be used in figuring GPA, but will be acknowledged on the transcript if successfully completed and recorded as a pass/fail grade.



-Highlighted portion is consistent with other outside enrollment options that are offered by our district.

SANGAMON CEO PROGRAM

The Sangamon CEO class is open to senior students interested in a career in business. Students will meet from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in a variety of different business settings throughout the community. High school graduation credit of 1.0 credit per semester will be earned upon successful completion. Students must apply to the program, and their acceptance is based on recommendations from teachers and guidance counselors, as well as essays about themselves and their business plans.

Grades received from the CEO class will not be used in figuring g.p.a, but will be acknowledged on the transcript as a pass/fail grade.

Clay Shoufler –

- 5th grade has a second Chick fil A fundraiser night
- County spelling bee tomorrow
- Volleyball County Consolation Championship tonight
- Solo and Ensemble is Saturday for band and choir

Adam Ibbotson –

- PARCC testing starts March 20th and goes through the week before Spring Break
- March 8th is the 6th grade orientation night
- Registration for 6th-8th grades is taking place for next year

Adam Eucker – full report submitted to the Board

- Basketball regionals taking place this week
- McKenzie McCormick to shoot in the girls' basketball state three point contest
- For the second year in a row, all 7 fall sports teams were awarded the IHSA Team Academic Award. In order to receive this, a GPA of 3.0 or higher must be obtained by the entire team

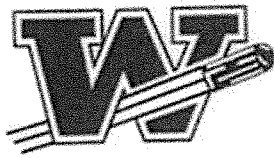
Executive Session

A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded by Kurt Ratliff to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Under 5 ILCS 120/ 2c 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:
Tom Ray Charles Waugh
Matt Seman Kurt Ratliff
- On roll call the following members were absent:
Teresa Benner Corey Conklin
Pam Kovacevich

Motion carried



The Board entered executive session at 6:40pm and returned to open session at 6:56pm.

A motion was made by Matt Seman and seconded by Charlie Waugh to return to open session.

Discussion: None

Motion carried.

Action Items

A motion was made by Tom Ray and seconded by Charlie Waugh to approve the 2017-18 School Calendar

Discussion: Very similar to this school calendar

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kurt Ratliff and seconded by Matt Seman to approve the Band Trip

Discussion: Additional information was sent to the Board about the rules

Motion carried

A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded by Tom Ray to approve intergovernmental Agreement with Lincolnland Regional Delivery System

Discussion: Done annually

- On roll call the following members answered aye:
Tom Ray Charles Waugh
Matt Seman Kurt Ratliff

- On roll call the following members were absent:
Teresa Benner Corey Conklin
Pam Kovacevich

Motion carried

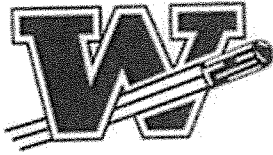
A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded by Matt Seman to approve the 2017-18 Student Handbook Revisions

Discussion: Language changes were discussed earlier

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kurt Ratliff and seconded by Tom Ray to approve the employment of Pamela Berryhill as a high school cook

Discussion: None



- On roll call the following members answered aye:
Tom Ray Charles Waugh
Matt Seman Kurt Ratliff

- On roll call the following members were absent:
Teresa Benner Corey Conklin
Pam Kovacevich

Motion carried

A motion was made by Matt Seman and seconded by Kurt Ratliff to approve the administrative contracts for the 2017-18 school year

Discussion: Re-employ principals

- On roll call the following members answered aye:
Tom Ray Charles Waugh
Matt Seman Kurt Ratliff

- On roll call the following members were absent:
Teresa Benner Corey Conklin
Pam Kovacevich

Motion carried

A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded by Kurt Ratliff to approve Hayley Long as a volunteer high school softball coach

Discussion: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded by Kurt Ratliff to approve Bryan Glass as a volunteer high school track coach

Discussion: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded by Matt Seman to approve Tracy Howland and Autumn Blankenship as substitutes for Ashley Damery during her maternity leave

Discussion: They will split the duties and days

- On roll call the following members answered aye:
Tom Ray Charles Waugh
Matt Seman Kurt Ratliff



- On roll call the following members were absent:
Teresa Benner Corey Conklin
Pam Kovacevich

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kurt Ratliff and seconded by Tom Ray to approve the Superintendent's contract

Discussion: None

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

Motion carried

Adjournment

A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded by Kurt Ratliff to adjourn the meeting.


Discussion: None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm

Board Approval

Dated this 21st day February of 2017



Board President

Board Secretary

**Submitted by Jenny Brennan, Recording Secretary