

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The following represents the action taken at the October 18, 2021 meeting of the Board of Education which was conducted in the Board Room located within Washington Intermediate School.

SUCCESS STORY

Over the summer the Tech Center redesigned both of the old computer labs at Wilson and Washington Intermediate buildings into Innovation Labs. These two spaces are the first pilots of this type of unique and innovative space in our district. The goal of the redesigned space is to help educators use technology in impactful ways that develop students' 21st-Century learning skills. Twenty-first-Century learning skills involve students using technology to develop communication, collaboration, creativity/innovation, and critical thinking skills that will help them be successful in today's workforce.

Each lab has the following items to help reach our goal:

- Two 3D Printers
- Two Green Screen Video Production areas
- Ten Soundproof Recording Studio Stations
- 15 Spheros (Sphero Edu uses app-enabled robots to foster creativity through discovery and play, all while laying the foundation for computer science through learning standards.)
- 15 iPads
- Newline Digital Display
- Seven Dry-Erase Tables for students to brainstorm and collaborate
- Twenty-eight Makey Makey Inventions Kits
- Subscription of Cospaces Edu (Virtual and Augmented Reality online creation tool)
- Subscription to WeVideo (WeVideo is an online, cloud-based video editing platform that produces podcasts, green screen videos, and much more)

In September, our 4th - 6th-grade teachers received initial professional development on how to use the space with their units of study. Ongoing professional development and support will be provided throughout the school year. Currently, classes are beginning to use these innovative spaces. It is a very exciting time for our district to watch our students show evidence of their learning through innovation that will help develop skills that will prepare them for their future. It is our hope to expand the pilot to the other schools within our district in the near future. Special thanks to Angie Arnold and Joanna Carroll of the Tech Center who have worked diligently on this project.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORTS AND WARRANTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

Approved the Treasurer's Report and Warrants for September in the amount of \$3,275,585.59 of which \$2,006,791.19 is payroll.

REPORTS

- Quarterly Budget Monitoring Report (Mrs. Caty Campbell, Business Manager)

APPROVE MINUTES

The Board of Education approved minutes from the September 27, 2021 Board of Education meeting.

ACCEPT GIFTS

The Board of Education is pleased to acknowledge receipt of the following gifts:

- L.E. Starke School is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of a check in the amount of \$500 from Amanda Seelye at Country Financial. Starke School will purchase books for Reading Recovery students.
- The Preschool Family Education Center is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of fruit snacks and Hawaiian Punch for their classrooms. These items were provided by Beverly West a District 108 parent and grandmother.
- The Preschool Family Education Center is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of preschool sized cloth face masks for students. These items were provided by Kelly Heflin of Pekin, IL.

ACCEPT FY2021 AUDIT AS PRESENTED

The Board of Education accepted the FY2021 audit as presented by Phillips, Salmi & Associates.

PERSONNEL

REASSIGN

- Reassign Christina Curtis, 12 month Central Office Secretary, to the position of Accounts Payable and Payroll Specialist at an annual salary of \$42,335 + IMRF to be pro-rated with an effective start date of December 1, 2021.

EMPLOY

- Employ Aileen Kuypers for the position of Strings and Orchestra Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year at an annual salary of \$34,835 + TRS to be pro-rated for an effective start date of October 12, 2021.
- Employ Vanessa Harris for the position of Special Education Paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 school year at an annual salary of \$20,308 + IMRF to be pro-rated for an effective start date of October 12, 2021.

SEPARATE

- Accept the resignation of Teri Carr, Teacher, for retirement purposes, effective the end of the 2024-2025 school year, utilizing the District's Early Retirement Incentive.

APPROVE

- Approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Debbie Bassette, Teacher, effective November 5, 2021 through December 17, 2021 for a total of 26.5 days, using 26.5 paid sick leave days.
- Approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Camillia Hunsley, Speech-Language Pathologist, effective February 24, 2022 through May 16, 2022 for a total of 52 days, using 22 paid sick leave days and 30 unpaid, leave of absence days.
- Approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for maternity purposes for Stephanie Rindfleisch, Teacher, effective March 18, 2022 through the end of the 2021-2022 school year for a total of 44 days using 30 paid sick leave days, and 14 unpaid leave of absence days.
- Approve Amanda Rockhold as a Substitute Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year.

APPROVE COURT STREET TIF DISTRICT INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PEKIN

The Board of Education approved the Court Street TIF District Intergovernmental agreement with the City of Pekin.

CONSIDER THE CITY OF PEKIN'S REQUEST TO EXTEND THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TIF DISTRICT

The Board of Education approved a motion to submit a letter of support as per the City of Pekin's request to extend the Central Business District TIF District.

BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATES

October 18, 2021

Test to Stay Update

Director of Human Resources, Joe Franklin will provide a brief update on the "Test to Stay" program recently put in place within our district.

Tentative November Reports

- Finance Committee Update: Tentative Levy Scenarios

Tentative November Items for Action

- Establish a Hearing Date for the 2021 Levy

BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS
October 18, 2021

October 18 (Monday)	Board of Education Meeting-6:45 p.m.
November 4 (Thursday)	Parent Conferences
November 5 (Friday)	Parent Conferences
November 11 (Thursday)	Veterans' Day-No School
November 15 (Monday)	Board of Education Meeting-6:45 p.m.
November 24 (Wednesday)	Special Holiday-No School
November 25 (Thursday)	Thanksgiving-No School
November 26 (Friday)	Special Holiday-No School

DECLARE SELECT CLOSED MINUTES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Board of Education declared select closed minutes open to the public.