



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
January 17, 2023 (7:00 PM)

December 2022 Board Meeting Summary



Highlights of Reports and Discussion Items

The following items were presented to the board:

Student Council – Recently, the student council organized a spirit week, and continued fun holiday themed events prior to finals. The next event will be a winter dance in February.

Recognition – The Board of Education recognized the accomplishments of many fall activities.

- The 2022 Panther Girls Cross Country team placed 3rd at state competition.
- The band placed first in their class, and for the first time in school history won the Governor's Grand Champion trophy at the Illinois Marching Band Competition.
- Amelia Heinze ended her season as a State Finalist Swimmer.
- Athletes were recognized for [All-State status](#) from volleyball, football, and soccer.
- Dr. Reem was also recognized for recently receiving her doctorate.

Congratulations to everyone for these outstanding accomplishments!

Unified PE Report – Kara Kamienski presented an overview about the Unified PE course offered at WCHS. Unified PE is a course that is based on the principles of the Special Olympics, and is inclusionary of students with disabilities. This is the third year offering this course, and enrollment includes approximately 40 students. In September, the program hosted the Mid-Illini Unified Field Day with 200 students attending from surrounding school districts. The program is also planning future events including basketball and kick-ball tournaments.

Enrollment Report – The current enrollment as of December 1, 2022 is 1,478 students.

Athletic Directors Report – Herb Knoblauch's report included an [overview of the fall athletic season](#) and students named [All-Conference/All-State](#).

Financial Report – Dr. Beverlin presented the investment and insurance report, which shows investments of approximately \$7.5M, and insurance costs through November 30, 2022. Additional reports are available on our school website at www.wacohi.net > [District 308 tab](#) > [Financial Dashboard](#).

Board Committee Reports

Facilities (Nov. 15): The committee discussed several facilities projects including tennis court repairs, chair lift/elevator, stadium repairs, HVAC, library carpet, and repairs to the Torry Gym stairs., etc.

Finance: The finance committee discussed the tax levy, activity bus lease extension, and scheduling a meeting for area superintendents to discuss next steps with Allen Transportation Services.

Facilities (Dec. 6): The committee discussed the development of the bid process for repairs to the tennis courts and Torry Gym stairs, incentives with Ameren, large summer projects, roof repair timeline, lift installation, and the potential for adding solar panels.

Resignations – The district shared the resignation of A. Gresham, Director of Special Education, and N. Sidwell, Assistant Boys Soccer Coach.

Overnight Athletic Trips – The requested [overnight athletic trips](#) for the winter season were presented to the board.

Coach Volunteers – The [winter season coach volunteers](#) were presented to the board.



Highlights of Action Items

The following items were approved:

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

Leave of Absence: The Board of Education approved a leave of absence for R. Hudson, Food Service Worker.

Certified Employment: The Board of Education approved the employment of Susanne Carrescia, Interim Director of Special Education, and James Frye, Automotive & Construction Teacher.

Non-Certified Employment: The Board of Education approved the employment of Lindsay Endress, School Nurse, and Karen Hammer, Instructional Aide.

Extracurricular Employment: The Board of Education approved the employment of Ryan Cook, Esports Coach.

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Highlights of Action Items (continued)

The following items were approved:

2023-2024 School Calendar – The Board of Education approved the [2023-2024 School Calendar](#).

2023-2024 Course Approvals – The Board of Education approved [course changes for the 2023-2024 school year](#).

Europe Trip – The Board of Education approved offering a [Europe trip](#) to Amsterdam, Belgium, Paris, and London in late June 2024.

Tax Levy and Truth in Taxation Certificate – The Board of Education approved the proposed Levy and the Truth in Taxation Certification as explained in the [Taxation Levy Presentation](#) presented by Dr. Karen Beverlin. The district has prepared a [frequently asked questions document](#) to help the community better understand the tax levy.

2022 Levy Revenue – The Board of Education approved the motion to abate the District's Revenue Recapture for the 2022 levy year in the amount of \$22,788.68 finding it was in the best interest of the District's residents and the District.

Activity Buses – The Board of Education approved the [2-year Lease Extension with Midwest Transit](#) for activity buses.

Authorizing Bid Process – The Board of Education authorized the superintendent to engage Farnsworth to develop bid specifications tied to the repair of the Torry Gym stairs, foyer roof, and School Maintenance Grant for the tennis courts.

Links of interest



[Finance Reports](#)



[November Approved Minutes](#)



[December Board Agenda](#)



[December 2022 Board Meeting Video](#)

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