



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

Monday, March 11, 2019 (7:00 PM)

February 2019 Board Meeting Summary



Highlights of Reports and Discussion Items

The following items were presented to the board:

Student Council – The theme for the Vice Versa dance will be ‘decades’ and will be held March 16.

Department Report – Bliss Muniz presented an update about the [Foreign Language Department](#). WCHS offers French and Spanish, and the department is comprised of six teachers. Many students are pursuing foreign language in college as minors or concentrations of study, and most students in Spanish 4 honors are receiving university credit by taking the CLEP test. The department successfully implemented the Comprehensible Input Method five years ago and will be sharing their best practices with area educators soon. Students have additional opportunities to learn about the language and culture through trips abroad and field trips. This year, Spanish Club adopted a family for Christmas from Salvation Army, and the department is working on a community outreach project to align with a novel covered in first year Spanish and French.

Financial Report – The district continues to have a strong financial standing. An overview is available in the [February financial report](#). Note: The CDs rolled into a cash management account in January have already yielded approximately \$1,500 in interest.

Board Committee Reports – The board committee meetings scheduled since the last Board of Education meeting were cancelled due to inclement weather. Committees will reschedule before March 11.

Resignations – Kimberly Wright, Administrative Assistant to the Principal; Katie Ortiz - Mathletes Coach.

Board Goals – The board goals meeting scheduled for January 28, 2019 was cancelled due to inclement weather and will be rescheduled for March 4, 2019.

School Calendar – A draft school calendar is currently under review. Due to changes in state legislation that defines a school day, the finalized calendar has been delayed. Tentatively, the first day for students will be August 13, 2019 and the last day will be May 21, 2020. The calendar should be finalized for a vote at the March board meeting.



Highlights of Action Items

The following items were approved:

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

Certified Personnel: The board approved Mark O’Neill as a long-term substitute physical education teacher for a member’s leave of absence.

Non-Certified Personnel: The board approved the employment of Aaron Ross as Head Cook for the 2018-19 school year.

Extracurricular Personnel: The board approved the employment of April Wenzel as Assistant Boys Tennis Coach and Stephen Spitzer as Assistant Girls Soccer Coach for the 2018-19 school year.

Overnight Field Trips: The board approved the updated memo for overnight field trip requests. Changes include events for baseball, boys tennis, and boys lacrosse.

Physical Education Waivers: The board approved the updated physical education waiver. Language now allows for sophomores in a sport or marching band to elect a study hall in lieu of P.E.

Fuel Storage Tank: The board approved the removal and replacement of the underground storage tank in the amount of \$54,404 with Illinois Oil Marketing Equipment Inc.

Disposition of Property: The board approved the sale of items in the school costume closet, which are no longer needed by the district.

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Links of interest



[Finance Report](#)



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