

BOARD BRIEF

December 11, 2018

An Executive Meeting was held at 6pm. The Board members then met in regular session and conducted the following business:

- The Superintendent's Report included:
 - Recognition of 7th Grade Football - County Champions
 - Recognition of WMS Girls Golf –Northwest Suburban Conference champions
 - Recognition of Matt Barker, IN SHAPE, Secondary Teacher of the Year
 - A Construction Update by Victor Landfair with Skillman Corporation. Mr. Landfair shared information about the time phasing of each construction project at WIS, WMS and WHS. A monthly update will be given at each board meeting. Updates can be found on the [Construction Updates](#) page of our website.
 - A presentation on Graduation Pathways was given by Brooke Watkins, Director – Secondary Curriculum, Instruction & Talent Development; Dan Doherty, WHS School Counseling Director and Matt Putman, Dean of Career Engagement. They outlined the new graduation pathways that have been put in place and will take effect for the current 8th grade class. The presentation covered the three requirements for graduation – High School Diploma, Employability Skills and Post Secondary Readiness. They shared that Westfield High School is well positioned for these new requirements through the variety of options for students already in place. Dr. McGuire, Principal, WHS; Sarah Gibbs, Teacher and on Wellness Team and Kyle, a student mentor also shared information about the mentoring program that is taking place at Westfield High School. Junior students can take a mentoring class and then as a senior they serve as a mentor to a small group (15-20) of freshmen students. Ms. Gibbs and Kyle shared how that was going this year, what the mentors and mentees are learning from the process.
 - Lynn Schemel, Director – Organizational Systems, Assessment and Analysis, shared a presentation on the historical and current information from four assessments used to help build our current strategic plan. The assessments, and history of those assessments, reviewed were ISTEP+, NWEA, PSAT/AP and State Letter Grades.
 - Dr. Grate recognized the two outgoing board members, Dan Degnan and Mary SeRine and thanked them for their service.
- Presented the following Policies for 2nd Reading:
 - Policies to be Approved:
 - 7000-24 Pre-Employment Investigations and Duty to Report
 - 9000-02 Title I
 - 10000-24 Withdrawal from School – Exit Interview
 - 10000-36 Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy
 - 10000-39 Student Groups
 - 13000-09 Money-Raising Projects
 - Policies to be Rescinded:
 - 4000-08 Gifts and Donations

- 10000-29 Educational Surrogate Parents
- 10000-41 Graduation Ceremony

- Ratified two amendments to the Skillman Corporation contract. The first amendment was a modification of the contract with Skillman regarding the phasing of current construction projects. The second amendment is for door security and safety in all building. This plan has changed since May of last year thus requiring an amendment to the contract.

- Ratified six amendments to the CSO Architects contract. Dr. Montalone outlined the amendments.

- Approved three overnight field trips for the WHS Winter Guard for competitions.

- Approved the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Performance Grant. Money received from this grant goes directly back into the school's career and technical education programs. It is used to pay for programs offered through J. Everett Light, as well as used for professional development, certifications, supplies and equipment needed for CTE programs.

- Accepted the following donations and grants:
 - Westfield High School Dance Marathon
 - Randy and Leanne Zentz \$200
 - Custard Kings, Inc \$346.25
 - Sham Rock Botics Club
 - Facility Concepts Inc \$250
 - All Elementaries
 - Clothe a Child Fund \$500 - shared by all elementary schools
 - Westfield Education Foundation
 - Presented 14 teacher grants totaling \$10,418.60

It was also noted that we will now longer be presenting the board with donations less than \$5,000 for approval. We will still share a list monthly of the donations received.

- School Calendar Recommendations 2019-20 and 2020-21
Dr. Grate presented some changes and additions to the already approved 2019-20 school calendar. Discussion took place on these changes and the vote was tabled for further discussion. The board approved the 2020-21 calendar as presented.

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