

BOARD BRIEF

February 12, 2019

Board members met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. and conducted the following business:

- Victor Landfair, Skillman Corporation, presented his monthly Construction Update to the board. He shared status of work at each of the buildings under construction – WIS, WMS and WHS. He shared slides showing work done in last 30 days and work projected to be completed in the next 30 days. A few highlights are the classroom area that is almost enclosed at the intermediate school and work that is starting on the media center. At the middle school the office staff will move into the new office area on February 15 and the pool has been filled in transitioning that space for music. At the high school, they are continuing to work on movement of underground utilities. [Construction Update presentations](#) are located on our website.
- Mr. Hakim, Principal of Washington Woods was not able to attend the board meeting this evening. He will make his presentation on Stakeholder Engagement at a future meeting.
- A group of 4 juniors from WHS presented their research findings related to later school start times for middle and high school students. Their research was done for the AP Language and Composition class. The research question they developed was “Should the start time at WHS and WMS be changed from 7:58 to 8:30 am?” They shared pros and cons regarding making this change. Their conclusion was that it would be advantageous for students to have a later start time. They shared that doing the project opened their eyes to the various decisions and impact changing start times might have on the entire district.
- Dr. Grate presented information regarding School Start Times. She shared a presentation outlining the research that has been done regarding sleep needs for our students. The presentation also addressed a Q&A specific to our district should we change start times. She presented a draft schedule of elementary students starting earliest (around 7:50 - 8:00 am) with HS, MS and IS starting somewhere between 8:30-8:45 am. The plan is for start times to be more clearly defined and presented back to the board as a recommendation at the March 5 board meeting. A communication plan to roll out to families will also be shared with the board at the March 5 meeting.
- Approved the March 12 board meeting be moved to March 5 so board members can attend a community event scheduled for March 12.
- Bids for Door Security were rejected at this time. The bids that came in were over budget; the Skillman Corporation recommended we reject bids at this time and re-evaluate, re-prioritize and re-bid door security at a future date.
- Approved a new field trip for Washington Woods fourth graders to visit Corydon as part of their Indiana History studies.

- Approved Resolution 2019-01 – Cancellation of Checks. By law, the treasurer must prepare a list of all checks that have been outstanding for a period of two or more years as of December 31, 2018. With the approval of this list, these checks will be voided. As a note, Brian Tomamichel added that we make several attempts to contact those that have not cashed checks and this is one of the shortest lists of cancelled checks to date.

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