



Leaders of Innovative Future-Focused Real World Learning

Board of Education Meeting Summary June 14th * 6pm * Central Office

Below you will find highlights from the June 14th, 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. **Please note a BOE member was absent.

Discussion Items:

- **Department of Energy Proposal**

Laura Lombardi, President of PlaNet Productions, Inc. was present to discuss a Department of Energy grant possibility with the BOE. Sumner County was awarded a 1.4 million dollar grant to test the use of ceiling tiles in hopes of reducing the cost of cooling, heating and electricity. Four buildings in Wellington have been chosen for the study so far with the possibility of a USD 353 district building being chosen as well. This is no cost to the district and there is no alteration of buildings during or after the install.

- **Band Uniforms**

Mr. Hisken, WHS and WMS band director, was in attendance to showcase the new band uniforms. He brought three WHS band students to model the new uniform, and demonstrate to the BOE the variety of looks that the uniforms allow the band. He also demonstrated the new band polos and newly created band logo. The students will wear these for hot weather and concert band.

Mr. Hisken gave a report on the state of the band at WMS and WHS. He reported that there has been growth in both the WMS and WHS band numbers. He reported on his recruitment efforts at the Elementary schools to grow the band. His goal is to recruit 16 fifth graders. He spoke about upcoming travel, goals, and fundraisers the band has planned for the upcoming school year. In conclusion, he reported the future is bright for the district's band program.

- **District Handbooks**

The 21-22 district handbooks were presented for discussion before approval in July. The district crisis, elementary, middle, and high school handbooks were all included. The BOE had no questions at the time. Mr. Hatfield commented that he would be willing to answer any questions in the meantime before approval in July.

- **At Large BOE Elections**

The BOE discussed the option of altering the current member election process from electing BOE members based on their districts to all at large positions. The BOE discussed the pros and cons of moving to all at large positions. Some BOE members felt that this would be an opportunity to get more people involved and to run for the BOE. The BOE asked Mr. Hatfield to bring more information and details on how to officially implement this. If the BOE was to vote in favor of this it would be for the 2023 election year.

Action Items

- **Food Service Addendum**

The BOE was presented with an amended Food Service Addendum for next year's food service contract for approval. The State amended the addendum that was approved at a previous BOE meeting and requested re-approval from the BOE. This was due to the percentage that OPAA had put on the previous addendum not matching with the State's minimum increase requirements.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended addendum.

Motion passed 6-0.

- **Bond Resolution**

Piper and Sandler continue to refinance the district's bonds as approved by the BOE. The latest bond resolution was presented to the BOE for approval.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the bond resolution.

Motion passed 6-0.

- **WMS Furniture**

Last month, Dr. Kern presented to the BOE with information and proposals regarding the purchase of new furniture for WMS. Mr. Hatfield stated that some additional information had come in late from vendors and requested they table any action on the new furniture until the July meeting.

Administrative Reports

Executive Session:

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

Motion passed 6-0.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Consent Agenda:

- Approve the Minutes of the May 10th Meeting

- Approve Payroll and Bills
 - Payroll: \$1,236,743.80
 - Bills: \$796,722.39
 - Transfers: Approve all budgetary transfers to end fiscal year according to state budget guidelines

- Personnel
 - Approve New Hires
 - Kelly Nance- Counselor- WHS
 - Shannon Smith- Music Teacher- Kennedy and Lincoln
 - Hannah Shuck-Lawlis- PE Teacher- Kennedy and Lincoln

Approve Resignations

-CJ Carey- Human Resources/Payroll Manager
-Barbara Morgan- SPED- Eisenhower
-Micha Rogers- Assistant Basketball Coach-WMS
-Kellyn Balensiefer- Assistant Softball Coach-WHS
-Sam Amburgey- Counselor- WMS
-Mark Caudillo- PE Teacher- Kennedy and Lincoln
-Traci Ross- 1st Grade Teacher-Kennedy
-Alecia Omo- 5th Grade Teacher- Eisenhower

Approve Transfer

-Samantha Brown- Counselor at WHS to Counselor at WMS

A motion was made and seconded to amend the consent agenda to add the approval of administrators contracts and approve the consent agenda.

Motion passed 5-1.

- **Board Member Comments**

BOE member comments included:

- Inquiry regarding state testing scores
- Informing the BOE about the Lions Club scholarship winners picnic in the park