

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

****Regular meeting taking place at the District Office on February 18, 2020**

MEMBERS

Position	Present	Absent
Presiding Officer	Matt Seman	
	Charlie Waugh	Arrived at 6:42pm
		Teresa Benner
	Kurt Ratliff	
	Corey Conklin	
	Lorri Bandy	
Superintendent	Tip Reedy	
Building Principals		
Board of Education Secretary	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 Kurt Ratliff and seconded by Lorri Bandy that the agenda be approved as amended.

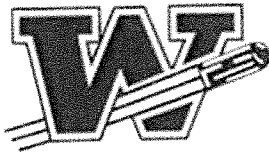
Discussion: Action Item E – added the 2020-21 school year for the hire of Emily Williams

Motion carried

Public Comment & Recognition

Byron Painter – South County Publications
Clay Shoufler, WJHS Principal
WJHS 7th grade basketball coaches, players and parents

The Board welcomed everyone and noted we are blessed with another great accomplishment! They congratulated the coaches and students. Coach Sagle spoke about the team and the season. He thanked the board for recognizing the students and noted they had gone 23-6



despite battling injuries and illness all season. He stated they are great kids, fun to be around, fun to coach, and did a great job of representing themselves, their team, their parents, and their school. He will miss coaching them.

President Seman praised them again for their accomplishments. The board congratulated them all.

Informational Items and Dates

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

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| ➤ February 17 | No School Presidents Day Observance |
| ➤ February 18 | 6:30pm Regular BOE Mtg |
| ➤ February 20 | 6:00pm WHS Spring Sports Parent Mtg |
| ➤ February 21 | SES 2nd Trimester Ends |
| ➤ February 27 | 7:00pm WHS Band & Chorus Concert |
| ➤ February 28 | WHS Youth & Government Weekend |
| ➤ March 3 | 7:00pm WJHS Band Concert |
| ➤ March 4 | 6:00pm WHS NHS Induction Ceremony |
| ➤ March 5 | 6:30pm SES 1st Grade Music Concert |
| ➤ March 6 | WHS End of 3rd Nine Weeks |
| ➤ March 13 | SES PTO Jump Celebration |
| ➤ March 14 | WHS FFA Prime Rib Dinner 4:00pm-7:00pm |
| ➤ March 16 | 6:30pm Regular BOE Mtg |
| ➤ March 17 | Election Day |

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Lorri Bandy and seconded by Matt Seman 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 January 21, 2020, Approval of the Bills in the amount of \$553,769.80 including reimbursement of the revolving fund of \$1527.00, Approval of the Treasurer's Report, Approval of the WCUSD15 Lunch Report, Approval of the WCUSD15 Substitute Personnel List, and Approval of Superintendent's Acceptance of Resignations:

- Amanda Wilson-Meyer – SES Paraprofessional
- Nichole Vicari – WCUSD15 Paraprofessional (SASED)

- On roll call the following members answered aye:

Matt Seman	Tom Ray
Lorri Bandy	Corey Conklin
Kurt Ratliff	

- On roll call the following members were absent:

Teresa Benner	Charles Waugh
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Discussion: Twice a year we approve the substitute personnel list.
Nichole is CNA/Parapro for a student and she will continue as a SASED employee.

Motion carried



Information Items

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Financial Update

The January 31, 2020 Williamsville Index shows a \$7,443,851.00 balance in ALL FUNDS and a \$5,267,295.43 balance in OPERATING FUNDS.

We have received the February CSFST payment of \$100,079.91. This is the November 2019 revenue. CSFST will always be paid 3 months behind. Mr. Reedy estimates \$702,120 in CSFST revenue October 2019-June 2020.

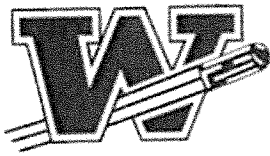
Fund Balance Update: We have received 51% of the estimated FY20 revenue and have spent 60% of the FY20 expenses. The January ALL FUND revenues were \$718,276.26 and the January ALL FUND expenses were \$1,117,060.91. The January ED FUND expenses were \$901,243.31. It is important for the Board to have 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

OPERATING FUNDS		OPERATING FUNDS	FY20 Est. 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	\$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 CSFT 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. 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. Mr. Reedy recommends the Board approves a resolution to abate the Alternate Revenue Bond Series 2019 payment for Levy 2019 at the February 18, 2020 board meeting.

2019-2020 HRA Update: The Board budgeted \$60,000 for the 2019-2020 HRA. All employees who are on the District's group health insurance plan had the opportunity to submit for deductible



reimbursement once they met their portion of \$1500. Staff will receive a total of \$39,993 in reimbursements. We are under budget for the fiscal year HRA.

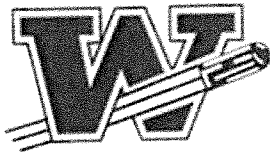
Sherman TIF Extensions: The Village of Sherman has filed HB4534, HB4535, HB4536, HB4537 & SB3039, SB3040, SB 3041, and SB3042. Mr. Reedy has been in contact with Rep. Tim Butler and Sen. Bill Brady. The Village of Sherman and the legislators understand WCUSD#15 is opposed to any Sherman TIF extensions.

- a. We received \$350,439.97 in the 2018 Sherman TIF surplus payment. This revenue is used in the building fund (Debt Cert & Capital Expenses)
- b. The new EAV from the Sherman TIF districts will help create opportunities for our students and not increase the local burden on the district's property taxpayers.
- c. When the Sherman TIFS expire, we will be able to increase revenue to our Operating Funds without increasing expenses for property taxpayers or increasing property taxes.
- d. We do not have sufficient fund balances and need the additional local TIF EAV revenue for our fund balances and Operating Funds
- e. The new TIF EAV will increase the district's EAV and reduce bond and debt payment tax rates
- f. The new EAV from the Sherman TIF districts will reduce the property tax burden on all property taxpayers in our district.
- g. For the past three fiscal years (my tenure as Superintendent), WCUSD#15 has lost an estimated \$930,714 in local revenue because of the Sherman TIFS
 - i. 2017 est. loss \$302,238
 - ii. 2018 est. loss \$310,664
 - iii. 2019 est. loss \$317,812
 - iv. If we prorate this estimate over the 12-year Sherman TIF extension (2009-2021) WCUSD#15 has lost an estimated \$3,600,000 of local revenue which would have been used for the WCUSD#15 Operating Funds.
- h. The only guaranteed revenue source is from local property taxes. State historical payments are not reliable.

President Seman noted that the board has discussed this several times before and while the TIF's did help Sherman grow, we need to fulfil out commitment to the students and school and tax payers and to continue to allow Mr. Reedy to work to oppose the third renewal of the TIF's.

A question was asked about how soon could they re-TIF? At this point that is unknown, but all taxing bodies would have to agree to this for it to occur.

Board members noted being fiscally responsible and stewards of the money to the students and tax payers are important and that district infrastructure is always a need. Mr. Reedy will stay on top of the pending bills and keep the Board updated.



2. Facilities Update

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 closed February 14, 2020. We are waiting on ISBE for verification and approval.

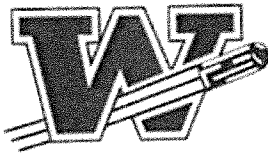
3. Facility Vision Plan

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 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 a \$Zero-Tax-Rate Change. The Facility Vision Plan website link <https://facilityvision.wcusd15.org/>

- Mr. Reedy will be posting facility plan information and informational items to the community via district wide mailers, letters to the newspaper, on social media, student backpack information, and passing out informational flyers at large community attended WCUSD#15 events.
- Since the district is running a referendum, WCUSD#15 registered voters will have the opportunity to request a "non-partisan" ballot and not have to declare Democrat or Republican in order to vote.
- 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. Other

- Lincoln Technical Education Center Agreement 2020-21
 - LTEC is an alternative school connected with Lincoln HS. LTEC provides programs we cannot offer at WHS. The tuition cost is \$1450 per student. We currently have 26 students who attend morning LTEC classes. Our students are taking building trades, health occupations, cosmetology, and auto technician classes. Mr. Reedy recommends the Board approves the 2020-2021 LTEC agreement.
- WCUSD15 Regular Board of Education Meeting Calendar 2020-21
 - The 2020-2021 Regular Board Meeting Calendar for 2020-2021 is scheduled for the third Monday of each month unless there is a holiday on the third Monday, then the Regular Board Meeting is moved to the third Tuesday of the month. Mr. Reedy recommends the Board approves the 2020-2021 WCUSD#15 Regular Board Meeting Calendar
- WCUSD#15 Hall Of Fame



- For insurance and liability purposes, the Board needs to formally accept the WCUSD#15 Hall Of Fame, its by-laws, and committee members. Mr. Reedy recommends the Board approves the WCUSD#15 Hall Of Fame.
- WCUSD15 Student Voice Cabinet Meeting
 - The SVC met on Tuesday and discussed Student Stress.
- FOIA Request
 - We received a FOIA from the Retired Teachers Association requesting emails and contact information from the WCUSD#15 2019 retired teachers.

Action Items

A motion was made by Corey Conklin and seconded by Charlie Waugh to approve the resolution abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2019 to pay debt service on the District's General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2019.

Discussion: None

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

Motion carried

A motion was made by Lorri Bandy and seconded by Matt Seman to accept and acknowledge the WCUSD#15 Hall Of Fame, its by-laws, and hall of fame selection committee, whose members include community representatives as well as the district employees.

Discussion: None

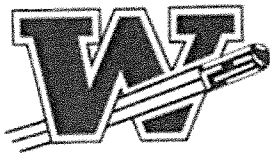
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Matt Seman Tom Ray
Lorri Bandy Charles Waugh
Kurt Ratliff Corey Conklin
- On roll call the following members were absent:
Teresa Benner

Motion carried

A motion was made by Corey Conklin and seconded by Matt Seman to approve the Lincolnland Technical Education Center (LTEC) agreement for 2020-2021

Discussion: None

- On roll call the following members answered aye:
Matt Seman Tom Ray
Lorri Bandy Charles Waugh



Kurt Ratliff

Corey Conklin

- On roll call the following members were absent:
Teresa Benner

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kurt Ratliff and seconded by Lorri Bandy to approve the WCUSD#15 Regular Board Meeting Calendar 2020-2021

Discussion: Mr. Reedy will have the school calendar next month

Motion carried

A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded by Tom Ray to approve the following transfers, hires, and volunteers for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years.

- Kevin Hawley – WJHS Night Custodian and Maintenance (2019-20)
- Emily Williams – WHS Special Education Teacher (2020-21)

Discussion: None

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

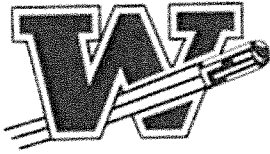
Motion carried

Executive Session

A motion was made by Lorri Bandy 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) 11 – Litigation. Under 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(2) – Collective Bargaining

Discussion: None

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



Motion carried

The Board entered executive session at 7:02pm and returned to open session at 7:20pm.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Kurt Ratliff and seconded by Charlie Waugh to adjourn the meeting.

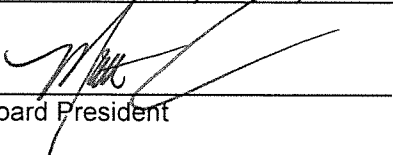
Discussion: None

Motion carried.


Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

Board Approval

Dated this 21st day January of 2020



Board President



Board Secretary

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