

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

****Regular meeting taking place at the District Office on November 18, 2019**

MEMBERS

Position	Present	Absent
Presiding Officer	Matt Seman	
	Charlie Waugh	
	Teresa Benner	
	Kurt Ratliff	
	Corey Conklin	
	Lorri Bandy	
Superintendent	Tip Reedy	
Building Principals	Doug Furlow, Clay Shoufler and Adam Ibbotson	
Board of Education Secretary	Tom Ray	

A moment of silence was taken to reflect on the recent tragedy in Vandalia.

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 Kurt Ratliff and seconded by Tom Ray that the agenda be approved as read.

Discussion: None

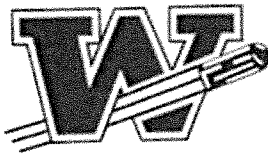
Motion carried

Public Comment, Recognition of Employees, Faculty Spotlight

Byron Painter – South County Publications

Cindy Gibson, Rod Wright, Jerry Lopian, David Olysav, Benjamin McDaniel and Jessica Whitlock – Facility Vision Report

Red Cox and Matt Moore – members of the public



Informational Items and Dates

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

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| ○ November 18 | Regular BOE Meeting 6:30pm |
| ○ November 22-24 | BOE Triple I Conference |
| ○ November 27 | Early Dismissal Thanksgiving Break |
| ○ November 28-29 | No School Thanksgiving Break |
| ○ December 4 | WHS & WJHS Winter Chorus Concert 7:00 |
| ○ December 9 | Facility Vision Committee Meeting 6:30 |
| ○ December 11 | WHS Madrigals Beggars Night 6:30 |
| ○ December 14 | WHS Madrigal Tea and Dinner 1:00 & 6:00 |
| ○ December 16 | Levy Hearing & Regular BOE Mtg 6:30pm |
| ○ December 17 | SES 4 th Grade Concert 6:30 |
| ○ December 18 | WJHS Chorus Concert 7:00 |
| ○ December 20 | Early Dismissal |
| ○ Dec 21-Jan 6 | No School Christmas Break |
| ○ January 6 | Teacher In-Service |
| ○ January 7 | School In-Session 2020 |

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Lorri Bandy and seconded by Teresa Benner to approve the consent agenda containing items a, b, c, d, e, and f: Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Closed Session Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2019, Approval of the Annual Statement of Affairs, Approval of the Bills in the amount of \$912,335.91 including reimbursement of the revolving fund of \$1244.20, Approval of the Treasurer's Report, Approval of the WCUSD15 Lunch Report, and Approval of Superintendent's Acceptance of Resignations:

➤ None

- On roll call the following members answered aye:

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

- On roll call the following members were absent:

Discussion: None

Motion carried

Information Items

A. Principal's Report

Doug Furlow:

- Full report submitted to Board
- Mr. Furlow reported on Illinois Science Assessment and SAT scores

Clay Shoufler:

- Full Report submitted to the Board



- Mr. Shoufler reported on Illinois Assessment of Readiness and Illinois Science Assessment scores

Adam Ibbotson:

- Full Report submitted to the Board
- Mr. Ibbotson reported on Illinois Assessment of Readiness and Illinois Science Assessment scores

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

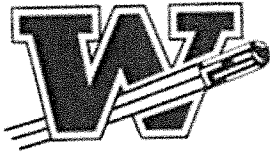
Mr. Reedy informed the Board that the October 31, 2019 Williamsville Index shows a \$11,337,319 balance in ALL FUNDS and a \$6,608,798 balance in OPERATING FUNDS. The District received the November CSFST payment of \$92,833. This is the August revenue. CSFST will always be paid 3 months behind. Mr. Reedy still estimates \$702,120 in CSFST revenue October 2019-June 2020.

Fund Balance Update: The District has received 37% of the estimated FY20 revenue and has spent 27% of the FY20 expenses. The October ALL FUND revenues were \$752,569 and the October ALL FUND expenses were \$1,231,585. The October ED FUND expenses were \$898,431. It is important for the BOE to have a short-term ED FUND balance goal of \$1,000,000. In the future we will continue to work towards establishing an end of the year ED FUND goal of 25% of the fiscal year budgeted expenses. For this fiscal year, \$2,724,624.25 would be 25% of the FY20 budgeted ED FUND expenses BY June 30, 2020. Here is a chart showing a 25% fund balance goal at the end of the fiscal year for the OPERATING FUNDS. We still have a long way to go.

Future Fund Balance are 25% of Budgeted Expenses

OPERATING FUNDS		OPERATING FUNDS	Balance 6-30-20
Ed Fund Exp	\$2,724,624.25	EDUCATION	\$1,059,411.00
Building	\$377,932.25	BUILDING	\$604,813.00
Transportation	\$230,132.25	TRANS	\$226,654.00
IMRF	\$119,333.00	IMRF	\$101,962.00
Working Cash	\$350,000 No less than	WC	\$241,337.00
Total True Fund Balance	\$3,802,021.75	Total True Fund Balance	\$2,234,177.00

2019 Levy: Mr. Reedy recommends the Board approve a 2019 tentative Levy and approve the final 2019 Levy at the December 16 Board meeting. Depending on how much of an increase in EAV and new construction will reflect the overall tax rate compared to our last bond payment of \$1,950,000. He has increased the social security levy and reduced the IMRF levy. This will correct the IMRF Audit finding. We will still balloon Levy at 18% to ensure we capture all new construction and EAV growth. CPI for the 2019 Levy is 1.9%. When our EAV and new construction increases, our tax rate goes down. We currently have the 2018 12/18 lowest total tax rate and the 2018 17/18 lowest limiting rate. The total tax rate includes the bond and debt levy and the limiting rate includes all other levies minus the bond and dept levy. In the spring of 2020 after the assessments and property tax bills are finalized, the Sangamon-Logan-Menard County Clerks will send us the final 2019 Levy Tax Rate and extensions for FY21. The Evidence Based Funding Formula shows we are at 42% local capacity target. Based on the data, I am conservatively estimating a 2% EAV growth for our district. Which would keep the tax rate flat for another fiscal year. The Board has not, and is not, asking for more from the taxpayers. We continue to have the best area education and instruction for students. Our students are successful inside and outside the classrooms. Taxpayer's property values are strong because of our successful schools. People move to our communities because of our schools. Great Schools = Great Communities



2. Facilities Update

The SES, WMS, and WHS roofing projects are completed. The weather has delayed and stopped the roof repairs for WJHS. We will have additional WJHS roof work to do in the spring.

Johnson Controls Inc. Energy Savings Contract: Mr. Reedy recommends the Board approves and acknowledges an energy savings contract with JCI for \$2,275,546.00. This contract includes HVAC replacement and installations for 80% of WHS, new district automation upgrades, and new district HVAC chilled variable speed valves.

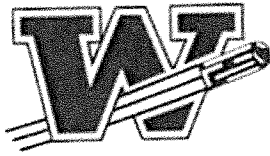
The estimated operational cost savings to the district over the next 20 years is \$3.1 million. Alternate Revenue Bonds and the CSFST will pay for the energy savings expenses.

Future energy savings projects to consider are chiller replacements at WJHS & SES, SES HVAC system upgrades, and district lighting.

3. Legislative Update

Here are a few of the hot topics that directly and/or negatively affect our school district.

- Property tax freeze impact and tax caps (Loss of est. \$140,000 operating funds)
- Pension cost shift
- Graduated income tax (ballot of 2020)
- School consolidation (Cook county and southern elementary school districts)
- Shared service agreement (Sharing Admins and Supts)
- School Construction Task Force:
 - A 13-member School Construction Task Force has been created by the legislature and ISBE.
 - The task force will research the needs for capital improvements in schools throughout the state and develop the criteria used in determining how the grant program will be implemented.
 - Overall, the capital bill includes \$3.5 billion total for preK-12 schools. However, that figure includes a local funding match. The state's investment would be \$1.8 billion, with local funding making up the rest.
 - Part of the overall figure will include money for school maintenance grants. ISBE is expecting the state to release \$44 million for school maintenance grants within the next couple of weeks. Once that occurs, the state will open up the application process, which will operate similarly as it did under the previous maintenance grant program. It is a maximum grant of \$50,000 and requires a dollar for dollar match.
 - The School Construction Task Force has five meetings scheduled, with the first happening at 9 a.m. on November 19 in Chicago. Once the five meetings conclude, the task force has to submit its report to the governor and General Assembly on or before March 1, 2020.



4. Facility Vision Plan Update

Mr. Reedy reported that the Facility Vision Committee's Open Houses were a success. We had almost 100 community members visit our open houses. Community members were able to ask questions, provide input, and submit feedback recommendations. The results of the two different surveys were very positive. Members of the Facility Vision Plan Committee will be making a recommendation to the Board to move forward with the entire plan. Mr. Reedy recommends the Board considers moving forward with the Zero Tax Rate Change facility opportunity for our district.

WCUSD#15 facilities and opportunities for students are lacking compared to other schools in the area and similar in size. The Board's strategic facility vision plan will establish facilities and opportunities for the community and students for the next 50 years at \$0-Tax-Rate Change and No-Tax-Rate-Increase.

Here is the Facility Vision Plan website link:
<https://facilityvision.wcusd15.org/>

Draft March 17, 2020 Referendum Ballot Language: Mr. Reedy will have draft ballot language samples to provide to the Board for discussion. He recommends the Board approve the final March 17, 2020 referendum ballot language at the December 16 Board meeting. The approved referendum ballot language must be filed no later than January 9, 2020 to be placed on the March 17, 2020 election ballot. Chapman and Cutler are the referendum attorneys creating the language, the resolutions, and completing the filing process.

5. Other

- **2020 ISBE 5 Essentials Survey:**

This is part of the annual Illinois School Report Card requirement. The parent survey is open, and the students and teachers survey will open December 10.

- **2019 Illinois School Report Card:**

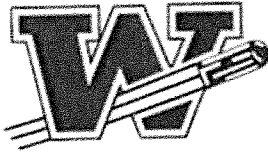
Our district results are good with WHS & SES earning an EXEMPLARY designation and WJHS earning a COMMENDABLE designation. In the future it may be a challenge to hold EXEMPLARY designations because most of the results are based on student growth. Academic growth data reflects students who are higher achievers show smaller growth than students who are academically lower. Mr. Reedy recommends the Board approve the 2019 Illinois School Report Card.

- **WHS Bass Fishing Team Spring 2020:**

There is interest from WHS students to start a WHS Bass Fishing Team. Mr. Eucker is working to create this opportunity. There will be no cost to the district, and Mr. Reedy will make a recommendation to the Board for approval at the December Board meeting.

PRESS POLICY First Reading

- 2:20, 2:70, 2:70-E, 2:100, 2:105, 2:110, 2:200, 2:220, 2:220-E2, 2:260, 4:15, 4:30, 4:60, 4:80, 4:150, 5:10, 5:20, 5:30, 5:50, 5:90, 5:100, 5:120, 5:200, 5:220, 5:250, 5:290, 5:330, 6:20, 6:60, 6:150, 6:300, 7:20, 7:150, 7:180, 7:270, 8:30



Action Items

A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded by Corey Conklin to approve the tentative WCUSD#15 2019 Levy payable for the 2020-2021 school year

Discussion: None

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

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kurt Ratliff and seconded by Tom Ray to approve the 2019 WCUSD#15 Illinois School Report Card

Discussion: None

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

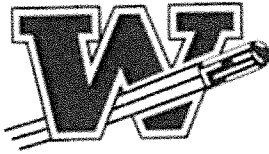
Motion carried

A motion was made by Teresa Benner and seconded by Matt Seman to approve a performance contract with Johnson Controls, for the amount of \$2,275,546.00 to upgrade and replace HVAC systems at WHS, install district automation systems, and install district chilled water variable speed drives.

Discussion: None

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

Motion carried



A motion was made by Lorri Bandy and seconded by Corey Conklin to approve the 2019-2020 Federal Title I, II, & IV Grants for \$122,032.

Discussion: None

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

Motion carried

A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded by Matt Seman to approve the following transfers, hires, and volunteers for the 2019-2020 school year.

- Keith Ripperda – Volunteer WHS Wrestling Coach

Discussion: None

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

Motion carried

Executive Session

A motion was made by Teresa Benner and seconded by Tom Ray 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) 11 – Litigation. Under 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(2) – Collective Bargaining

Discussion: None

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



Motion carried

The Board entered executive session at 7:37pm and returned to open session at 7:43pm.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Tom Ray and seconded by Matt Seman to adjourn the meeting.


Discussion: None

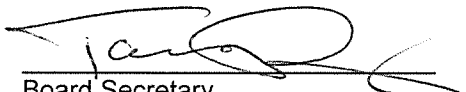
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm

Board Approval

Dated this 18th day November of 2019



Board President

Board Secretary

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