

Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, August 19, 2021

The Washington Community Schools, Inc. Board of School Trustees, met in regular session on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Those present at the Central Office were Superintendent Roach, Assistant Superintendent Frank, Board members, Mr. Armes, Mr. Arthur, Mrs. Bartlett, Mr. Randy Bouchie, Mr. Cornelius, Mr. Frette and Mr. Hedrick.

Mr. Randy Bouchie declared the minutes from the July 15th Executive Session and Regular Board Meeting, and the July 30th Special Board Meeting approved.

Mr. Frette made a motion to approve all claims as presented. Mrs. Bartlett seconded the motion; the vote was 7-0.

Jason Omer submitted a written request prior to the school board meeting and gave a statement during the “Patron Statements” portion of the meeting. He stated his opinion regarding the WCS Covid policies.

Anna Olsen Kroeger submitted a written request prior to the school board meeting and gave a statement during the “Patron Statements” portion of the meeting. She stated her opinion regarding the WCS Covid policies.

Vicki Murello submitted a written request prior to the school board meeting and gave a statement during the “Patron Statements” portion of the meeting. She expressed her support and compassion for everyone faced with the challenges of the pandemic.

Dr. Merle Holsapple gave a statement during the “Patron Statements” portion of the meeting. He spoke regarding Covid and provided the board with information using his medical expertise as a practitioner.

Mrs. Bartlett made a motion on the following personnel items:

Resignations

Myia Bromm- HS Agriculture Teacher

Andrew Ramsey-Elementary Aide

Lisa Ramsey- Elementary Aide

Nicole Andrews-Elementary Aide

Morgan Dillon- Elementary Aide & Sub Teacher for Leave of Absence

Lori Hancock- JH Girls Tennis Coach

Mr. Armes seconded the motion; the vote was 7-0.

Mr. Hedrick made a motion on the following personnel items:

Appointments

Hannah Mehringer- HS Agriculture Teacher- (Est. Start Date:10/25/21)

Stevie Joyce- Elementary Aide

Mary Louis- JH ELL Aide

Mackenzie Showalter-Elementary Aide

ECAs-see attached list*

Mr. Armes seconded the motion; the vote was 7-0.

Mrs. Bartlett made a motion on the following personnel items:

Leaves

Amanda Hagen- Leave of Absence from 10/11/21-11/23/21

Isabella Henderson- Leave of Absence from 10/6/21-11/19/21

Mr. Arthur seconded the motion; the vote was 7-0.

Under Old Business, Mrs. Bartlett made a motion to approve a mask mandate for the WCS buildings for a two-week period starting Monday, 8/23/21. After those two weeks, the mandate will be re-evaluated. Mr. Frette seconded the motion; the vote was 7-0.

Mr. Hedrick made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 WCS calendars. Mr. Frette seconded the motion; the vote was 7-0.

Dr. Roach provided the board with policy updates for a first reading.

Mrs. Bartlett made a motion to approve advertising the Additional Appropriation. Mr. Arthur seconded the motion; the vote was 7-0.

Mr. Frette made a motion to approve the Resolution for Stipends. Mr. Armes seconded the motion; the vote was 7-0.

Mrs. Bartlett made a motion to approve the existing TAG policy. Mr. Arthur seconded the motion; the vote was 7-0.

Mr. Hedrick made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 RISE document. Mr. Armes seconded the motion; the vote was 7-0.

Mr. Frette made a motion to approve the NJROTC Trip Request to Olney, IL on 9/30/21. Mr. Armes seconded the motion; the vote was 7-0.

Mr. Armes made a motion to approve the Career Coach Trip Request to Lawrenceville, IL on 8/24/21. Mr. Hedrick seconded the motion; the vote was 7-0.

Information items were reviewed. The next regular board meeting will be held on September 16th at 7pm.

Mrs. Bartlett made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Arthur seconded the motion; the vote was 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

_____ Pres. _____

_____ V-Pres. _____

_____ Sec'y _____
