

BOARD BRIEF

March 5, 2019

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

- 19 members of WHS Signature Sound acapella choral group performed two songs for the board during Music in our Schools Appreciation month. Natalie, a junior, shared reasons why she felt music education was important. The group thanked the board and school system for supporting music education. Alison Wessel, WHS music teacher, accompanied the group.
- Victor Landfair, Skillman Corporation, presented his monthly Construction Update to the board. He shared a slide presentation showing work done in the last 30 days and work projected to be completed in the next 30 days on each of the building projects at WIS, WMS and WHS. [Construction Update presentations](#) are located on our website.
- Dr. Grate shared that several teachers were unable to be at the meeting for the presentation by Monon Trail elementary, so we will move that presentation to April 16.
- Dr. Grate indicated that March 25-29 is National Public Schools Week. We will be featuring our school board on the Inside the Rock podcast during that week. She also recognized all school board members for all they do to represent our school district and our students.
- Dr. Montalone presented information about School Start Times. He shared a slide presentation as well as background information as to how the district has approached this topic over the years. A video was shared highlighting many local experts regarding the reasons to consider changing school start times.

Board President Duane Lutz opened the meeting for public comment. One parent and one student had questions for the board about how changing start times may affect certain schedules and events. Mr. Lutz and Dr. Montalone thanked them for their comments and noted that all areas are being considered and looked at to make sure this change is implemented in the best ways possible to avoid conflicts and not have athletic events running too late into the evening.

Mr. Lutz opened the floor to other board members for discussion or comment. Amy Pictor thanked other board members and administrators for their discussion and information shared about the topic.

Mr. Lutz shared that this decision has not been made overnight and that the board had been discussing this topic for many years. He believes this is the best decision for the students. He realizes this will be a lot of work at the building levels to make work, but, is confident appropriate changes will be made and adjustments will be made as we learn what is working and what is not working.

The board unanimously voted in favor of changing the start times for the 2019-20 school year to:

Elementary	7:50-2:30
WIS / WMS	8:45-3:35
WHS	8:35-3:45

[Link to video](#)

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