WASHINGTON
Community High School District 308

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, January 14, 2019 (7:00 PM)

December 2018 Board Meeting Summary

Highlights of Reports and Discussion Items

The following items were presented to the board:

Student Council – The student body is showing their support for Mrs. Fuller and Coach Brown by raising money for cancer research. Recent fundraisers have raised approximately $4,000. Students and staff are also participating in a student council sponsored spirit week leading up to the holiday assembly.

Financial Report – The district continues to have a strong financial standing. An overview is available in the December financial report.

Enrollment Report – The enrollment report shows that the district currently has 1,383 students enrolled, and the freshman class has 405 students.

Board Committee Reports – The finance and policy committees did not meet.

Insurance: Insurance costs are tracking at expected levels and an overview is available in the December financial report.

Facilities: The committee met with P.J. Hoerr and Farnsworth to discuss ongoing facility projects. The focus of the meeting was bleacher and sidewalk changes along with credits and overages.

Curriculum: The committee discussed new course proposals and curriculum revisions.

Department Report – Department Chair, Tara Fillman, shared an update about the Business/Tech/FCS department. Seven of the nine faculty members have a master's degree, six have a Vocational Co-Op certification, and many attend conferences to remain current in their subject area. A few of the student accomplishments presented include the robotics team entering their fifth season with 57 students, 60 Child Development students will have the chance to earn their ECE Level 1 certification in 2019, and 70 percent of Entrepreneurship & Innovation students passed the college credit exam. The department also promotes community services with students involved in over 10 service activities.

Department Report (cont.) – Department opportunities include adding certifications for students and developing pathways for post high school education. The department is working closely with ICC and other universities to develop course lists that will help students guide students as they transition into their majors at the college level.

District Report Card – The State of Illinois recently launched a new interactive school report card. The site provides information about academic progress, environment, students, teachers, etc.

Resignation – Marlene Armstrong, Head Cook.

Highlights of Action Items

The following items were approved:

Personnel – The board approved a request from Polly Fuller to extend her leave of absence.

Tax Levy – Dr. Sander presented information about the tax levy, including how it works and the timeline of actions taken by the school. The board approved the 2018 tax levy request. More information can be found in section 8.2.

Goal Planning – The board approved a goal planning session scheduled for January 28, 2019, to discuss 2019-2020 board goals.

County Sales Tax – The board approved the resolution directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools for The County of Tazewell, Illinois, to certify to the County Clerk of said County the question of imposing a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax at a rate of 1% to provide revenue to be used exclusively for school facility purposes for submission to the electors of said County at the consolidated election to be held on the 2nd day of April, 2019. Aggregate voting information provided by the county shows that the voters of the City of Washington voted to pass the resolution in the November election.

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Highlights of Action Items (cont.)

The following items were approved:

Courses and Curriculum – The board approved the 2019-2020 new course proposals and curriculum revisions as recommended.

Stadium Bleacher Project – The board approved a change to the bleacher project to improve access. The changes include an additional entry into the bleachers and engineering/design work to provide a sidewalk behind the bleachers.

Links of interest

Finance Report

November Approved Minutes

December Board Agenda

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