



*Leaders of Innovative Future-Focused Real World Learning*

## **Board of Education Meeting Summary April 13th, 202 \* 7pm\* Virtual Meeting**

Below you will find highlights from the April 13th, 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](http://usd353.com) under the Board of Education tab.

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### **Recognitions/Presentations:**

- Eisenhower Principal, Cherity Elder, gave an update on how continuous learning is progressing at Eisenhower Elementary. She also spoke to BOE about the creative ways Eisenhower teachers and staff are keeping students connected and engaged virtually. They are still doing house challenges (the house system is part of the schools character education program. Mrs. Elder will be presenting more on this to the BOE at a later date), are hosting a virtual track meet and will be doing a drive-by color parade in place of their annual color run. She reported that 100% of students have made contact with their teachers since continuous learning began, with 98% checking in with their teachers daily.
- Dr. Jen Kern, assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Technology gave an update on continuous learning through the district. Information and data updates regarding continuous learning will be posted on the USD 353 website. Early data shows promising results on student engagement:
  - WHS- 98% of students are participating in daily Google Meet check-ins with mentors
  - WMS- 86% of students are checking in daily with their mentors and participating in class assignments/ engagement activities
  - Eisenhower Elementary School-98-100% participating in daily teacher check-ins
  - Kennedy Elementary School-84% participating in daily teacher check ins before internet hotspots, now at 99%
  - Lincoln Elementary School-80% participating in daily teacher check ins and about 50% work turned in

- Washington Elementary School-66% of students complete everything but 74% are completing at least half of the work

#### **Discussion Items:**

- WHS and WMS Band Instructor, Allen Hisken, gave an update and answered questions regarding the need for new band uniforms. He stated that the uniforms are over 15 years old and in poor condition and that there were not enough uniforms. Mr. Hisken brought the old uniforms and a sample of the new uniform he is requesting to purchase. Originally, three bids were sent out to price 90 uniforms. One bid was returned with a quote of approximately \$56,000. After some discussion, the original design was tweaked therefore, Mr. Hisken will re-submit the quote with the new design. A final recommendation will be given to the BOE once this quote comes back. Mr. Hisken also reported that the band trip to Washington DC that was scheduled in January of 2020 was cancelled due to travel concerns due to the COVID-19 virus.

#### **Action Items:**

- **Lincoln Elementary Playground:** Last month the BOE was presented with information regarding the third Strategic Plan Playground project at Lincoln Elementary. Three bids were presented to the BOE. The lowest bid was asked to be revised to fit the budget of Lincoln PTA. The recommendation and motion was to approve the revised bid from Fry and Associates for \$127,481. \$100,000 to be paid for by the district out of Capital Outlay, \$27,481 to be paid for by Lincoln PTA. Motion passed 7-0
- **Transportation Contract:** Last month the BOE was presented with information and bids from Durham and First Student for transportation services. We requested that we be able to rebid the pricing to get a more apples to apples comparison. The pricing was rebid and was presented to the BOE at the special March meeting. First Student is the lower bid by less than 1% which equates to approximately \$3000.00 a year. We have a 12 year history with Durham and they have been good partners. They also employ people in our community. The recommendation and motion, instead of a less than 1% savings, was to continue our relationship with Durham for the next 5 years, and keep the employees in our community employed. Motion passed- 7-0

#### **Administrative Reports:**

Mr. Hatfield gave a general administration report. He reiterated how grateful he was for the hard work of USD 353 principals, teachers, staff and community in coming together to make our continuous education plan a success.

#### **Executive Session:**

BOE went into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters for non-elected personnel

### **Consent Agenda:**

- Approve the minutes of the March 2020 regular BOE meeting
- Approve Payroll and Bills:
  - Bill: \$748,837.92
  - Payroll: \$1,106,174.42
  - Transfers: At risk- \$200,000 Vocations: \$50,000
  
- Approve New Personnel:
  - Keelie Meredith- 3rd grade teacher, Eisenhower
  - Kendra Statton: Speech Language Pathologist
  - Jessica Reyes: MS Head Cheer Coach
  
- Approve Resignations:
  - Megan Curl- 2nd grade teacher, Washington
  - Lauren Weyrauch- Art Teacher, WMS
  - Kellyn Holt- HS Assistant Volleyball (9th grade)
  - Misty Jacobson- Para Educator, Kennedy (at the conclusion of the school year)
  - Rieley Franklin- Para Educator, Kennedy
  - Matthew McComb- Para Educator -Pathways
  - Shanna Fairbanks- MS Girls Tennis, MS Scholars Bowl, MS Reading Interventionist
  - Daniel Scislowski- Math Teacher, WHS