



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
March 13, 2023 (7:00 PM)

February 2023 Board Meeting Summary



Highlights of Reports and Discussion Items

The following items were presented to the board:

Student Council – Upcoming events include a spirit week starting February 21 and a neon dance party on February 25, 2023 from 7:30-10:00 p.m. in the MPR.

Visitors and Correspondence – Principal Heather Bowman and parent Kyle Varnold [presented a proposal](#) for a referendum from District 52 to build a new Lincoln Grade School. There are upcoming community nights on February 23 and March 16, 2023 to provide information to the community about the proposed project.

Enrollment Report – The current enrollment as of February 1, 2023 is 1,445 students.

Administrator for Instructional Data and Research – The 5 Essentials survey for teachers is currently open and teachers are encouraged to complete it to provide feedback by March 31, 2023 about the school's effectiveness. Students will be taking the 5 Essentials survey at the end of February.

All juniors will take the SAT on March 22, 2023 followed by the PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, and Illinois Science Assessment in April.

The recent Frontline workshop provided an opportunity to learn more about how other administrators use student analytics tools in their districts. It was beneficial to discuss the implementation process with administrators and get feedback about best practices for implementation, structure, and rollout. Phase 1 of the data build process is almost complete for our district and additional phases are moving forward.

Financial Report – Dr. Beverlin presented the investment and insurance report, which shows investments of approximately \$7.5M, and insurance costs through January 31, 2023. The insurance fund ended the year in a positive balance resulting from the funds in the plan and the stop loss process. Additional reports are available on our school website at www.wacohi.net > [District 308 tab > Financial Dashboard](#).

Board Committee Reports

Facilities: The committee discussed several projects including the addition of a lift, repairing the Torry Gym stairs, bids for tennis court repairs, planning for a ticket booth/concession/walkway change for Babcock field, overall facility planning, summer projects, swim blocks and bleachers, HVAC, and other projects.

Policy: The committee completed the first reading of Press Plus Policy Packet - Issue 110.

Special Board Meeting: Reatha Owen led a planning session and oversaw the discussions. The attendees included board members, administrators, faculty/staff, students, parents, and community members. Those in attendance were divided in work groups to collaborate ideas and discuss expectations in relation to student achievement. Ms. Owen will send a summary for review of her input of the community forum. A rough draft will then be presented to the Board at a later date.

Soccer Trip – Mr. Clift presented information about a proposed soccer trip to England to tour, receive training, and watch soccer the week of spring break starting March 23, 2024. The team will continue fundraising efforts.

Resignations – The district shared the resignation of S. Burnham, Assistant Volleyball Coach.



Highlights of Action Items

The following items were approved:

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

Leave of Absence: D. Brown, Part-time Food Service Worker.

Certified Employment: The Board of Education approved the employment of Allison Childers - Director of Special Education.

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Highlights of Action Items

The following items were approved:

Press Plus – The Board of Education approved waiving the 2nd Reading of Press Plus Issue 110 and to adopt the Press Plus Issue 110 policies.

Request for Services – The Board of Education authorized the Superintendent to complete the following:

- Request for Qualifications for a property/liability/worker's Compensation insurance broker.
- Release bid specifications for swim blocks.
- Engage Farnsworth to develop and release bid specifications for a lift system in the old band and chorus area.
- Engage Farnsworth to develop and release bid specifications for the Ashbrook roof.

Tennis Courts – The Board of Education approved the [lowest bid](#) from MTJ Sports for resurfacing of the tennis courts.

Links of interest



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