

BOARD BRIEF

February 13, 2018

Board members met in regular session and conducted the following business:

- Annette Patchett, Principal, Westfield Intermediate School shared that 205 students at WIS have an IEP in place and 24 students have an ILP. The group heard from several members of the Special Education team at Westfield Intermediate School as they explained how they integrate their programs into the whole school and how they have transformed their team over the last two years. The team has created an onboarding manual and program for new teachers and Instructional Strategists as they join the team. They have created additional opportunities to assist the strategists with mentoring and after school training so they can best meet the needs of the students. This team has a unique perspective on all of the happenings in the school as they integrate into about 90% of the classrooms and over 50 teachers in the building. They are focusing on integrating the student into the school population. They are working with all 4th grade teachers as they transition students into the building as well as transition work between 5th and 6th grade in the building and work with the middle school as they transition students out of the building. They have developed new clubs, mentoring programs and other activities to include these students in the regular school population. They are really addressing the needs of the whole child.

Dr. Grate commended the team for all of their work and progress in transforming their team to meet the needs of the students. Their work directly aligns with the SEL initiative and our strategic plan.

- Approved the following policies:
 - 10000-12 (Students - Dress & Grooming)
 - 10000-14 (Students - Student Homework)
 - 10000-15 (Students - Student Attendance)
 - 10000-16 (Students - Student Grades, Promotion or Retention)
 - 10000-18 (Students - Communicable Diseases)
 - 10000-23 (Students - Enrollment of Students and Acceptance of Credits...)
- Rescinded the following policies:
 - 10000-01 (Students - Health and Safety)
 - 10000-06 (Students - Attendance Age)
 - 10000-07 (Students - Married Students)
 - 10000-08 (Student Handbook)
 - 10000-09 (Student Insurance)
 - 10000-10 (Students - Student Athletic Injuries)
 - 10000-19 (Students - Student Selection/Substitution for ISTEP+ Remediation Classes)
 - 10000-21 (Students - Disclosure of Student Lists)

Mr. Baldwin reminded the board that many policies being rescinded have been incorporated into other policies or are covered in procedures or other administrative guidelines and do not require a board policy.

- The board was presented the following policies to review in 1st Reading
 - **Policies to Approve - 1st Reading**
 - 10000-28 (Least Restrictive Environment)

- 10000-31 (Right to Inspect Certain Instructional Materials)
- 10000-44 (Display of Flag, Pledge of Alliance and Moments of Silence)
- 10000-47 (Homeless Children)
- 10000-48 (Post-Secondary Enrollment Program)
- 10000-50 (CIPA Internet Safety)
- 10000-51 (Non-public Student Participation in Public School)
- 10000-52 (Criminal Organizations)

Rescinded Policies - 1st Reading

- 10000-35 (Equal Educational Environment)
- 10000-38 (Graduation Waivers)
- 10000-45 (Moments of Silence)
- 10000-46 (Student Submission to Required Surveys)
- 6000-03 (Use of Pesticides)

These policies will be voted on at the next regular board meeting.

- Dr. Grate presented the need to change the graduation date. Due to the number of school days that have been missed thus far due to weather, all students will need to go to school on Friday, May 25. It is suggested to move the graduation date one week to Thursday, May 31 to account for possible additional inclement weather. The board opened up the public comment period at this time. One member of the public requested that the board not wait an entire week for graduation. Board members responded to the concerns and shared that in the future we will not plan graduation on the last day of school. The board approved moving graduation from May 24 to May 31, 2018.
- Brian Tomamichel, CFO, provided the board with a year-end financial review for 2017.
- Adopted Resolution 2018-02 (Authorization to Void Checks). This resolution allows the district to void checks that are outstanding for more than two years.
- Approved a premium increase on liability insurance to increase coverage on signage throughout the district as well as cyber coverage. The overall policy increase is \$1,827 for the year. This is a 0.2% increase.
- Approved the WHS ShamRockBotics Team to attend the First Robotics Competition at Penn Harris Madison School District which includes an overnight stay.
- Accepted 5 donations to various buildings and programs totaling \$5,130.

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