



Leaders of Innovative Future-Focused Real World Learning

Board of Education Meeting Summary June 8th, 2020 * 7pm* WHS

Below you will find highlights from the June 8th, 2020 Board of Education Meeting. The complete agenda can be found at USD 353.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.

Recognitions/Presentations: There were no recognitions or presentations

Discussion Items:

- **WHS Curriculum-** Dr. Jen Kern gave an update on the process of choosing new curriculum for the High School. She has been meeting with High School teacher committees by subject and they are working together to research and choose curriculum. Below is a brief synopsis of each committees progress:

ELA- The ELA committee has been researching StudySync. StudySync is the new ELA curriculum adopted by WMS. The committee seems pleased with it. Dr. Kern emphasized that it would be beneficial to adopt this curriculum for a few reasons:

- 1.) It would be continuity between middle school and high school, allowing for a smooth transition and the ability to track growth for students.
- 2.) Interventionists could work together to utilize tools
- 3.) Teachers from middle school and high school could utilize the same professional development
- 4.) If districts spend over \$100,000 with StudySync (which we would if we implemented it at WMS and WHS) they allow the payment to be split into two fiscal years.

The approximate cost for StudySync for 4 grade levels would be \$71,810.00.

Math- The Math committee has been researching Eureka math, which is the math curriculum that is being utilized in K-8 in the district. They are also interested in reviewing Illustrative Math, which is similar and rated higher in

EdReports. However, we are in the process of hiring new math teachers right now. Therefore, Dr. Kern is putting new math curriculum on hold, in order to give the new teachers time to input and research what they want to teach. In the meantime, she is working on options for this school year.

Science- The Science committee is interested in AMTA. This resource is a rich science curriculum that includes STEAM projects. The curriculum requires 45 hours of training in the summer, which is something our science teachers are interested in for Chemistry and Physics. The membership gets the teachers access to all materials and is \$20 right now as opposed to the normal \$75 each teacher. We would get all four science teachers this membership. The training cost is \$750 per teacher. We would also pay the teachers \$19.00/hr for the 45 hours of summer training. It is usually in Hays but will be held online this summer. This will actually save money on hotels and food in comparison to the regular training.

Biology is interested in Storyline. This is also aligned to NGSS standards.

Social Studies- The social studies committee is interested in updating their current textbooks. The social studies curriculum is from 2007 but they have done some work to fill the gaps. The updated textbooks have an online component along with it. We are waiting for a quote for that.

Regular updates will be given as the committees continue to meet and more decisions are made.

Action Items:

Middle School ELA Curriculum- Last month the BOE was presented with options for new WMS ELA curriculum. Dr. Kern, Shanel Angel, and Marla Stark, all part of the curriculum committee, presented the committee's findings and recommendations. StudySync was the curriculum recommended to purchase by the committee. The curriculum presented will cost \$58,968.00 out of the Textbook fund. A motion was made and seconded to purchase this curriculum. Motion passed 5-0.

Food Service Renewal- Last month the BOE was presented with information regarding renewing our current 2020-21 contract with OPAA. This is the last year of our current contract with OPAA. This is an annual renewal. A motion was made and seconded to approve OPAA as the district's food service provider for one more year. Motion passed 5-0.

Food Service Representative- Last month the BOE was presented with information regarding the food service representative position in the district. It was recommended and discussed having Wendy Goodrum as the District's Food Service representative. This will ensure all food service related paperwork, ect. go through the business office. The stipend will be used to hire someone to coordinate the program. A motion was made and seconded for Wendy Goodrum to be the Food Service Representative for the district.

Motion passed 5-0.

Administrative Reports: There were no administrative reports given. Mr. Hatfield did take this time to address health guidelines for graduation and ask the BOE for a planning session on June 22nd to set BOE goals and go over the district's strategic plan.

Executive Session: BOE went into executive session for 55 minutes to discuss personnel matters for non-elected personnel

Consent Agenda:

- Approve the minutes of the May 2020 regular BOE meeting

- Approve Payroll and Bills:
 - Bills: \$469,452.97
 - Payroll: \$1,027,457.91
 - Transfers: Approve all budgetary transfers to end fiscal year according to state budget guidelines

- Approve New Personnel:
 - Hudson Ramirez: Summer Student Tech; WMS
 - Garan Qualls: PE teacher; Kennedy and Lincoln
 - Erin Shore: Special Education Teacher; Lincoln
 - Courtney McDonald: Assistant Cheer Coach; WMS
 - Connor Burnett: Para, Kennedy
 - Allison Rossillon: Social Worker; Eisenhower
 - Allie Dellinger: Speech Language Pathologist; District
 - Alexander Zani: Custodian; Lincoln
 - Eric Page: Scholars Bowl Coach; WMS
 - Kailey Swann: Summer PSQ; WHS
 - Brittanee Knepper: PE teacher; Washington
 - Shelby Metcalf: BOE Clerk
 - CJ Carey: Payroll/HR; District

- Approve Resignations:
 - Caitlin Hendrix: Special Education Teacher and Debate/Forensics Coach; WHS
 - Chad Whaley: Grounds Supervisor
 - Rosemary Klish: Counselor; Kennedy Elementary
 - Holly Cornejo: NHS Sponsor; WHS
 - John Buckendorff: Principal; WHS
 - Marsha Weishaar- Math teacher; WMS
 - Stephanie Frasier: HR/Board Clerk; District
 - Jeff Frazee: Math, WHS

A motion was made and seconded to approve consent agenda. Motion passed 5-0.