



## 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**  
September 11 (7:00 PM)

## August 2017 Board Meeting Summary



### Highlights of Reports and Discussion Items

The following items were presented to the board:

**Summer School Report** – The [summer school program](#) provided instruction for 219 students, and 98% of students successfully completed their course.

**New Teacher Orientation** – The district welcomes 18 newly hired teachers and staff. Teachers will have the opportunity to continue their [orientation](#) throughout the school year as they learn concepts from the 'Teach Like a Champion' professional development series. We are pleased to welcome everyone to the WCHS family.

**Teacher Institute** – Opening remarks were made by the board of education president and the superintendent. The [schedule](#) included mandatory training, professional development discussion and departmental meetings. The day was productive and equipped the faculty to start the new school year.

**Substitute Teacher Workshop** – Every other year, the school hosts a [substitute teacher workshop](#). Interested candidates learn about the requirements for substitute teaching, school procedures, hours, and rate of pay. Approximately 20 people attended the workshop, but we are always looking for qualified substitutes.

**Financial** – A current financial report is not available due to the uncertainty of state funding. The [June report](#) was carried forward using information received last year at this time.

**Summer Maintenance** – The summer maintenance staff and student helpers did a fantastic job completing projects listed in the [summer work list](#). Changes were made to facilities to adjust for growing enrollment and "put the right space in the right place." Project examples include: Moving intervention resources and the library together to combine resources and create synergies between the groups, moving the sensory room, installing a new roof on the maintenance shed, and resurfacing the Wilmor parking lot.

**Board Committee Reports** – Curriculum, Finance and Insurance Committees did not meet.

**Facilities Committee:** Highlights from the meeting include the recommendation that the Board send out a Request For Qualification (RFQ) for architectural services and a separate RFQ for engineering services. The committee also discussed the band room and bleachers as potential future projects.

**Policy Committee:** Reviewed coaches' code of ethics and recommended additions, received coaches' handbook and discussed procedures for formal complaints, discussed extra expectations for athletes returning from code of conduct violations/consequences, and discussed coaching culture.

**Resignations** – The following resignations were presented: Lance Aarestad, Part-Time Special Events Custodian; Cay Ernst, Head Girls' Tennis Coach; Bryan Medlin, Math Teacher; and Ewelina Budziak, Special Education Aide.

**Graduation** – The date for graduation will be Sunday, May 20, 2018.



### 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 8.1](#) of the August Board Book.

**Certified employment:** The board approved employment for Chris Metz, Math Teacher; Darleen Pegg - Long-Term Sub Art; and Emily Becker, ELL Tutor.

**Non-certified employment:** The board approved employment for Megan Brent, Part-Time Student Supervisor; Keri Lopez, Secretary (Township Special Education); and Christy Shelmadine, Special Education Aide.

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## Highlights of Action Items (continued)

The following items were approved:

**Extra-curricular Personnel:** The board approved the employment of Dave Krostal - Head Girls' Tennis Coach; Katie Tollakson, Asst. Girls' Swim/Dive Coach; and Curt Whisker - Asst. Robotics Coach.

**Leave of Absence:** The board approved a leave of absence for Jamie Martin, Art Teacher.

**Retirement:** The board approved the intent to retire request for Rebecca Liescheidt. Retirement would occur no later than three years from now.

**Student Handbook Changes** – [Student handbook changes](#) regarding increased discipline and the Panther Pride Card Program were approved.

**Coach's Code of Ethics** – The [Coach's Code of Ethics](#) was reviewed, and the responsibilities regarding the interaction between coaches and players were further defined. The updated code, approved by the WEA, was presented to coaches and accepted as the parameters going forward.

**Parent Community Advisory Council** – [Meeting dates](#) for PCAC have been approved for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Architectural and Engineering Services** – In response to a suggestion from the Facilities Committee, the board approved moving forward with an RFQ for architectural and engineering services.

**District Board Goals** – Updated board goals for the 2017-2018 school year were approved and can be found in [section 8.7](#) of the August Board Book.

**Disposition of District Property** – The [sale of district property](#) was approved by the board. Items such as library tables, AV carts and a card catalog will be available for purchase through August 23, 2017.

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## Links of interest



[Finance Report](#)



[July Approved Minutes](#)



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