



MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

****Regular meeting taking place at the District Office on January 18, 2016**

MEMBERS

Position	Present	Absent
Presiding Officer		Jack Caldwell
	Matt Seman	
	Teresa Benner	
	Pam Kovacevich	
	Corey Conklin	
	Tom Ray	
Superintendent	David Root	
Building Principals	Adam Eucker, Adam Ibbotson, Janis Lindsey and Becky Miller	Doug Furlow, Clay Shoufler
Board of Education Secretary	Charlie Waugh	

Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance / Approval of Agenda

The meeting was called to order by Vice 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 Tom Ray that the agenda be approved as amended.

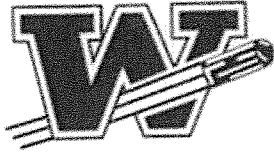
Discussion:

- Removed Information Item A – Faculty Spotlight
 - Mr. Root noted that since there was no school today, there would not be a faculty spotlight. He further stated the Board may wish to review the calendar for next year and move any meetings that fall on a school holiday
- Added Information Item, Superintendent's Report, #7 – Regional Meeting
- Removed Action Item f - Executive Session
- Removed of Action Item d – approval of Board Policy updates

Motion carried

Recognition of Employees and Public

Byron Painter – South County Publications



Mr. Root took a minute to acknowledge those, both in and out of the school district, who are fighting serious illnesses. He stated that we are thinking of all of our staff members who are fighting these illnesses, as well as those in our communities who are also afflicted.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Corey Conklin and seconded by Teresa Benner to approve the consent agenda containing items a, b, c, d, e, f, g and h: namely Approval of the following minutes as written and distributed: Approval of the Levy Hearing Minutes of December 21, 2015, Approval of the Policy Meeting Minutes from December 21, 2015, Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2015, Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of December 21, 2015, Approval of the Bills in the amount of \$566,239.54, including reimbursement of the revolving fund in the amount of \$1643, Approval of the Treasurer's Report, Approval of the Lunch Report and Receipt of Retirement & Resignations:

Sharon Froman, Aide

Discussion: None

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

Motion carried

Information Items

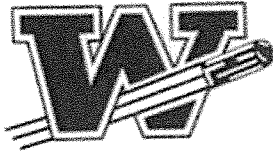
A. Superintendent's Report **1. Financial Update**

Mr. Root presented a 2005-2015 cash flow analysis and reiterated where we are at the end of December with a balance in all funds of \$3,999,100 and a balance in the Operating Funds of \$3,955,588. By comparison, at the end of December 2014, our balance in all funds was \$5,144,943 and in the Operating Funds was \$4,923,901.

Mr. Root presented line graphs of each of the District funds and explained how the funds have fluctuated over the years, as well as where each fund stands currently. The charts presented show the peaks and valleys in each fund for each school year since 2004.

From 2010 to current, the District has been shorted \$3 million due to proration from the State. Mr. Root stated that we are in some deficit spending, but we are doing the best we can. He noted that it costs a little over \$1 million per month to run the District. If we were to receive no more revenue, we would have about 3 or 4 months of money on hand.

Mr. Root does not believe in cutting jobs when we have money in the bank, nor cutting programs before taking it to the people. The District has to move forward even though the State chooses not to. He further stated we will be looking at retiring positions and making the best decision possible about whether or not to refill them.



2. ISBE Financial Recognition

The District is still in recognition status and our goal is to remain there; however due to the State funding issues, it is possible that we may move to review status in the future.

3. State Budget and GSA

Mr. Root stated that ISBE, (Illinois State Board of Education), is recommending a 3.6% increase to the foundation level for next year. \$6119 is the current foundation level and this increase would result in an additional \$430,000 to the District.

Mr. Root noted that due to the current financial climate, he does not see this happening. He further stated that if it were to occur, he fears the State would short us in another way. He also noted that this is a *recommendation*. If the State does not have the funds, they do not pay it. To date, the State has yet to pass a budget.

4. Annual Report

Mr. Root presented the Board with an annual report and stated that this is something that will be done each year going forward. This information is available on the district website and shows the accomplishments of the previous year. Our school report card is also available through this vehicle. We will continue to add to the annual report each year.

5. Rising Star School Improvement Plan

Mr. Root informed the Board the Rising Star School Improvement plan will be up for approval at a future board meeting. The staff is aware of the goals and initiatives, and should the Board want more information on the curricular, programming and instructional goals of the plan, he will send them a link to the information before its approval.

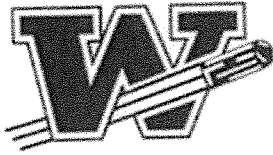
6. 5 Essential Survey

Mr. Root stated this is something recommended by ISBE and the link is posted on our website.

7. IASB Division Regional Meeting - added

Mr. Root made the board aware of the upcoming meeting and invited them to go if they so choose.

Additional Note: Mr. Root stated that the District is currently under a 1 year CBA (collective bargaining agreement) and negotiations will be coming up again in the Spring/Summer. The Union will issue a 'Demand to Bargain' when they are ready.



B. Principal's Report

Janis Lindsey – full report submitted to the Board

Elementary Activities

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| • January 18 | No School |
| • January 19 | 2 nd quarterly celebration |
| • January 19 | Beginning of 3 rd quarter |
| • January 25-29 | 2016-17 Kindergarten Pre-registration |
| • January 27 | Pre-K family night |
| • February 5 | PTO Family Fun Night |
| • February 12 | No School |

Mrs. Lindsey stated that out of 553 students, only 3 will not participate in the quarterly celebration based on the current behavior system. She also informed the Board that Kindergarten registration for the 2016-17 school year is coming up, and teacher evaluations are nearly complete.

Doug Furlow – full report submitted to the Board

Adam Eucker – full report submitted to the Board

Mr. Eucker told the Board both the junior high and high school cheerleaders competed in state. This year is the first competitive season for the junior high and they placed 6th.

High school girls' basketball is currently participating in the County Tournament in Tri-City.

High school boys' basketball placed second in the County Tournament.

Mr. Eucker also noted that he applied for the IHSA Team Academic Award on behalf of all fall sports teams. The GPA component of the award is a team GPA of 3.0 or higher. All of our fall sports teams met this requirement.

Lastly, Mr. Eucker wanted to remind everyone about the Sports Boosters upcoming dinner/dance being held on March 5th. He noted the Boosters will be giving back over \$65,000 to the athletic programs this year and encouraged everyone to come out and support the Boosters.

Side note: It was brought up that in a recent article published in the SJR about expulsion rates; Williamsville was the lowest in the area.

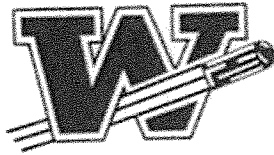
Side note: Mr. Root stated that even though our funds have decreased, we have spent \$377,916 less than the year prior. He also noted the roof in the 6th grade wing of the junior high and a roof down at SES will need to be replaced soon.

Clay Shoufler – not present – 8th grade night for BBB

Adam Ibbotson

Mr. Ibbotson gave a report on behalf of the middle school and junior high and noted the following:

- Tonight is 8th grade night for boys basketball
- Freshmen orientation for 8th graders was last week; the class of 2020
- Explanation about the PARCC assessment getting ready to go to parents



- Possible update to electives at the junior high level with more technology and STEM options being considered
- JH registration will start in February for 5th graders moving to 6th grade
- Question was asked – how many of our students opted out of the PARRC – Mr. Root clarified that we did not offer an opt out but that parents wrote notes indicated that their students would not be taking the test. As an administrative staff, they are discussing how to manage that aspect of the exam
- The teachers will start professional development on the new math series this spring
- A question was asked if there had been any discussion on changing the time of 8th grade graduation to a possible award ceremony during the day. Mr. Root gave the background of the 8th grade graduation and said it could be discussed again in the future

Action Items

A motion was made by Teresa Benner and seconded Corey Conklin to keep Executive Session meeting minutes sealed

Discussion: Done every 6 months, every 18 months they are destroyed

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

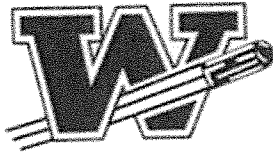
Motion carried

A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded by Tom Ray 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 with district policy 2:220

Discussion: Those minutes are still retained in writing

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

Motion carried



A motion was made by Corey Conklin and seconded by Matt Seman to renew Lincoln Regional Delivery Systems yearly agreement

Discussion: LTEC – provides our vocational programs with some funding

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

Motion carried

A motion was made by Pam Kovacevich and seconded by Teresa Benner to hire non-certified staff:

- Danielle Duncan, Aide

Discussion: To replace Sharon Froman

- On roll call the following members answered aye:
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Motion carried

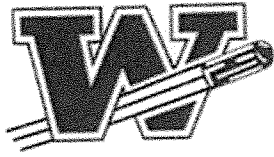
Adjournment

A motion was made by Corey Conklin and seconded by Charlie Waugh to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: None

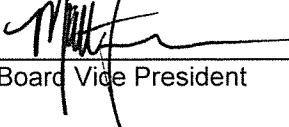
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

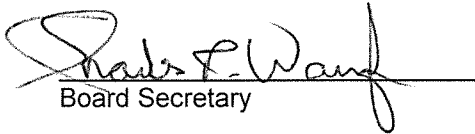


Board Approval

Dated this 18th day of January 2016



Board Vice President



Board Secretary

**Submitted by Jenny Brennan, Recording Secretary