



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
June 12, 2023 (7:00 PM)

May 2023 Board Meeting Summary



Highlights of Reports and Discussion Items

The following items were presented to the board:

Student Recognition – Journalism students were recognized for their placements at IHSA State: Lauren Ammerman - State Champion in News Writing; Mya Biagini - 6th place in Newspaper Design; and Annabelle Hiel - 4th place in Editorial Writing. Kannon Webster was recognized as the 2023 Illinois Recipient of the Dave Schultz Excellence in Wrestling Award. Congratulations for earning these outstanding accomplishments!

Reorganization of the Board – Board members, Byron Buck, Jennifer Essig, Aaron James, and Gloria McNett took the oath of office to begin their new term. The board then nominated members and voted to reorganize as follows: Chris Kopinski as President, Jennifer Essig as Vice President, and Bonnie Nofsinger as Secretary. The board also approved the following: secretary to the board, Debbie Osborne; recording secretary, Lisa Foust; and school district treasurer, Carol Madden.

Enrollment Report – The current enrollment as of March 1, 2023 is 1,435 students.

Principal's Report – Karen Stevens reported that testing for PSAT, SAT, and the Illinois Science Assessment went very well this year and recognized Lindsay Winter's leadership in organizing testing.

Financial Report – Dr. Beverlin presented the investment and insurance report, which shows investments of approximately \$7.6 M, as well as insurance costs through April 30, 2023. The insurance fund has exceeded the break-even amount, but the stop loss payment process is helping to cover some of these expenses and usage has lessened recently. Additional reports are available on our school website at www.wacohi.net > [District 308 tab](#) > [Financial Dashboard](#).

School Board Meeting Dates – The district shared the [proposed school board meeting dates](#) for the 2023-2024 school year. Due to carpet replacement in the library, the June and July meetings will be held in the choir room.

Library Grant – WCHS was one of 675 public schools to receive a library grant in the amount of \$1,291.22.

Designated Funds – The board approved to designate \$377,000.00 to the Designated Funds account when it approved the FY 23 budget. The movement of these funds is completed at the end to ensure that no unexpected expenses required the district to utilize those funds. This year's budget has been tracking as expected. There will be an action item on the June agenda to officially designate the planned \$377,000 to the Designated Funds account.

2023-24 Student Handbook Revisions – Proposed changes to the student handbook were provided to the board of education for review.

Administrative Assistant to Activities Director – A proposal was presented to add a new position that will support the activities director focusing on many of our growing activities including band and choir, speech, and other non-athletic activities.

Athletic Co-ops – The co-op renewal agreement was presented to the board, which includes schools such as East Peoria, Morton, Metamora, Pekin, and Eureka. Host schools renew co-op agreements every two years.

Summer Work Update – There are many projects scheduled for this summer, which may affect parking around the building. Projects include a new roof for the Ashbrook building, new carpet in the library, HVAC updates, new stairs in front of Torry Gym, new siding (baseball concession stand, band shed, tennis shed), resurfacing the tennis courts, and installation of a new lift in the west gym.

Graduation – The ceremony for the Class of 2023 will be held on Sunday, May 21 at 2 p.m. at the Bradley Renaissance Coliseum.

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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 the leave of absence for Kristine Kratz, Head Cook and Herb Knoblauch, Athletic Director.

Certified Employment: The Board of Education approved the employment of Kerry McCune, Special Education Teacher.

Extracurricular Employment: The Board of Education approved the employment of Tara Fillman, Assistant Cheerleading Coach.

Summer School Schedule and Staff – The Board of Education approved the employment of the 2023 summer school teachers and [class schedule](#).

Peoria County Cooperative Purchasing Program Agreement – The Board of Education approved participation in the Peoria County Cooperative Purchasing Program. This agreement helps a school district get contract pricing as a consortium of schools rather than individual districts, which helps save money on food costs.

Summer Camps – The Board of Education approved the annual [Panther Sports Camps](#) for the summer of 2023.

2024 Boys Soccer England Trip – The Board of Education approved the Boys Soccer trip to England for the dates of March 23-31, 2024.

Links of interest



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