

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

**\*\*Regular meeting taking place at the District Office on January 21, 2020**

### MEMBERS

Position	Present	Absent
<b>Presiding Officer</b>	Matt Seman	
	Charlie Waugh	
	Teresa Benner	
		Kurt Ratliff
	Corey Conklin	Arrived at 6:31pm
	Lorri Bandy	
<b>Superintendent</b>	Tip Reedy	
<b>Building Principals</b>	Clay Shoufler and Adam Ibbotson	Doug Furlow
<b>Board of Education Secretary</b>	Tom Ray	

### 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 Lorri Bandy and seconded by Tom Ray that the agenda be approved as amended.

Discussion: 7 – Information Items – Other – added Board meeting calendar and student voice Action Item D – Ron Schuecking added as PT Custodian

Motion carried

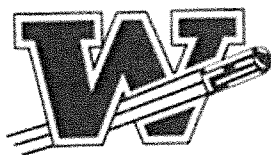
### Public Comment

Byron Painter – South County Publications

### Informational Items and Dates

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

- January 20 No School Martin Luther King Day Observance
- January 21 Regular BOE Meeting 6:30pm



- February 14 Valentine's Day
- February 14 Early Dismissal SIP day
- February 17 No School Presidents Day Observance
- February 18 6:30 Regular BOE Mtg
- March 16 6:30 Regular BOE Mtg
- March 17 Election Day

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded by Teresa Benner to approve the consent agenda containing items a, b, c, d, and e: Approval of the Levy Hearing Minutes, Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Closed Session Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2019, Approval of the Bills in the amount of \$579,521.32 including reimbursement of the revolving fund of \$740.16, Approval of the Treasurer's Report, Approval of the WCUSD15 Lunch Report, and Approval of Superintendent's Acceptance of Resignations:

- Chelsey Jennings – WCUSD#15 School Nurse
- Amy Sexton – WHS Part Time Custodian
- Tyler Sisti – WJHS Custodian
  
- On roll call the following members answered aye:
  - Teresa Benner                      Charlie Waugh
  - Matt Seman                        Lorri Bandy
  - Tom Ray                              Corey Conklin
  
- On roll call the following members were absent:
  - Kurt Ratliff

Discussion: None

Motion carried

### Information Items

#### A. Principals' Report

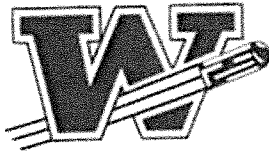
- Clay Shoufler
  - Custodian highlight – Clint Oglesby and Kraig Hamrick
    - Clint been with us 17 years, retiring after this year and is a key part of the building
    - Kraig is in his 7<sup>th</sup> year and is a valuable part of the building
  - Growth mindset development with students – thinking long and short term
    - Star Math and Star Reading to get them ready for the IAR test
    - IAR test – working with staff to develop the schedule
      - Will take a week – less tests per day
  - Boys Basketball regionals start next week
    - Getting the students ready for the next level
  - Friday, Jan 31 – next installment of the Bee Bee games
    - Decade the Halls will be back – will be the 70's – Staying Alive is the theme
    - Students have been working with their history teachers for some ideas
  - Feb 19<sup>th</sup> is the county wide spelling bee
    - Grade levels will start soon



- Still no longer a sponsor for the regional bee
- \$10k is needed to sponsor and send a parent and child, but the prior sponsors have all backed out
- Solo and ensemble contest coming up
- Adam Ibbotson
- School Nurse – Jayme Tierney is the spotlight
  - Kind, compassionate, willing to help, loves the kids and takes care of them, great with parents
    - Tammi Rue was wonderful as well – our kids have been so blessed to have both of them over the years
  - Mrs. Compardo – right hand woman to Adam, K,1st, and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade expert – designed a guided reading lesson for our teachers and 5 students from each grade
  - Mid-term of 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester currently, end is Feb 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Reading benchmarking is coming
  - IAR testing is coming as well – will take one test per day, will take 2 weeks to complete
  - Kindergarten screening for next year will happen toward the end of March
  - Pre-K screening for next year will be happening in May
  - Sherman Jump will happen in Feb – PTO is taking this over. Charity this year is Barnes Jewish Foundation and Children's Hospital
  - Mrs. Truter is the SES counselor. She fills a role that is desperately needed. She is calm and collected. She meets in groups, individually, and with parents. Very important to have a counselor in all buildings.
- Question – Is the YMCA program still up and going?
  - Yes and we now have 35 kids in the program.
- Teacher Ease is not open for grades at SES because kids have an opportunity to be reassessed. The report cards are able to be viewed, but not individual grades

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

- The December 31, 2019 Williamsville Index shows a \$7,842,635 balance in ALL FUNDS and a \$5,717,146 balance in OPERATING FUNDS.
- We have received the January CSFST payment of \$94,056.71. This is the October 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: We have received 47% of the estimated FY20 revenue and have spent 54% of the FY20 expenses. The December ALL FUND revenues were \$751,929.83 and the December ALL FUND expenses were \$3,628,578.91. The month of December is annually a higher expense month due to our bond payments being due January 1 of each calendar year. The December ED FUND expenses were \$824,179.88. 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 FY Budgeted Expenses**

<b>OPERATING FUNDS</b>			<b>OPERATING FUNDS</b>		<b>FY20 Est. Balance 6-30-20</b>
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	\$111,833.00		IMRF		\$102,363.00
Working Cash	\$500,000	No less than	WC		\$241,338.00
Total True Fund Balance	\$3,944,521.75		Total True Fund Balance		\$2,234,579.00

- Alternate Revenue Bond Tax Abatement Resolution Levy 2019: The Alternate Revenue Bonds are “double barrel bonds.” Alternate Revenue Bonds can be paid by using revenues from the county sales tax or paid from property taxes. For example, if we do not have the revenue from the CSFST to pay for the Alternate Revenue Bond, the county clerk will levy property taxes to make the Alternate Revenue Bond payment. We have communicated with the local property taxpayers; we will be using the CSFST revenues to pay for the Alternate Revenue Bonds. In order to use the CSFST revenue and not allow the county clerk to levy for the Alternate Revenue Bond payment, the Board needs to annually pass a resolution to abate the Alternate Revenue Bond payment. Mr. Reedy will be presenting a resolution to abate the Alternate Revenue Bond payment for Levy 2019 at the February 18, 2020 Board meeting. The 2019 Levy Alternate Revenue Bond abating resolution will be \$154,800. Board approval of the resolution for abating the Alternate Revenue Bond payment will need to occur annually for the length of the bond payment schedule (2030). Failing to do so would be an increase in property taxes to the local taxpayers.

**2. Facilities Update**

- We had a minor roof leak in the WHS Band Room. We are working on a repair.
- We have applied for the 2020 ISBE School Maintenance Project Grant. This is a matching grant up to \$50,000. If we are approved for the grant, we will use this additional funding to pay for the WHS HVAC replacement and upgrades. The grant closes February 14, 2020.
- CSFST and Alternate Revenue Bonds Expenses: For continued transparency and commitment to the local taxpayers, Mr. Reedy talked about all the projects we have completed using the CSFST and the Alternate Revenue Bonds.
  - School Security, Security Cameras, and School Safety – The district has invested over \$380,000 in the last two years to provide a safer and more secure learning environment for our students and staff.
  - WCUSD#15 Roofing Project – Replaced and restored roofs at SES, WJHS, and WHS.
  - WCUSD#15 HVAC Systems – Replaced, upgraded, and added HVAC systems at WHS. Upgraded district wide HVAC system automation management systems.
  - WCUSD#15 Technology Infrastructure – Upgraded and replaced cabling, routers, router switches, and servers to enhance internet speed, accessibility, and improve instruction.
  - Being fiscally responsible and not asking for more, the WCUSD#15 Board has invested \$4.2 million in deferred maintenance, facility improvements, and technology enhancements at no additional cost to the local property taxpayer.



- Summer Maintenance Work: Johnson Controls is expected to begin WHS HVAC work during spring break and when school ends for the summer.
- WCUSD#15 Future energy savings projects to consider: Chiller replacements at WJHS & SES, SES HVAC system upgrades, and district lighting.

### **3. Facility Vision Plan Update**

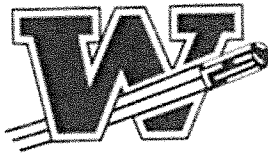
- The Board approved moving forward with the Zero Tax Rate Change facility opportunity for our district. WCUSD#15 facilities and opportunities for students are lacking compared to other schools in the area that are similar in size. The Board's strategic facility vision plan will establish facilities and opportunities for the community and students for the next 50 years at a \$Zero-Tax-Rate Change. Here is the Facility Vision Plan website link <https://facilityvision.wcusd15.org/>
- March 17, 2020 Referendum Ballot Language:
  - Shall the Board of Education of Williamsville Community Unit School District Number 15, Sangamon, Logan and Menard Counties, Illinois, build and equip additions to and alter, repair and equip the Williamsville High School, Williamsville Junior High School and Sherman Elementary School Buildings, improve school sites and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$40,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

### **4. Legislative Update**

- 110 New School Law affecting education
  - Baby changing stations have to be added in men's and women's restrooms in high traffic areas – one example of the new laws

Legislative spring session begins soon

- Legislative Hot Topics
  - Property tax freeze impact and tax caps (Loss of est. \$140,000 in 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 is scheduled to submit its report to the Governor and General Assembly on or before March 1, 2020.

#### 5. Other

- **2020-21 Open Positions:**

Special Ed, JH Math and JH Science – all close on the 31<sup>st</sup>

Still looking for 3hr cook at JH

Business Personnel Associate and Food Service Director are still open and close on 2/14

- **WCUSD15 Pepsi Contract:**

Mr. Reedy discussed the renewal of a 3-year contract with Springfield Pepsi Cola Bottling Company. It is the same contract the district has had in the past and he recommends approval.

- **WCUSD15 District Calendars 2020-2022:**

We are in the process of creating, organizing, and finalizing the WCUSD#15 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school calendars. Mr. Reedy hopes to have a recommendation to the Board at the February or March BOE meetings.

- **WCUSD15 Regular BOE Meeting Calendar 2020-2021**

The Board is in favor of keeping the same structure of meetings on the third Monday of each month, unless there is a holiday, in which case the meeting will take place on Tuesday. The calendar will be approved at a future meeting.

- **WCUSD15 Student Voice Cabinet Meeting**

- They asked what goes into the decision to cancelling school – gave Mr. Reedy the opportunity to explain this process to the students
- Student stress was the main topic of conversation - academic pressures, even at the lower grades at SES
- Once all determined, will look at ways to alleviate some of their stress

#### Action Items

A motion was made by Corey Conklin and seconded by Matt Seman to keep Executive Closed Session meeting minutes sealed January 2019-December 2019.

Discussion: None

- On roll call the following members answered aye:  
Teresa Benner                      Charlie Waugh  
Matt Seman                              Lorri Bandy



Tom Ray

Corey Conklin

- On roll call the following members were absent:  
Kurt Ratliff :

Motion carried

A motion was made by Corey Conklin and seconded by Tom Ray to approve the destruction of Executive Closed Session meeting minutes recordings that are at least 18 months old and for which approved minutes of the closed meetings already exist in accordance to district policy 2:220

Discussion: None

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

Motion carried

A motion was made by Lorri Bandy and seconded by Charlie Waugh to authorize the superintendent to approve a Springfield Pepsi Cola Bottling Company 3-year contract with an option of 2, 2-year extensions effective 2019-2022.

Discussion: None

- On roll call the following members answered aye:  
Teresa Benner                      Charlie Waugh  
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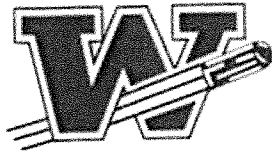
Motion carried

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

- Jennifer Wagoner – WCUSD#15 School Nurse
- Bruce Smith – WHS Volunteer Bass Fishing Coach
- Ron Schuecking – WJHS Part-Time Temporary Custodian







**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Teresa Benner and seconded by Matt Seman to adjourn the meeting.


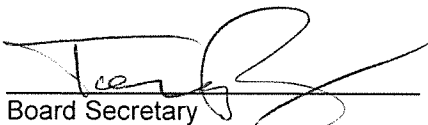
Discussion: None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm

**Board Approval**

*Dated this 21st day January of 2020*

  
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Board President  
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Board Secretary

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