



Board of Education Meeting Summary April 12th * 6pm * Eisenhower Elementary

Below you will find highlights from the April 12th, 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 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.

Discussion Items:

- **Eisenhower Presentation**

Eisenhower Principal Cherity Elder updated the BOE on all the happenings at Eisenhower Elementary. She began by recognizing the staff at Eisenhower and talked about the true family atmosphere at their school. She invited the Eisenhower staff in attendance to introduce themselves. A video was shown that portrayed a typical day in the life of an Eisenhower student. Mrs. Elder and the staff answered questions from the BOE as well as spoke about their character education program and the upcoming color run.

- **Communication Matrix**

Mr. Hatfield presented the BOE with a draft of a district Communication Matrix for discussion. The matrix would be used as a guide to assist employees and patrons regarding who to contact with questions or concerns.

- **Restructuring Discussion**

Mr. Hatfield provided the BOE with an update on the district's ongoing restructuring discussions. Last month, the BOE was presented with and approved class size data that was gathered with input from district staff and Site Councils. The BOE was presented with a breakdown of the number of current teachers in the district. Mr. Hatfield reported that the next steps will be to put together a comprehensive plan over the summer with various restructuring options that includes all stakeholder feedback.

- **ESSER Stimulus Grant/Summer School**

Mr. Hatfield updated the BOE on plans for Summer School in 2021 using the Federal Stimulus money. The district has set dates, times and locations for the Summer Learning Program. Details have been posted on the USD 353 website. Official enrollment for students will open this week.

- **COVID Update**

Mr. Hatfield updated the BOE on revisions to COVID protocols and the Mode of Operation document. He reported the medical panel recommended students continue to wear masks for the remainder of the school year. There was also an update on quarantine protocol. Students who are quarantined are allowed to test out of quarantine after 7 days as long as they remain symptom free. Students would be required to take a PCR test (not rapid) on Quarantine Day 5 and then leave Quarantine on Day 7 with a negative test result provided to the district. Families would be required to seek out a PCR test if they wanted to do this option. The Mode of Operation document has been updated to reflect these changes. He thanked the BOE for their support in the ever changing COVID environment. He also reported that, as of currently, there have been no more quarantines after the initial occurrences the first week back from Spring Break. Additionally, there have been no quarantines at Wellington Middle School or any Elementary Schools.

- **Carpet Bids**

The district is interested in replacing carpet at Kennedy and Eisenhower this summer as part of the ongoing Facilities Plan goals. Bid numbers for the project were presented to the BOE for discussion. The BOE discussed the various bids and asked for more clarification due to a discrepancy in pricing. Mr. Hatfield will get clarification and report back to the BOE.

Administrative Reports

Dr. Hood was asked to give a brief update on the plans for WHS prom

Executive Session:

A motion was made and seconded to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 30 minutes.

Motion passed 7-0

A second motion was made and seconded, once BOE returned to open session, to extend the executive session for 15 minutes.

Motion passed 7-0

A third motion was made and seconded to go into a second executive session for 15 minutes to discuss legal matters.

Motion passed 7-0

Consent Agenda:

- Approve the Minutes of the March 8th Meeting
- Approve Payroll and Bills
 - Payroll: \$1,112,146.01
 - Bills: \$414,172.13
 - Transfers: At-Risk: \$200,000
 - Vocational: \$50,000
- Personnel
 - Approve New Hires
 - Elizabeth Clark- Para- Lincoln
 - Christine Cox- Flag/Winter Guard- WHS
 - Micheala Adkins-Washington- Accompanist-WMS/WHHS
 - Lauren Reyes- Head Cheer Coach- WHS
 - Pam Kendrick- Assistant Cheer Coach- WHS
 - Approve Resignations
 - Kelsi Hinshaw- Registrar/Assistant to AD
 - Approve Change of Position
 - Gavin Pickering- SPED to Kindergarten teacher- Kennedy

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

Motion passed 7-0

- **Board Member Comments**

BOE commented on the following:

- Conditions of the restrooms at the track
- Inquiring if BOE members are given teacher and coach evaluations
- Inquiring on adult bullying policies in the district
- Inquiring if district could go to paper tickets for home games
- Inquiring about WHS graduation plans