

BOARD BRIEF

August 14, 2018

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

- The Superintendent's Report included:

Recognition of two middle school coaches. Doug Luce, WMS Assistant Principal and Athletic Director, recognized two coaches who have served for the past 22 years. Paula Smith has coached the WMS swimming and diving teams during her tenure the program has grown immensely. This year they had 70 students on the team. Mike Steele has been the head coach of the WMS wrestling team. He is the most winning coach in Hamilton County and his teams have won 11 County Wrestling Meets. Wrestling is one of the strongest programs at WMS. Mike always put academics before wrestling with his students. Doug expressed his thanks to both of them and awarded them both with a plaque. Dan Degnan thanked them both for their service to the students.

Ashley Knott spoke about Parent University. She showed a video of the first Parent University Workshop that took place. In the two sessions 500 people were in attendance. In looking at the surveys the main consensus is that "We Want More!" Parents liked that they felt connected and could speak with WWS employees "eye to eye." Parent University will have a table at the Amigos de Westfield to help reach out to the Spanish speaking families. Dr. Grate thanked Ashley for all that she has done to get the Parent University up and running.

Dr. Grate thanked Jo Ann Neff for filling in for Jill Doyle in her absence.

Dr. Grate recognized Dan Degnan and Duane Lutz for achieving the Indiana School Board Association's CAP Level 1.

- Chris Baldwin introduced Charlie Carlino who has been named Assistant Director of Transportation.
- Approved/rescinded the following policies in 2nd Reading:

Policies to be Approved:

- 2000-02 – Organization
- 2000-18 – Public Participation at Board Meetings (New)
- 2000-19 – Board Ethics (New)
- 7000-24 – Pre-Employment Investigations
- 10000-03 – Legal Settlement
- 10000-20 – Student Discipline Policy
- 10000-25 – Inter-School Transfers
- 10000-31 – Right to Inspect Instructional Material
- 10000-36 – Random Drug Testing
- 10000-48 – Post Secondary Enrollment Program

- 12000-14 – Visitor Policy (New)

Policy to be Rescinded:

- 2000-17 – Superintendent Duties (formerly 3000-02)
- Approved the GRO Agreement. GRO is an architectural firm experienced in developing designs for YMCA facilities across the country. We are entering into this agreement 50/50 with the YMCA to set the stage for the design process. A local architect will be chosen at a later date.
- Approved the Expulsion Examiner Consulting Agreement with James Inman. Mr. Inman will serve as a neutral third party to hear all of our district's expulsion hearings. He serves many other districts in the surrounding area.
- Approved Federal Grant 611 for Special Education Services. This year's grant was for \$1,391,408. It increased from 2017-18 by nearly \$100,000 due to our district's growth.
- Approved Federal Grant 619 for Special Education Services. Dr. Stinson explained that this grant funds developmental preschool for ages 3 – 5. This is held at all elementary schools except for Monon Trail Elementary School. The only reason it is not held at Monon Trail Elementary School is because of lack of space. The grant funds received total \$31,141.
- Approved advertising the 2019 Budget Calendar. HB1009 will change school budgets from 5 main funds to two main funds. The new funds will be Education Fund 101 and Operations Fund 300.
- Approved the Licensing Agreement for Local Retail Stores. The district has developed a licensing agreement for local stores to share a percentage (10%) of sales of merchandise carrying the Westfield logo. Stores like Kroger already send us a percentage of their profits.
- Approved the Disposal of outdated Technology Equipment. The district will sell outdated equipment (iPads, video equipment and miscellaneous technology equipment) to Apple Crossing and Grace Church.
- Approved Assured Partners as WWS new liability insurance broker. The district interviewed 5 brokers and determined Assured Partners of Indiana was the best choice.

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