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Board of Education Meeting Summary Dec. 13th, 2021 * 6pm * WMS Theatre

Below you will find highlights from the Dec. 13th, 2021 Board of Education Meeting. The complete agenda can be found at [USD 353.com](http://USD353.com). A replay of the live stream of the meeting can be found on the USD 353 website. Please note that this is only a summary to provide a recap of each BOE meeting. Approved minutes posted by the Board Clerk can be found at USD353.com under the Board of Education tab.

Discussion Items:

- **FFA Presentation**

WHS FFA students, Kaitlyn Hain, Bailey Newberry and Chloe Hibbs, along with the FFA sponsor, Mrs. Chase, were in attendance to give the BOE a presentation on their recent trip to the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. The students took the BOE and administration through a slideshow of pictures and gave details on all of the sightseeing as well as the many educational opportunities they took part in during the trip. They indicated that there were also 175 colleges in attendance at the convention representing their Agriculture programs. Mrs. Chase also spoke on the recent successes of the FFA students.

- **Hibbs/Hooten Bathroom Project**

The district presented the possibility of joining the City of Wellington, the Wellington Rec Center, and the Voran Trust in constructing a new bathroom/concession stand at Hibbs/Hooten Field. The facilities are not owned by USD 353 but the district utilizes it for WHS baseball and other activities. In addition to being dated, the restrooms and concession stands are currently not ADA compliant. The renovation would build new bathrooms that are ADA compliant and renovate the existing concession stand. Chris Craig was in attendance to answer any questions regarding the project. The request is for the district to pay \$25,000 towards the project. The BOE indicated that they would like to wait for the new members to take office before a decision is made. They asked Mr. Hatfield to inform the new members and get them up to speed on the project so a possible vote could take place soon so as not to delay the project.

- **Football Stadium Bleacher Renovations**

The BOE discussed the option of extending the wheelchair accessible area of the west side bleachers at the football stadium. Currently, students with mobility issues are not able to utilize the student sections of the bleachers. Mr. Hatfield indicated that many students have written to him, advocating for this renovation for themselves and for their peers. He noted that he was very impressed with how thoughtful and well written the letters were. Mr. Farley, Director of Special Programs, spoke to the BOE about special education funds that could be used for this project.

Three bids were presented to the BOE for discussion:

-DGJD, Inc.- \$49,237.00

-Hanson Sports-\$73,500

-GT Grandstands- \$94,685. Plus an additional \$9,370 for stairs

The BOE will continue discussion on this project.

- **USD 353 Safety and Operation Plan**

The Safety and Operation Plan was presented for continued discussion. The district or the BOE did not recommend any changes to the current plan at this time.

- **Restructuring**

Last month, all restructuring data collected from USD 353 stakeholders was presented to the BOE at a planning session. The district made a summary of the data to present to the BOE for review. The summary includes all viable plans presented to the district during meetings with stakeholders. The district asked the BOE for a consensus to release this data to the public. The BOE were in agreement that it could be released and did not make any edits or additions to the summary.

- **BOE Officers and Committee Assignment Reminder**

Mr. Hatfield reminded the BOE that they will be voting on BOE President and Vice President at the January meeting. He also reminded them of the district committees for the upcoming year that BOE members will need to serve on.

- **Outgoing BOE Recognition**

The district recognized Carol Hadorn and Larry Mangan for their service on the BOE. This was their last meeting as USD 353 BOE members. They were presented with metal plaques. The plaques were made by Mrs. Chases, Ag. Fabrication and Advanced Ag. Welding students. Mr. Hatfield expressed gratitude for their years of service to USD 353. Mrs. Hadorn and Mr. Mangan began their service to the USD 353 BOE in 2013.

Action Items:

- **Technology Contract**

After discussion at a planning session last month, Dr. Kern presented a five year contract with K12 ITC for approval. The BOE expressed some concerns regarding the issues with K-12 in the past and issues with trying to get out of a contract in the future if the district chose.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the five year contract with K-12 ITC.

Motion passed 4-2.

- **20-21 USD 353 Financial Audit**

At a planning session last month, the USD 353 district auditor presented the 2020-2021 fiscal year audit to the BOE and was available for questions. The final audit was presented to the BOE for approval.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the financial audit as presented.

Motion passed 6-0.

Executive Session:

A motion was made and seconded to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Open session to resume at 7:31pm.

Motion passed 6-0.

Consent Agenda:

-Approve the Minutes of the Nov. 8th Meeting

-Approve Payroll and Bills

Payroll: \$1,177,110.52

Bills: \$660,033.38

Transfers: Vocational- \$50,000

At Risk-\$150,000

-Approve New Hires

-Bridgette Pitts - Para- WHS

-Dave Hamilton- Assistant Wrestling Coach-WHS

-Carime Wood- Para -Eisenhower

-Darcy Bacon- Director Of Finance

-Approve Resignations

-Kami Bock- Para

-Chelsee McGuire- Para- WMS

-Approve Position Changes

-Jamie Raines- Food Service at WMS to Para at WMS

A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion passed 6-0.