



MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

****Regular meeting taking place at the District Office on May 20, 2019**

MEMBERS

Position	Present	Absent
Presiding Officer	Matt Seman	
	Charlie Waugh	
	Tom Ray	
	Kurt Ratliff	
	Corey Conklin	
	Lorri Bandy	
Superintendent	Tip Reedy	
Building Principals	Doug Furlow, Clay Shoufler and Adam Ibbotson	
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 Teresa Benner and seconded by Lori Bandy that the agenda be approved as read.

Discussion: None

Motion carried

Public Comment and Recognition of Employees

Byron Painter – South County Publications
Tom Crabtree - Stiefel

Informational Items and Dates

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

May 20	6:30 Regular BOE Mtg & COW Meeting
May 24	6:30 WJHS Graduation
May 26	5:30 WHS Graduation Sangamon Auditorium



May 27	No School Memorial Day
June 4	Last Day for Students Early Dismissal
June 5	Last Day for Teachers & Teacher Service Awards
June 17	6:30 Regular BOE Mtg

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Kurt Ratliff and seconded by Tom Ray to approve the consent agenda containing items a, b, c, d, e and f: Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive - Closed Session Minutes of Approval 23, 2019 and Special Meeting Minutes of April 30, 2019, Approval of the Bills in the amount of \$549,229.16; including reimbursement of the revolving fund of \$340.23, Approval of the Lunch Report, Approval of the Treasurer's Report, Approval of the 2019-20 WHS Early Graduates, and Approval of Superintendent's Acceptance of Resignations and Retirements:

- Dane Blakeman – WHS Boys' Basketball
- Brent McKinnery – WHS Girls' Basketball

- On roll call the following members answered aye:
 - Matt Seman
 - Teresa Benner
 - Tom Ray
 - Lorri Bandy
 - Charlie Waugh
 - Kurt Ratliff
 - Corey Conklin

- On roll call the following members were absent:

Discussion: None

Motion carried

Information Items

A. Administrative Reports – full reports submitted to the Board

- **Doug Furlow**
 - Great Prom – thank you to Mrs. Walsh
 - FFA Week – Kiss the Goat Contest. Proceeds were sent to the Nebraska Relief Fund
 - Fine Arts Night at the Sherman Village Park
 - Awards Night
 - Handbook Changes
 - Allow midyear graduates attend prom

- **Clay Shoufler**
 - Fine Arts Concerts – both band and choir had student teachers
 - 7th and 8th grade chorus was 'Best in Show' at contest
 - New Berlin Art Fair – Mrs. Larson had students place 1-5th places

- **Adam Ibbotson**
 - Successful school security drilled was performed on 5/10/19
 - Thank you to the PTO for the recent Appreciation Week as well as purchasing \$30,000 worth of iPads



- \$8000 worth of books were sold at the book fair

B. Superintendent's Report

1. Financial Update

The April 2019 Williamsville Index shows a total \$3,428,945.00 All Fund Balance and an Operating Fund Balance (Ed, OM, WC, IMRF, Trans) of \$3,389,716.00 as of April 30, 2019.

For the last seventeen years our tax rate has fluctuated from \$4.78-\$4.47. There are several variables that affect this rate. Annual EAV increases, new construction EAV, township multipliers, increasing bond payments, property tax appeals, and PTELL (Tax Caps) all play a vital role in our overall tax rate. The 2018 Sangamon County Tax Extension Report showed an overall tax rate of \$4.57 (including bonds) and a limiting rate of \$3.60.

In comparison to the 18 surrounding Sangamon County Schools, WCUSD#15 overall tax rate is 13th lowest. The WCUSD#15 limiting rate (Operating Fund Revenue) is the lowest (17th) in Sangamon County Area Schools. The only guaranteed source of revenue is from local property tax extensions. The Board has and is still being good financial stewards to the tax payers.

With less local revenue than area other schools, the Board is still doing more to increase opportunities for students. For the past 19 years, the Board has worked within its means and not asked for more from the local property tax owners.

a. Fiscal Year 2019 Amended Budget

The FY19 budget amendment is required by the school security platform lease and ledger entries. This is due to the ISBE accounting rules.

We have not experienced any unexpected expenses for this fiscal year. The FY19 Amended Budget Hearing has been posted for June 17, 2019 and the FY19 Amended Budget is viewable to the public at the Unit Office.

Fund Balance Report: April 2019 total revenues were \$ \$761,345.92. April 2019 total expenses were \$ \$1,039,435.10. We have received 62% of the FY19 budgeted Revenue and spent 82% of the FY19 budgeted Expenses. We have received a third FY19 MCAT payment of \$141,000. The State still owes us one FY19 MCAT payments (\$140,000.00) by June 30.

The FY19 Board approved budget estimated a deficit budget of \$173,232 in FY19 All Funds and a deficit budget of \$178,743 in FY19 Operating Funds. Due to conservative spending and over-estimating expenses, I am estimating a positive balanced FY19 Budget of \$338,070 in ALL FUNDS and \$331,520 in OPERATING FUNDS. I will have the final fund balance report available at the June 17 board meeting.

2. Facilities Update

Summer maintenance will begin June 6. We will be repairing, restoring, and replacing district roofs, installing additions to our school security platform, completing building brick work tuck pointing, installing technology infrastructure, and working on the Health Life Safety (HLS) requirements.

3. Legislative Update

The Legislature is in session and the hope is that they pass a budget by the end of the month to commit to fully funding the Evidenced Based Funding formula.



The media and the Legislature have been talking about a State Horizontal and Vertical Capital Plan and using the graduated income tax, gas tax, sports gambling, and legalizing marijuana to pay for it. I have contacted Representative Tim Butler and shared our potential district facility plan with him.

Mr. Reedy wants to make everyone aware of the SB 690 Amendment 1 (potential property tax freeze). If the state makes all their annual payments to schools, local district limiting rates are frozen. This bill potentially shifts the reliance on local revenue to the state for funding education. As you know, they already do not annually fully fund education. This bill makes school districts poorer. As a PTELL (Tax Cap) district this bill would affect us forever when our Limiting Rate is frozen.

We balloon Levy each year to maximize our EAV growth. Current legislation has increased the minimum wage, which costs us more money. The legislation has increased minimum teacher salary, which costs districts additional money. We are a PTELL (Tax Cap) district with limited resources and a \$0 Debt Service Extension (DSEB). I contacted Tim Butler and explained how detrimental this would be to our school district based on these various reasons. The good news is Governor Pritzker dropped plans to defer nearly \$1 billion in required payments to state pension funds this year after income tax receipts in April were \$1.14 billion above the figure of April 2018, and \$1.5 billion more than "conservative" earlier projections. What this means is that the state will be able to meet the entire \$9.1 billion in certified payments to the pensions systems.

4. District Vision Committee Report

We held our 14th meeting on May 13, 2019, 6:30pm in the WJHS cafeteria. Mr. Reedy reviewed district finances, bond and debt, tax rates, TIFS, current facilities, and future facility options.

The presentation has been posted on the district website, emailed to parents, and promoted on social media. The next District Vision Committee Meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2019, 6:30pm, in the WJHS cafeteria. The public and community are invited to attend.

5. Alternate Revenue Bond Update

Tom Crabtree will be present for board questions regarding the Alternate Revenue Bonds. The Board will need to decide the options for length of terms for the bonding. The district received a very good bond/credit rating from Moody's. We received an A+/A-1 credit rating. This is good for interest rates.

Mr. Reedy recommends the Board approve the resolution for \$4,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue) for the deferred maintenance, summer maintenance projects, and improving facilities.

6. Band Equipment Purchase

We are partnering with the WCUSD#15 Music Boosters to purchase several outdated and needed musical instruments. Kyle Muskopf has done a very good job organizing the purchases through vendors and the Federal Surplus Program. We are splitting the cost of \$20,000 for instruments that are valued at \$52,000. The district has committed \$10,000 to the purchase of band and music instruments to increase student opportunities and enhance the WCUSD#15 music program.



7. Other

- Congratulations to the SES Kitchen Staff for receiving a Gold Award rating from the Sangamon County Department of Public Health
- We are transferring our employee FSA account to Horace Mann. This is a better benefit to the employees and financially better for the district. Our current FSA provider Averill Anderson will run through November 16, 2019.
- Mr. Reedy shared a copy of the WCUSD#15 End of The Year Service Awards and invited board members to participate in the celebration on June 5, 2019 at 8:30am in the WJHS Cafeteria.

Action Items

A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded by Matt Seman to approve a resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$4,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2019, for the purpose of altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities and improving school sites, providing for the pledge of certain revenues to the payment of principal and interest on said bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay such principal and interest if the pledged revenues are insufficient to make such payment and authorizing the sale of said bonds to Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated.

Discussion: None

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

Motion carried

A motion was made by Corey Conklin and seconded by Kurt Ratliff to approve the administrative contract for Adam Ibbotson for 2019-2021

Discussion: None

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

Motion carried



A motion was made by Teresa Benner and seconded by Lorri Bandy to approve SES, WJHS, and WHS student handbooks and the WCUSD#15 Extracurricular Handbook for the 2019-2020 school year.

Discussion: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Corey Conklin and seconded by Tom Ray to approve WCUSD#15 Non-Certified Staff and Coaching Handbooks for the 2019-2020 school year.

Discussion: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kurt Ratliff and seconded by Teresa Benner to approve the following volunteers, hires and transfers:

- Dane Blakeman – WHS Boys' Volunteer Basketball Coach
- Darcy O'Connor – WHS Girls' Golf Coach
- Sabrina Mathis-Fletcher – Transfer SES 3hr cook to SES 7hr cook
- Lanie Buttry – Transfer SES 1st grade to SES 2nd Grade
- John Chamblin – Transfer Bus Driver to WHS night custodian

Discussion: None

- On roll call the following members answered aye:

Matt Seman	Charlie Waugh
Teresa Benner	Kurt Ratliff
Tom Ray	Corey Conklin
Lorri Bandy	

- On roll call the following members were absent:

Motion carried

Executive Session

A motion was made by Tom Ray and seconded by Kurt Ratliff to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of: Under 5 ILCS 120/2(C)1 - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee. Under 5 ILCS 120/2(C)9 – Student Discipline

Discussion: None

- On roll call the following members answered aye:

Matt Seman	Charlie Waugh
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Teresa Benner
Tom Ray
Lorri Bandy

Kurt Ratliff
Corey Conklin

- On roll call the following members were absent:

Motion carried

The Board entered executive session at 7:17pm and returned to open session at 7:248pm.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Corey Conklin and seconded by Teresa Benner to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: None

Motion carried.

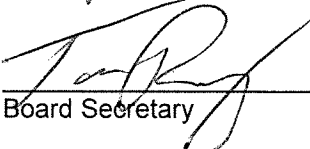
Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

Board Approval

Dated this 20th day May of 2019



Board President



Board Secretary

**Submitted by Marilyn Montgomery, Business and Personnel Associate