

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

****Regular meeting taking place at the District Office on November 20, 2017**

MEMBERS

Position	Present	Absent
Presiding Officer	Matt Seman	
	Charlie Waugh	Arrived at 6:16pm
	Pam Kovacevich	
		Corey Conklin
		Tom Ray
		Kurt Ratliff
Superintendent	Tip Reedy	
Building Principals	Doug Furlow, Clay Shoufler and Adam Ibbotson	Janis Lindsey
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 Pam Kovacevich and seconded by Teresa Benner that the agenda be approved as read.

Discussion:

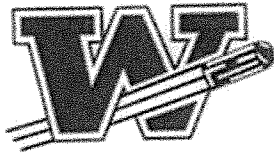
Motion carried

Recognition of Employees, Public and Faculty Spotlight

Byron Painter – South County Publications,
Katie Brumleve, Flora Darnell, Amy Kluemke and Brittany Woods – 4th grade teachers, SES

Adam Ibbotson introduced the 4th grade team from Sherman Elementary who is speaking about a new program where 4th grade students change classes for Science and Social Studies. Each teacher explained a different part of the program and noted the following:

- Students are rotating classes every 2+ weeks to cover all standards. Each teacher has a unit that they teach to all 5 classes, starting with their own class.



- They split and combine the standards into 10 units, making each teacher responsible for 2 units. This allows each teacher to become an “expert” on their topics as well as improve and expand the material each time it’s taught
- There is a common 30 minute time period between the Literacy Block and recess/lunch which works very well for students to change classes. Classes stay together, but the teacher is different, so students get a taste of switching classes as they will do in the older grades
- This system gets kids up and moving, and lets teachers focus on two standards rather than multiple ones. It keeps everyone on track for reaching standards throughout the school year
- As an added benefit, teachers are able to learn all of the 4th graders’ names and get to know them a little bit, while the process prepares students for rotating to multiple classes at the next level
- Each teacher showed pictures from their classrooms depicting different activities the students have participated in during their rotations. They also discussed upcoming unit topics and had the Board and audience participate in a game of Kahoot to demonstrate how that online tool is used in the classroom.

Mr. Ibbotson thanked the 4th grade team for their adaptability in this new process.

Informational Items and Dates

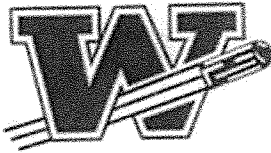
Mr. Reedy presented a list of upcoming important dates to the Board.

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| o November 20 | 6:00 Regular BOE Meeting |
| o November 20 | 7:20 COW BOE Meeting |
| o November 22 | 1:45 & 2:15 Early Dismissal Thanksgiving Break |
| o November 23 | No School Thanksgiving Break |
| o November 24 | No School Thanksgiving Break |
| o November 29 | Midterm 2 nd Quarter |
| o December 3 | 2:00 District Band Concert |
| o December 9 | Madrigal Tea 1:00 & Madrigal Dinner 6:00 |
| o December 13 | 7:00 WJHS Choral Concert |
| o December 18 | 5:45 BOE Levy Hearing |
| o December 18 | 6:00 Regular BOE Meeting |
| o December 18 | 7:30 COW BOE Meeting |
| o December 20 | 1:45 & 2:15 Early Dismissal Christmas Break |
| o Dec 21-Jan 3 | No School Christmas Break |

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Teresa Benner and seconded by Pam Kovacevich to approve the consent agenda containing items a, b, c, d, and e: Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 16 2017, Approval of the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2017, Approval of the Bills in the amount of \$544,956.07, including reimbursement of the revolving fund of \$1344.78, Approval of the Lunch Report, and Approval of the Treasurer’s Report

- On roll call the following members answered aye:
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| Teresa Benner | Charles Waugh |
| Matt Seman | Pam Kovacevich |



- On roll call the following members were absent:
Kurt Ratliff Corey Conklin
Tom Ray

Motion carrier

Information Items

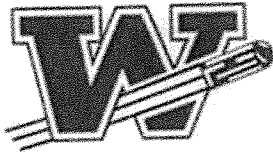
A. Administrative Reports

Adam Ibbotson, Clay Shoufler and Doug Furlow reviewed the school report card data for the Elementary, Middle, Junior High and High Schools.

- Reviewed PARCC data – 3rd and 8th grades take this – showed comparison to the district and the state. The school is above is both district and state.
- Showed data for the current 4th grade – above the state in ELA and Mathematics. Starr testing is done 4 times per year to monitor progress
- Showed data for the current 5th grade – both exceeded the ELA and Math standards for the state
- Showed the data for the current 6th grade – this group was below the state average in both categories, but are predicted to meet or exceed on the PARCC
- Question was asked if we return to the predictors to see how correct they are
 - It predicted scores correctly 80% of the time.
 - The ability to check the accuracy of the predictors just became available last year
- Showed the data for the current 7th grade – higher in ELA, lower in math
- Showed the data for the current 8th grade – higher in ELA, lower in math
- Showed the data for the current Freshmen – below in both
- Mr. Ibbotson stated they are most interested in the growth of the students – not necessarily where they start, but where they finish. He also stated there is a bit of a lack of buy in at the JH level
- Mr. Ibbotson spoke about what is happening going forward to improve the results
- Mr. Furlow spoke about the SAT scores and school improvement planning
- Mr. Furlow noted the SAT and school report card are separate, and reminded the Board that Illinois has transitioned from the ACT to the SAT
 - WHS achieved a mean score of 1085 compared to the State mean score of 1018
 - 59% of WHS students met or exceeded both benchmarks compared to the state average of 37%
 - IL-SAT scores are shown on the school report card – 45.8% met or exceeded in ELA, 56.5% in math, which are well above the state averages
 - WHS uses the SAT results to facilitate school improvement needs and noted what they are doing in the future to continue to improve these results
- Class of 2017 – 98 students continued on in college (63 at a 4 year college or university, and 35 at a two year institution), 4 trade school students, 2 undecided and 3 went in to the military

B. Superintendent's Report

1. Financial Update & Fund Balance Report



Mr. Reedy noted that the monthly Williamsville Index shows a total \$6,654,046 all fund balance as of October 30, and an Operating Fund Balance of \$4,962,958. By comparison, at the end of October 2016, our balance in all funds was \$5,931,215 and in the Operating Funds was \$4,432,018.

He explained the new monthly fund balance report and graphs he created and reminded the Board the fund balance report is included in the board packet.

Mr. Reedy noted we did receive 2 mandated categorical (MCAT) payments from the last fiscal year. He budgeted for 1 MCAT for this fiscal year. He noted that if we receive additional payments, it will increase the fund balances. He stated we have been receiving GSA payments on time, and have also received our final tax extension payment.

2. Tentative Levy Presentation

Mr. Reedy presented the tentative levy and reminded the Board that in tax capped counties it is always best to balloon levy (we have traditionally levied around 15 - 18%) for the purpose of capturing any new property that may come on the tax rolls.

He stated this does not mean that we will be extended an 18% growth in dollars coming in, nor does it mean that taxes will be raised. Our district will only get what our limiting rate produces under the tax cap. Our overall tax rate will continue to decrease as the EAV (Equalized Assessed Valuation) grows under the tax cap. Historically, our EAV has been growing at an average of around 4-6% annually.

Mr. Reedy explained we are looking at an additional \$100,000 in new revenue, and without any additional State revenue coming in, we will only have \$100,000 to spread between students, salary/benefits, facilities and fund balances. Additionally, he reminded the Board that the more tax revenue collected, the less GSA (general state aid) we receive.

3. Facilities Update

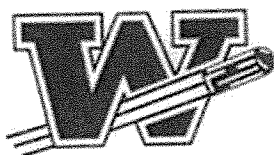
Mr. Reedy informed the Board we received one bid for the district mowing. It was submitted by Shawn Hartman from Hartman Landscaping and Lawn Care and was for \$45,000. The bid was not accepted due to cost saving measures that have put in place utilizing two part time employees in this area.

4. ISBE School Report Card Data

Mr. Reedy noted that included in the board packet is "at a glance" report card data for the district and each building. He stated that some information is missing due to not being recorded on our end.

2015-16 data

- Attendance rate is very good at 96%
- District finances – we have been successful doing more with less money. Our average salary for both teachers and administrators are below the state average
- Revenue by source – 56% is made up of local revenue, 26% from GSA
- Cost per pupil – District \$4937, State \$7853



- High ACT scores over time, as we transition to the SAT

5. Ill Conference

Mr. Reedy noted it was a great conference and it was good to hear some reinforcement of the Board's long term plan.

6. District Vision Committee Update

Mr. Reedy has a list of people interested in serving on this committee. Mr. Reedy has been doing district dispatches in segments in order to explain options to the community about ways to generate revenue in the district. Mr. Reedy has reached out several ways to offer people the option to serve on this committee. Mr. Reedy will contact those who are interested and/or have been recommended and will get a meeting set up. Meetings will likely be in the evening of the 2nd Monday of each month. Pam and Charlie will represent the Board and Mr. Ibbotson will represent the Administration.

7. Other

Mr. Reedy noted the following:

- He would like to have a discussion of future District Dispatch articles in relation to the Vision Committee and future referendums
- The required PERA Joint RIF Committee Meeting was held. It is an annual meeting with the WEA regarding placement of teachers in reflection of summative evaluations. The meeting is used to create the RIF list and must be held annually before December 1 of each year

Action Items

A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded by Pam Kovacevich to approve the ISBE 2017 WCUSD#15 School Report Cards

Discussion: None

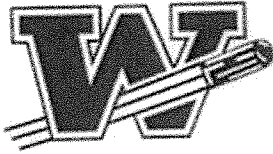
Motion carried

A motion was made by Pam Kovacevich and seconded by Matt Seman to hire certified and non-certified staff for the 2017-18 school year:

- Betsy Ingram – WJHS Assistant Track Coach
- Pat Spencer – WHS Wrestling Volunteer Assistant to drive the White Bus
- Ryan Spencer – WHS Wrestling Volunteer Assistant to drive the White Bus
- Greg Saling – WHS Volunteer Baseball Coach
- Jason Thomas – WHS Volunteer Baseball Coach

Discussion: None

- On roll call the following members answered aye:
Teresa Benner Charles Waugh



Matt Seman

Pam Kovacevich

- On roll call the following members were absent:
Kurt Ratliff Corey Conklin
Tom Ray

Motion carried

Executive Session

A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded by Pam Kovacevich 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:

- On roll call the following members answered aye:
Teresa Benner Charles Waugh
Matt Seman Pam Kovacevich

- On roll call the following members were absent:
Kurt Ratliff Corey Conklin
Tom Ray

Motion carried

The Board entered executive session at 7:16pm and returned to open session at 8:15pm

A motion was made by Pam Kovacevich and seconded by Kurt Ratliff to return to open session.

Discussion: None

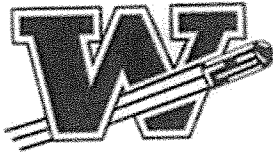
Adjournment

A motion was made by Matt Seman and seconded by Pam Kovacevich to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: None

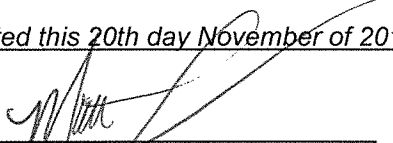
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm




Board Approval

Dated this 20th day November of 2017



Board President



Board Secretary

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