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## **Board of Education Meeting Summary May 10th \* 6pm \* Central Office**

Below you will find highlights from the May 10th, 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. \*\*Please note a BOE member had to leave this meeting early therefore leaving a discrepancy in the voting numbers regarding motions.

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### **Discussion Items:**

- **Athletics/Activities Presentation**

District Athletic/Activities Director, Luke Smith, gave an update on USD 353 athletics and activities. He spoke regarding his goal of getting every single student involved in some type of sport or activity during their 6 years at WMS and WHS, and the benefits to students to participate in athletics and activities.

Mr Smith reported on the successes of this year, including the free live streaming at the football field and WHS gym. This year, due to fan restrictions because of the COVID-19 pandemic, it was particularly important to have streaming options for Crusader athletics and activities. He thanked the sponsors and the district for making the free live streaming possible. He also mentioned the incredible job Ryan Jenkins and his student crew did broadcasting and calling games on Crusader Radio. He showed some clips of the Crusader Radio team broadcasts from WMS and WHS games. He reported that our district was fortunate only to have lost a couple of weeks of basketball games due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He spoke on the successes of the WMS sports teams, reporting that at the time, WMS had won 9 league championships.

He gave an update on the digital ticketing system, Ticket Spicket, that the district piloted for spring athletics. He acknowledged that there were mixed reviews regarding the system and they will work to address the issues. He reiterated the positives being the instant access to reports, such as total revenue, attendance numbers, etc. and less administrative work in preparing for games. He stated that if digital ticketing was

something the entire league voted to go with, it was important we pilot it in the spring before fall sports. Mr. Smith will be meeting with the league in the next few weeks regarding future plans for digital ticketing in the league.

- **USD 353 Operations Presentation/Update**

Kelly Adams, Director of Operations, gave an update on his programs for the year. He spoke about the District's Latchkey program. There were 50 students enrolled in the Latchkey program this year. They were only able to offer Latchkey during the second semester due to Covid. Additionally, he gave an update on the district's summer learning program. Currently, there are 110 Elementary students, 35 WMS students and 25 WHS students enrolled. The administration for the program will be Kris Hagans and Gillian Macias for Elementary, and Jason Halling, Stephanie Smith, and Luke Smith for WMS and WHS. The district is still in the process of hiring teachers. Applications closed last week. He also updated the BOE on the district's food service program. Mr. Adams reported that free meals for all students will continue through the 2021-22 school year and for summer school. His final update was on maintenance and grounds operations. He reported that DCS did a facility assessment at WHS and will have blueprints and a report ready for this summer. He reported current projects in the works were as follows:

- Carpet will be installed at Eisenhower Kennedy. Next on the list on carpet replacement next year will be WHS and WMS.

- The district is waiting on ESP to complete the energy audit at WHS. They estimate being done by the end of May.

- Kennedy's new playground is scheduled to be delivered and installation to begin on May 21st

- **Virtual Learning Update**

Dr. Kern updated the BOE on the latest on the district's Virtual Learning Program. There are three students currently enrolled in the district's new virtual school for the 21-22 school year. Dr. Kern stated that the district is excited to launch the virtual school with these three students and she will continue to provide updates to the BOE as the year progresses.

- **Carpet Bids**

Last month the BOE requested additional information on the first round of carpet bids. The district is interested in replacing carpet at Kennedy and Eisenhower this summer. New bid numbers were presented to the BOE for discussion. The bids were as follows:  
Gastons: \$146,000

Harry St. Carpet: \$164,363.70

Star Lumber: \$166,308.43

*A motion was made and seconded to accept the carpet bid from Gaston's for \$146,000*

*Motion passed 7-0*

- **Furniture**

The district is interested in purchasing new furniture for WMS due to the age and condition of the current furniture. Dr. Kern, with teacher input, presented to the BOE a plan, along with blueprints of new furniture ideas of WMS classrooms. The furniture that is flexible, functional and coordinating and conducive to student learning. Dr. Kern stated the initial plan is to replace the 6th grade pod classrooms first. More details and official bids will be presented to the BOE as plans progress.

- **Interactive Projectors**

Dr. Kern reported that the district technology staff needed to replace old Interactive Projectors in the district. She stated quite a few of them were on their last legs at many schools. Bids for new Interactive Projectors were placed in the BOE packets for review. They were as follows:

CDW: \$49,445.00

SHI: \$50,647.80

TROX: \$49,632.55

Twotrees: \$61,883.75

*A motion was made and seconded to approve the CDW quote for \$49,445.00.*

*Motion passed 7-0.*

## **Action Items**

- **Communication Matrix**

Mr. Hatfield presented the BOE with a draft of a district Communication Matrix at the April BOE meeting for discussion. The matrix would be used as a guide to assist employees and patrons regarding who to contact with questions or concerns. The matrix was presented for approval. The BOE reiterated that this was a recommended guide for patrons to follow. The matrix will be posted on the USD 353 website.

*A motion was made and seconded to approve the Communication Matrix.*

*Motion passed 6-0.*

## **Administrative Reports**

**Executive Session:**

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

*Motion passed 6-0*

**Consent Agenda:**

- Approve the Minutes of the April 12th Meeting
  
- Approve Payroll and Bills
  - Payroll: \$1,070,322.59
  - Bills: \$310,882.31
  - Transfers: Vocational: \$50,000
  
- Personnel
  - Approve New Hires
    - Tiffany Jones- Special Education Teacher- Kennedy
    - Colton Russell- Para- WMS
    - Stephanie Hopper- Registrar/Assistant to the AD- WHS
  
  - Approve Resignations
    - Jessica Coldwell- Music Teacher- Kennedy and Lincoln
    - Zach Cooper- Physics Teacher, HS Assistant Football Coach, HS Assistant Wrestling Coach, and HS Assistant Baseball Coach
    - Bob and Michelle Brown- Drama- WHS
  
  - Approve Change of Position
    - Melissa Russell- Para - Safe Haven to Lincoln

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

*Motion passed 6-0*

- **Board Member Comments**
  - No BOE member comments