



## BOARD BRIEF

The Washington Community High School District #308 Board of Education consists of seven members who are elected by the community to serve a four year term.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Regular Board Meeting**  
May 8 (7:00 PM)

## April 2017 Board Meeting Summary



### Highlights of Reports and Discussion Items

The following items were presented to the board:

**Student Council Report** – Upcoming events include an induction ceremony for new Student Council officers and attending the mid-Illini Student Council meeting.

**Recognitions** – The wrestling team was [recognized by the board](#) for their successful season, which concluded with a first place finish at the 2017 Wrestling Class 2A Dual Team State Final. Coach Bryan Medlin was also recognized by the National Federation of State High School Associations as the [Illinois State Coach of the year](#) in Wrestling. Congratulations to the [team](#) and coaching staff on a great year.

Aleece Thomas and Allie Salrin were [recognized](#) by the board for being named one of the 2017 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards National Medalists by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. Their artwork and achievement will be recognized in New York. We are very proud of their accomplishment.

Herb Knoblauch, athletic director, will be recognized by the Athletic Directors Association as the Class 3A & 4A Division 6 [Athletic Director of the Year](#). This is an outstanding recognition for Herb and the job he has done for Washington High School. Congratulations!

**STEM Challenge Report** – ISU challenged students to develop a prototype product, plan, process, or system that suggests an innovative and “smart” way to manage everyday energy and/or water use. The goal was to develop a plan for schools to reduce energy and water usage through more efficient lighting, turning off computers, and more efficient bathroom facilities. [Learn more](#) about the WCHS STEM Group’s findings and potential savings.

**Department report** – Beth Cassulo presented a [Math Department update](#). Instructor accomplishments included Paige Kilgus becoming a published author with an ISU research team and Dan Ballard becoming Google certified. The Mathletes team participated in the ICTM Math Regional Competition, and students Kaleb Bolliger and Joshua Volmer placed first in Oral Competition - State and will compete in state on Saturday, May 6. The team placed second overall in Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, F/S 8 Person, and Calculator Team. A noteworthy statistic is that 74% of WCHS seniors are taking a fourth year of math, which is up from 68% last year—the state only requires three years. Of those seniors, 59% of are taking advanced math classes. The department has been focused on preparing students for the SAT exam by studying the SAT exam, adjusting curriculum where necessary and using Khan Academy to provide personalized preparation for students. Department strengths include, collaboration among faculty, increasing the pass rate for Algebra 1 from 93% to 96% and offering Math Lab Tier 2 Intervention to keep students on track. Opportunities include offering honors geometry for freshman, adding AP/DC math courses, expanding the calculator loan program and expanding math lab service.

**Finance Report** – Dr. Sander provided a [summary report](#) of the financial status of the district.

### Board Committee Reports

Finance, Insurance, Policy and Curriculum Committees – Did not meet.

[Facilities Committee](#) – The primary focus of the meeting was to review the results of the assessment performed on major systems and components of the school – roof, windows, HVAC, equipment, grounds, etc. The group also discussed the useful life estimated for these systems and components and the cost to repair or replace them in the future. The roof was identified as a top priority. The committee also prepared a preliminary designation of funds document to estimate costs and how funds could be allocated to address needs.

# April 2017 Board Meeting Summary (continued)

## Highlights of Reports and Discussion Items (Cont'd)

**Resignations** – Beth Cassulo will resign as assistant cheerleading coach and Terri Walker will resign as social worker.

**Overnight trip** – The WCHS Chamber Ensemble has been [selected to perform](#) in an invitation-only festival in New York City at Carnegie Hall in 2018. Approval for an overnight trip will be brought to the board at a later date.

**Health/Life Safety Code Report** – Recently, the school was [audited for safety compliance](#). Minor violations were identified and almost all have been corrected, with one resolution coming this summer. WCHS has a large footprint, and the minimal number of violations shows our faculty, staff and maintenance team are committed to safety.



## Highlights of Action Items

The following items were approved:

**Personnel** – The Board of Education approved the following personnel changes that can be found in [Section 9.1](#):

Hiring non-certified personnel: Cory Lyons, Temporary Maintenance Worker and Kelli DeChaney - WTSS Secretary.

Hiring extracurricular personnel: Brooke Langley, Head Girls Swim Coach.

Leave Request: Jamie Martin, Art Teacher.

Retirement Request: Sheila Schumacher.

## Highlights of Action Items (Cont'd)

**Overnight Trip** –The board approved the [overnight band trip](#) to St. Paul, MN and Orlando, FL in 2018.

**Special Meeting to Organize the Board** – The board authorized Dr. Freeman to schedule a date to organize the new board.

**Designation of Fund Balances** – The board members voted to send the designation of fund balances recommendation to the finance committee for further discussion. The designation of funds will be reconsidered at a future board meeting.

---

## Links of interest



[Finance Report](#)



[March approved minutes](#)



[April Board agenda and minutes](#)

---

## Board of Education Members

Brad Butler President <a href="mailto:bbutler@wacohi.net">bbutler@wacohi.net</a> 309.444.7446	Jewel Ward Vice President <a href="mailto:jward@wacohi.net">jward@wacohi.net</a> 309.303.4192	Gloria McNett Secretary <a href="mailto:gmcnett@wacohi.net">gmcnett@wacohi.net</a> 309.444.4181
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Christopher Armstrong <a href="mailto:clarmstrong@wacohi.net">clarmstrong@wacohi.net</a> 309.444.4224	Byron Buck <a href="mailto:bbuck@wacohi.net">bbuck@wacohi.net</a> 309.740.2092	Tim Custis <a href="mailto:tcustis@wacohi.net">tcustis@wacohi.net</a> 309.444.4119	Jennifer Essig <a href="mailto:jdessig@wacohi.net">jdessig@wacohi.net</a> 309.645.3468	Dr. Kyle Freeman FOIA Officer <a href="mailto:kwfreeman@wacohi.net">kwfreeman@wacohi.net</a>	Heather Ford Secretary to the Board <a href="mailto:hjford@wacohi.net">hjford@wacohi.net</a>
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

The information in this document is intended to be a general summary of the board meeting results and does not include all topics discussed. If there is a discrepancy between this summary and the official board meeting materials, the official documents prevail.