

BOARD BRIEF

July 16, 2019

Board members held a work session from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

A pre-formal bargaining public hearing was held at 7:00 p.m. This is a newly required by the state to take place prior to teacher collective bargaining. A public meeting must be held in accordance with SEA 390. Chris Sluder with the Westfield Classroom Teacher Association was present at the meeting. The hearing was opened for public hearing at 7:13 p.m. No public commentary was made. The public hearing was closed at 7:14 p.m.

The board then met in regular session at 7:14 p.m. and conducted the following business:

- The agenda for the meeting was amended to add the CSO Contract to the agenda this evening.
- John Rogers from the City of Westfield shared information on TIF (tax increment financing) Economic Development Areas in Westfield. The City believes in investing with a purpose. The philosophy in using TIF is to invest in things that enhance the quality of life in Westfield. Mr. Rogers shared a PowerPoint presentation sharing the City's vision and reasons for using TIF. Brian Tomamichel, CFO, Westfield Schools, shared that the school district works with the City to ensure that our different taxing entities work together. Tammy Havard, City of Westfield, shared some examples of how TIF funds have been used in the City. Vicki Gardner from the City of Westfield attended the meeting with Mr. Rogers on behalf of the City.
- Dr. Grate recognized Amy Pictor for her five years of service on the Westfield Washington School Board and shared her appreciation for all of her service. Duane Lutz also thanked Amy for her service.
- Ratified the St. Vincent Contract for Behavioral Health Services. Dr. Chase Stinson shared about the Social and Emotional Learning piece of our strategic plan and the need for services for all students without any barriers. Sheila Mishler with St. Vincent attended the meeting and expressed her excitement about the partnership between St Vincent and Westfield Schools. St Vincent will bring a high level of needed counseling and therapy services into all schools to serve all students. St Vincent will also offer educational opportunities for staff and the community. Dr. Grate thanked Kyle Miller, Dr. Stinson and Ms. Mishler for all of the work that has taken place so far to put this model in place.
- Approved the CSO Contract for architectural services on the Natatorium. Brian Tomamichel shared the contract for working with CSO on the natatorium project. WWS portion of the project is \$589,800. We have worked with the YMCA to make sure we are each paying equal share.

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