



## **Board of Education Meeting Summary February 8th \* 6pm \* Washington Elementary**

Below you will find highlights from the February 8th, 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](http://USD353.com) under the Board of Education tab.

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### **Discussion Items:**

- **Washington Presentation**

Washington Principal Ann Shinliver updated the BOE on all of the happenings at Washington Elementary. She began her presentation by acknowledging that even through the difficulties, especially this year, Washington students and staff work on finding things to celebrate each day. She showed a video that highlighted students in the classroom celebrating accomplishments. The video highlighted MTSS, STEAM, reading, project based learning, Washington family game night kits and more. She thanked her teachers, staff, students and families for making Washington a great place to work and learn. She closed by mentioning Washington student's MTSS testing results and reported that 96.8% of students showed improvement in reading and math.

- **Policy Updates**

The December 2020 policy updates have been released by KASB and reviewed by the policy committee. The updates were available for discussion/questions and possible approval. There was a brief discussion on where and how the policy updates were posted on the website.

*A motion was made and seconded to approve the policy updates as presented*

*Motion passed 7-0*

- **ESSER Stimulus Grant**

The district will be receiving a third round of Federal Stimulus money. The money can be used through 2023 Mr. Hatfield updated the BOE on early plans for its use. These plans could include summer and/or after school offerings for K-12 students to close any skill gaps lost during the COVID-10 pandemic and building improvements. The BOE will be updated as the planning process continues.

- **Food Service Waiver**

Mr. Hatfield reported that this school year is the final year of the district's five year contract with OPAA to provide food service for the district. Recently districts were offered a COVID Waiver to extend food service contracts an additional year. The Food Service Committee met and decided that it is the best interest of the district to extend our current contract a year. The BOE agreed with the committee recommendation.

*A motion was made and seconded to accept the waiver and continue with OPAA for another year.*

*Motion passed 7-0*

- **Chromebooks**

The district's annual order of Chromebooks was initially discussed. The district purchases replacement Chromebooks each year to recycle out the old models as part of the 1:1 initiative. The district is in the middle of the bidding process. The bids will be presented to the BOE for approval once the process is complete.

- **21-22 USD 353 Calendar**

Mr. Hatfield informed the BOE that the USD 353 calendar committee has met and drafted the 21-22 calendar for discussion. The committee is still working on updates. The calendar will be presented to the BOE for approval once it is finalized.

- **Restructuring Discussion**

Mr. Hatfield presented information that has been gathered over the last month with district staff and Site Councils regarding district class size numbers. This is an ongoing discussion regarding the structure of the district changing due to student population changes over many years. Over the last month, Principals met with their staff's and Site Councils to discuss class size numbers. The discussions revolved around both what class sizes teachers felt were most successful along with building Site Council's view on class size numbers. The BOE was informed of the outcomes and findings of these discussions. The BOE requested that a communication be released publicly with

these outcomes before they take action. The district will release communication on this in the near future.

#### **Action Items:**

- **Financial Strategies**

Dustin Avey from Piper-Sandler presented in both the November and January BOE meetings regarding their services, and specifically about refinancing district bonds as a money saving strategy for the district. A resolution was presented to the BOE to approve to begin work with Piper-Sandler on future financial strategies for the district, and to allow them to begin the Bond Refinancing process.

*A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution to work with Piper-Sandler and begin the bond refinancing process.*

*Motion passed 7-0*

- **Facilities Plan**

The BOE continued discussion on creating a district facilities plan. They have been presented with facility options from DCS Services and Energy Solutions Professionals over the last few months. The BOE discussed what each company offers and what best meets the district's needs. DCS Services is a company that assesses facilities and helps make a prioritized list of projects, including cost, and a plan to complete these projects. This could include improvements, repairs and any new projects. They would also assist with the bidding process as well, once a project was approved to begin. ESP is a company that evaluates district facilities and assesses where energy saving measures can be implemented in order to save money.

The majority ultimately decided DCS was the best fit, but discussed the option of asking Energy Solutions Professionals to do an audit of WHS only to see if there could be some options for energy cost savings. Mr. Hatfield will research this and report back to the BOE.

*A motion was made and seconded to approve the bid from DCS to start a facilities plan.*

*Motion passed 6-1*

#### **Administrative Reports**

**Executive Session:**

*A motion was made and seconded to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 20 minutes.*

*Motion passed 7-0.*

**Consent Agenda:**

- Approve the Minutes of the Jan. 11th Meeting
  
- Approve Payroll and Bills
  - Payroll: \$1,082,749.37
  - Bills: \$564,872.58
  - Transfers: At-Risk \$200,000
    - Vocational-\$50,000
    - PD- \$50,000
    - Bilingual- \$20,000
  
- Personnel
  - Approve New Hires
    - Diamond Norwood- Para-Washington
    - Chase Pfalzgraf-Para-Washington
    - Jazmin Segovia- Para- WMS
    - Kristina Williams- Para- Kennedy
  
  - Approve Resignations
    - Kellie Cornwell- Kindergarten Teacher- Kennedy
    - Patti Zeka- At Risk Aide- Washington
  
  - Approve Transfers
    - Andrea Baker- Para- Kennedy to Eisenhower
  
  - Approve Change of Status
    - Patrick Mitchell- WHS custodian to maintenance

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

*Motion passed 7-0*