



## 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 14 (7:00 PM)

## April 2018 Board Meeting Summary



### Highlights of Reports and Discussion Items

The following items were presented to the board:

**Student Council Report** – Student Council members reported that new officers have been elected, and the induction banquet will be held May 22. The student council members are also planning a teacher appreciation luncheon for late May.

**Visitors and Correspondence** – First Midstate representative David Pistorius presented information about the bond and escrow resolutions.

**Drivers Education Department** – Department Chair, Mark O'Neill, presented information about the [Driver's Education department](#). The department includes five instructors and the services offered include classroom education and behind the wheel. Students have the option to take courses during the school year or summer school. Instructors are certified through the state's Certified Driver's Training Program (CDTP), which enables them to give students their final driving test which will meet state requirements. Over the last two years, the program has provided services to 775 students with 94.6% passing the classroom portion and 94.2% passing behind the wheel. The program also works closely with the community using Uffring Chevrolet to lease Drivers' Education cars annually, and Brecklin's BP for gasoline. Strengths of the program include: trained instructors, low-cost quality drivers education program, comprehensive permit application process at the school for convenience, and a highly attended parents night presentation each semester. The department is considering proposing the addition of an evening driver's education course to provide services to students in the community that attend private school.

**Financial Report** – The district continues to have a strong financial standing. [The April Financial Snapshot](#) shows that the district is operating within the parameters of the budget. The Illinois State Board of Education released tier funding and WCHS will receive \$113,319.

The Illinois Association of School Administrators, along with other education stakeholders, have advocated for the new tier funding to be released for months and are thrilled for this announcement. Expenses and revenues are on track and insurance expenditures are well below expected levels.

**Board Committee Reports** – The curriculum, finance, insurance and policy committees did not meet.

**Facilities**: The committee discussed design plans provided by Farnsworth and preliminary costs. The construction manager reported the project is still on schedule. Additional drawings will be available soon. Finance: The committee will be meeting soon.

**Resignations** – The following staff submitted a resignation: Jamie Martin and Katie Smith; Art Teachers and Amanda Lemm; Sophomore Exec Board Sponsor (will remain as a science teacher).

**Other** – Board member, Bonnie Nofsinger, attended the Illinois State Board of Education meeting and recently and shared information with the board about a case involving improper social media usage. She took the opportunity to encourage students to make good choices with social media because improper actions can have negative long term repercussions.



### Highlights of Action Items

The following items were approved:

**Lacrosse** – The board reviewed [information presented](#) about adding lacrosse as an IHSA registered sport at WCHS for the 2018-2019 school year. The information presented included start-up costs, annual costs, and potential area opponents. The board had additional questions that will be addressed and the action item will be placed on the agenda for the May 14 board meeting.

# April 2018 Board Meeting Summary (continued)



## Highlights of Action Items (cont.)

The following items were approved:

**Personnel** – The Board of Education approved the following personnel changes:

**Certified Personnel:** The board approved the employment of Sarah Weigel, English Teacher; Erin Cealey, Special Education Teacher; and Dan March, Social Studies Teacher for the 2018-19 school year.

**Non-Certified Personnel:** The board approved an additional 6 months of employment for Cory Lyons, Skilled Maintenance Worker.

**Extracurricular:** The board approved the employment of Haley Reneau as an Assistant Volleyball coach for the 2018-19 school year.

**Department Chairs:** The board approved the employment of Lisa England as the science department chair for the 2018-19 school year a

**Retirement:** The board approved Nancy Quinn's intent to retire at the end of the 2018-19 school year as indicated in her letter.

**Bonds and Escrow** – The board approved the following motions: resolution providing for the [issue of Taxable General Obligation School bonds](#) as recommended and the resolution authorizing and directing the [execution of an Escrow Agreement](#) in connection with the issue of Taxable General Obligation Limited Refunding School Bonds, Series 2018A, of the District as recommended.

**Engineering Firm** – The board approved the [contract](#) with Midwest Engineering Professionals, Inc. for engineering services.

**Press Plus Policy** – The board approved the second reading and adopted the July 2017 Press Plus Issue 95 policies and administrative procedures and district policies 5:330, 6:300 and 6:310 as recommended. Changes of interest include new availability of PE waivers for **sophomores**.

**JFL** – The board approved the [JFL usage agreement](#) as presented for the 2017-18 school year.

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## Links of interest



[Finance Report](#)



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