



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
October 13 (7:00 PM)

September 2020 Board Meeting Summary



Highlights of Reports and Discussion Items

The following items were presented to the board:

Budget Hearing – A presentation was shared about the tentative 2020-2021 budget that was available at the school for public review since August 7, 2020. District #308, in compliance with School Code of Illinois, adopted a balanced budget (within the operating funds) with approval from the board of education. In summary, revenues are \$21,323,993, expenditures are 21,501,766 and contingency is \$500,000. The balanced budget (within the operating funds) was made possible through the hard work of our outstanding board, teachers, staff and administration. [Section 4](#)

Enrollment Report – The enrollment report as of September 8, 2020, includes a total of 1,436 students. Approximately 175 students enrolled in distance learning for the fall semester.

Athletic Directors Report – The athletic director shared an update about fall sports, visiting team expectations, and Mid-Illini spectator guidelines. [Section 6.3](#)

Financial Report – Dr. Sander presented the investment and insurance report, which shows investments of approximately \$7.4M, and insurance costs through July 2020. [Section 6.4](#)

Board Committee Reports – The facilities and finance committees met since the last Board of Education meeting.

Facilities Committee: The facilities committee met and discussed the summer maintenance closeout report, health/life/safety report, facility strategic plan proposal, front of Torry gym repairs, bell restoration and placement, and the new scoreboards at the softball and baseball fields.

Finance Committee: The finance committee discussed the 2021 FY budget, 2020 Levy, and renewing the bus lease for the next three years.

In-Person and Distance Learning Update – Dr. Freeman provided a high level update about how the school year is going with in-person and distance learning. Overall, students and faculty/staff are adjusting to the new schedule and are enjoying being back at school. Each week the district communicates with parents and students the number of students/faculty/staff in self-isolation or quarantine. The numbers reported are a snapshot in time and represent the counts as of Thursday evening each week. There are currently about 175 students in full-time distance learning and any students requesting a move to distance learning must meet one of three criteria listed on the updated form located on the school website. Faculty and staff are continuing to work hard to provide in-person and distance learning instruction for students and are to be commended for their dedication and commitment to education. It is important that everyone continues to work together to keep each other as healthy and safe as possible. Students should not attend school if they are ill or have any of the common COVID-19 symptoms.

Resignation – Joseph Wright, Maintenance Specialist (HVAC)

Europe Trip – The Europe Trip is tentatively postponed to June 13-22, 2022.



Highlights of Action Items

The following items were approved:

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

Non-Certified Employment: The Board of Education approved the employment of Lisa Fish, School Nurse.

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Highlights of Action Items (continued)

The following items were approved:

2020-2021 Budget – The board of education approved the 2020-2021 budget.

Co-Op Student Employment – The board of education approved the employment of co-op students for the 2020-2021 school year. [Section 9.3](#)

Health/Life/Safety Report – The board of education approved the 10-year Health/Life/Safety Report as presented. [Section 9.4](#)

Executive Session – The board of education approved stipends for specific personnel who worked beyond their contracted hours/days to prepare for the opening of school. The additional preparation was a direct result of compliance with requirements issued by the Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Department of Public Health, and the state as it relates to COVID-19.

The board of education approved a memorandum of understanding with the Washington Education Association regarding changes in specific practices resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Links of interest



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