



Leaders of Innovative Future-Focused Real World Learning

Board of Education Meeting Summary May 11th, 2020 * 7pm* Virtual Meeting

Below you will find highlights from the May 11th, 2020 Board of Education Meeting. The complete agenda can be found at [USD 353.com](http://USD353.com). Please note that this is only a summary to provide a timely recap of each BOE meeting. Approved minutes posted by the Board Clerk can be found at usd353.com under the Board of Education tab. A video of the entire meeting is also posted on the USD 353 website.

Recognitions/Presentations:

- Luke Smith, USD 353 Athletic Director, gave an update on the 2020 sports season. He talked about his goal to get all students involved in some sort of activity in their 6 years at WMS and WHS. He also has a goal of increasing attendance at events. Some other highlights he touched on were as follows:
 - He spoke about the success of the new initiatives implemented this year such as the Superfan app, live streaming of events at the WHS gym, first KSHSAA girls wrestling season, split season for WMS winter athletics, and the plan to participate in a Co-op for girls swimming with Winfield this spring (this didn't happen due to COVID-19 but plan on trying again next year). The new WHS gym floor is finished and looks fantastic.
 - He spoke about events that Wellington successfully hosted this year including 2019 AVCTL League girls golf, 2019 4A State girls tennis, 2019 MS Patriot League wrestling, 2019 4A Regional debate, 2020 4A Regional wrestling, 2020 AVCTL League boys golf, 2020 4A Regional boys golf, MS Patriot League Music Festival, 2020 4A State Scholars Bowl.
 - He gave an update on what he knows from KSHSAA for Summer and Fall sports as of right now, reiterating that things could change in a moment's notice. Weights will begin on June 1st and after two weeks team camps can start and outside competition with restrictions. As of right now, the fall season is set to start on August 17th, 2020 with no restrictions.

- Kelly Adams, Director of After School Programs, gave an update on the Kansas Reading Roadmap (KRR) and Latchkey programs. He talked about the successes, structure, importance and future of these programs. Some highlights he touched on were as follows:
 - He spoke about the plans for summer school. This year with the health guidelines due to COVID-19 they are in discussions on how to handle summer school. They may try a virtual route until June and then try to have in person summer school using social distancing guidelines. A final decision will be made soon.
 - He has currently applied for two grants for the programs to help with funding. He will find out about the grant for latchkey in June and KRR around May 15th. If awarded the grant for the latchkey program he hopes to be able to cut enrollment fees for families by half.
- Dr. Jen Kern, assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Technology, Chanel Angel, WMS Science teacher, and Marla Stark, WMS ELA teacher, gave a presentation regarding the need for new English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum for WMS. Some highlights touched on were as follows:
 - A committee of 9 teachers and administrators was formed to choose the curriculum
 - New curriculum was needed as current curriculum is out of date
 - The process happened in 6 phases: create an ELA team to navigate the process, conduct content and pedagogical training for educators, examine independent research, pilot curriculum, selection of curriculum, and educate all stakeholders
 - Committee narrowed choices to 3: Into Literature, Study Sync, and My Perspectives
 - They spoke of the pros and cons of each curriculum, pricing, and gave feedback from the students that they had pilot each program.

The final recommendation of the committee is to purchase Study Sync as the new ELA for WMS. The cost for this curriculum for three grade levels is approximately \$58,968.00.

Discussion Items:

- **Band Uniforms-** Allen Hisken, WHS and WMS band instructor, was present to continue the discussion of the purchase of band uniforms. The BOE had asked him to re-bid the uniforms last month with the new design. The new bid was given to the BOE with a total cost of \$59,631.30. The BOE expressed budget concerns due to COVID-19. BOE decided to put the purchase of the band uniforms as an action item to vote on in July when they might have a better idea of what next year's budget will look like.
- **Chromebook purchases-** Dr. Kern spoke to the BOE about the need to possibly purchase more Chromebooks than usual this year due to all students having to take them home for continuous learning. The district keeps Chromebooks on a 5 yr cycle, typically purchasing 300 new each year. At this point, the district has 30 broken Chromebooks that have been turned in. However, students will be checking Chromebooks back into the district on May 22nd and there will be a better idea of how many extra, if any, the district will need

to purchase. The quote for 300 Chromebooks was approximately \$87,000 last year.

- **Food Service Renewal-** Wendy Goodrum, Director of Finance, spoke about the yearly renewal of the district's OPAA contract. There was a 3% increase in this year's contract. It's a 5 yr contract but is renewed yearly, and the district is in their last year before the rebidding process. The recommendation was to renew with OPAA for one more year.
- **Food Service Representative-** A recommendation was brought to the BOE to eliminate the food service representative position (previously has been a supplemental position in the district) and divide the duties of this position amongst people in the district. The BOE discussed what duties this position entails and who has held this position in the past.
- **Competitive Bidding Guidelines-** State statute requires a bid process and BOE approval for purchases of \$20,000 or more for districts. BOE members discussed lowering this amount to \$10,000. After discussion the consensus was the BOE asked for more communication from the district on purchases of \$10,000 or more but to keep the original process of bidding and approving purchases at \$20,000 or over and revisit the subject later if needed.
- **Personalized Learning-** The BOE discussed the Summit Learning platform at length. The recommendation was to form a committee with teachers, administrators and BOE members to explore personalized learning and compare Summit to other curriculums. This committee would then give an official recommendation for curriculum at WHS to begin in August 2021. This would allow time to get teacher, student and stakeholder input and buy in as well as budget and train teachers if new curriculum needed to be purchased. A consensus could not be reached on the recommendation and an official motion was presented and seconded to stop using Summit Learning as the curriculum at WHS beginning in July 2020. Motion Passed 4-3.

Action Items: There were no action items

Administrative Reports: Administrators submitted their reports to the BOE via board packets. There were no administrators present due to social distancing guidelines. There was no discussion regarding administrative reports.

Executive Session: BOE went into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss personnel matters for non-elected personnel

Consent Agenda:

- Approve the minutes of the April 2020 regular BOE meeting

- Approve Payroll and Bills:
 - Bill: \$594,143.38
 - Payroll: \$1,038,300.53
 - Transfers: At risk- \$200,000 Vocations: \$50,000

- Approve New Personnel:
 - Kayla Love: 1st Grade Teacher, Washington
 - Brittany Valentine: Art Teacher, WMS
 - Erik Dobbins: HS Assistant Football Coach & Elementary PE Teacher (Lincoln & Washington)
 - Jordan McDowell: Social Worker, Eisenhower
 - Zach Cooper: HS Assistant Football, HS Assistant Wrestling, HS Assistant Baseball, WHS Science Teacher
 - Allen Hisken: WHS Flags Sponsor
 - Ashley Collins: MS Assistant Girls Tennis
 - Audrey Gill: HS Head Volleyball
 - Ryan Swiggert: Special Education Teacher, Washington
 - Shanel Angel: Head MS Volleyball Coach
 - Todd Larkey: HS Assistant Debate & Forensics

- Approve Resignations:
 - Kimberly Harriger: 2nd Grade Teacher, Eisenhower
 - Kevin Hays: School Psychologist
 - Morgan Murray: Social Worker, Eisenhower
 - Christopher Stearns: Custodian, Lincoln
 - Devin Metzinger: HS Math Teacher & Assistant HS Football Coach
 - Tina Lopez: Special Education Teacher, WMS
 - Cody Miller: HS Assistant Powerlifting & Baseball
 - Trista Farley: Food Service Authorized Representative
 - Nicholle Blake: MS Yearbook
 - Mitch Day: Elementary PE Teacher

- Staff Transfers
 - Amy Jenkins: 3rd Grade at Eisenhower to 2nd Grade at Eisenhower