

Regular Board Meeting
February 27, 2017

The Board of Education of Wabash Community Unit School District #348 met in Regular Session on Monday, February 27, 2017 in the library of North Intermediate Center of Education.

President Schuler called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Secretary Janice Alka called the roll. Attending in addition to the secretary were Jared Alka, Neil Earnest, Kyle Peach, Ryan Peter and Tim Schuler. Theresa Hocking was absent.

Also present were Superintendent Tim Buss, Mt. Carmel High School (MCHS) Principal Pat Cheesman, Mt. Carmel Middle School (MCMS) Principal Steve Holt, North Intermediate Center of Education (NICE) Principal Chris Taylor, South Elementary School (SES) Principal Sheila Odom, (MCHS) Assistant Principal Michael Brewer, (MCMS) Dean of Students Jake Newkirk, Director of Instruction Shelley Richardson, Director of Technology Kevin Smith, Director of Transportation Karen Stoneberger, Regina Paddick – WCTA, Dawn Drone – WCEA, Kevin Madden –WSJD, Haley Church –DRR, Angie Mills –CSI, Shlonda Horton –CSI, and District Secretary Kim Zimmer.

Schuler led the pledge to the flag.

Consent Agenda

- a. **Approval of Minutes of Past Board Meeting**
-January 23, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

- b. **Approval of Monthly Bills**
-Invoices paid January 2017
-Bills payable February 2017

- c. **Approval of Financial Report**
Account balances were:
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| Cash Deposits | \$ | 92,127.86 |
| Investments | \$ | 1,261,616.16 |
| 4 Fund | \$ | 308,825.00 |
| 5 fund | \$ | 769,442.00 |
| Breakfast/Lunch | \$ | 24,924.08 |

- d. **Approval of Correspondence**
-Tammy Merriel retiring as Nice Pre-K Assistant effective the end of the 2016-17 school year
-Deborah Reed retiring as MCMS Assistant effective the end of the 2016-17 school year
-Nancy Johnson retiring as Brownsville Bus Driver effective the end of the 2016-17 school year
-Jeff Arnott resigning as MCHS Assistant Baseball Coach effective January 13, 2017
-Page Arnott resigning as MCHS Freshman Class Sponsor effective end of the 2016-17 school Year
-Melinda Henson resigning as SES Assistant effective February 1, 2017

- e. Approve Administrative Reports
 - South Elementary School Principal Sheila Odom (attachment #1)
 - North Intermediate Center of Education Principal Chris Taylor (attachment #2)
 - Mt. Carmel Middle School Principal Steve Holt (attachment #3)
 - Mt. Carmel High School Principal Pat Cheesman (attachment #4)
 - Director of Instruction Shelley Richardson (attachment #5)
 - Director of Transportation Karen Stoneberger (attachment #6)
 - Superintendent Tim Buss (attachment #7)

f. Approve 2017-18 School Calendar

g. Declare Surplus Items

Peach motioned to approve the items on the consent agenda and Jared Alka seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted aye. **Motion carried.** Hocking was absent.

Visitors

Illinois Center for School Improvement (CSI) – Angie Mills and Shlonda Horton

Accept Reports

Update on District #348 Improvement Plan - Angie Mills and Shlonda Horton

Ms. Mills and Ms. Horton informed the board about the work they were doing in conjunction with the administrators and teachers in order to make improvements in the district. Superintendent Buss praised their work and noted they will have a report to present to the board very soon.

Unfinished Business

Approve 2017-18 District Transition Plan regarding School Personnel

Upon the recommendation by Superintendent Buss a motion to approve the 2017-18 district transition plan regarding school personnel was made by Peter and seconded by Jared Alka. All present voted aye. **Motion carried.** Hocking was absent.

New Business

Update 2017-18 District Transition Plan

Superintendent Buss updated the board on the work being done by the administrative transition team. A map of the high school was handed out to board members with greyed out areas. These areas represented space that needed some work done. He noted that they are still working on the Physical Education dressing areas as well as a space for the metals class.

Move to go to Closed Session

At 7:27 p.m., Janice Alka moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act: "The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body." Earnest seconded the motion. All present voted aye. **Motion carried.** Hocking was absent.

Open Session

A motion to return to open session was made by Peach and seconded by Earnest. All present voted aye. **Motion carried.** Hocking was absent. The meeting returned to open session at 7:38 p.m.

Closed Minutes Approved

Jared Alka moved to approve the minutes of the closed session as read in closed session. Janice Alka seconded the motion. All present voted aye. ***Motion carried.*** Hocking was absent.

Motion to Approve Personnel Matters

A motion to approve the following personnel matters was made by Peach and seconded by Earnest. All present voted aye. ***Motion carried.*** Hocking was absent.

RETURN FROM LOA

Pari McFarland-Smith - SES/NICE Technology Teacher returning from LOA starting at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year

TRANSFER

Erika Kieffer -MCHS Art Teacher for the 2017-2018 school year
(Transferring from MCMS)

VOLUNTEER

Julia Whittler -MCMS Girls Track Volunteer Assistant Coach beginning
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Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Janice Alka and seconded by Jared Alka. All present voted aye. ***Motion carried.*** Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING
PRINCIPAL – SHEILA ODOM
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016

- This is the month for "Jump Rope for Heart". The students will be collecting money the month of February and March that will go to the American Heart Association and will be earning zoo animals. The "Jump Rope for Heart" will take place March 6 – 10th, during the students' afternoon PE class.
- The homeroom teachers held their Valentine's Day party on Tuesday, February 14th. The florist delivered their items the night before. I would like to thank all the parents who volunteer their time to support the students at South Elementary by helping with these parties. Also, a special thank you to Dawn Drone for her hard work of organizing all the balloons and gifts, and to all Wabash 348 employees who helped deliver them and to those who stayed late Thursday to help organize.
- Friday, February 17, 2017 three hour early dismissal was set up as follows:
 - 12:30 – 1:30 – MyOn at the MCHS Auditorium
 - 1:45 – 2:30 – Peer Studies, Rising Star and Parapro meetings.
 - 2:45 – Evaluation and Enter Evidence of Completion into ELIS
- On Monday, January 23 – February 3rd, South Elementary held their Spring Fundraiser using Paragon Promotions. We appreciate the community for supporting South School. The money will be used for equipment at the school and student activities. The students raised \$2,700 and sold almost \$8,000. Way to go students.
- On Friday, March 3rd South School will take part in "Read Quest". Mrs. Odom is taking over hosting this event.
- In the month of February, local dental hygienists have come in shared with all our students about carrying for their teeth. They taught the students how to clean their teeth and how to eat healthy to promote good tooth health. The students were given a bag with a tooth brush, tooth paste and dental floss to take home. We appreciate all our community partners.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 1 – Spring Picture Day
Wednesday, March 3 – Faculty Meeting at 3:20 p.m.
March 3 – "Read Quest"
Monday, March 6 – PTO Meeting – 4:00 p.m.
March 6 - 10 – Jump Rope for Heart
Wednesday, March 8 –BLLC Meeting – 3:20 p.m.
Friday, March 10 – End of third quarter
Sunday, March 12 – Daylight Savings Time – Set clocks forward
Friday, March 17 - School Improvement Day @ Noon
Friday, March 17 - Rising Star Meeting
Friday, March 17 – PBIS Universal Celebration
Monday, March 20 – School Board Meeting

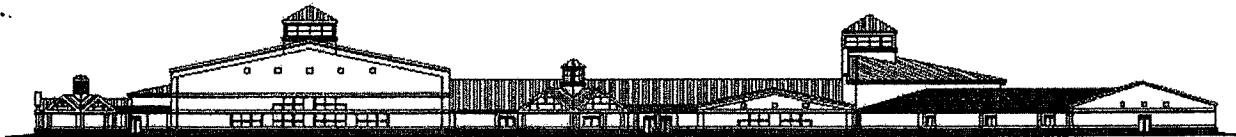
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To: WCUSD #348 School Board
From: Chris Taylor, N.I.C.E. Principal
Subject: N.I.C.E. February School Board Report

- * Levi Fox author of children's books came in and discussed his books and writing with 3rd and 4th grade students.
- * 3 hour early out professional development covered the MYON book curriculum, peer studies, and presentations by teachers that attended behavior and math conferences.
- * N.I.C.E. had their Valentine's Day parties which went very well. A lot of Parents came in to assist and local businesses worked great with the school for scheduling deliveries.
- * The chocolate spring fundraiser is currently underway with students selling "World's Finest Chocolate's".
- *Custodians making lists and starting preparation for move to MCGS for next year to ensure a smooth process for teachers.
- * N.I.C.E. held our last basketball game for the MCMS teams for the 2016-2017 season. We had great attendance and games for our 6th grade boys/girls basketball teams.
- * YIA basketball is still continuing on Saturdays through the month of February with basketball.
- *Pre-K had a parent night with Dr. Day presenting parenting tips to those in attendance.
- * Mr. Taylor attended the Illinois Center for School Improvement regional workshop to gain information on the continuation of implementation for District #348 improvement plan.
- *MCMS SLC students came to discuss Stop Walk and Talk as part of the school's PBIS implementation to our 5th grade students.

Dates to Remember

Feb.	1	Faculty Meeting
	2	Mr. Taylor at conference
	7	Boys basketball game 6pm
	8	bllc
	14	valentines day party
	17	3 hr early out
	20	No School
	27	Begin Spring Fundraiser
Mar.	1	Faculty meeting
	8	bllc
	10	Spring Fundraiser money due
	16	Spring pictures
	17	3 hr early out
	23	5th talent show
	27-31	spring break



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“We are on a mission every day to provide challenging learning opportunities so students can reach their fullest potential as independent thinkers.”

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PLTW Courses

The 7th grade students completed their first Project Lead The Way (PLTW) course in Science of Technology. The students really enjoyed the course and especially designing and racing their car. The 6th grade students are currently in the middle of their Energy and the Environment PLTW unit and the 8th grade students will start the Medical Detectives PLTW unit at the conclusion of 3rd quarter. So far, the students really seem to enjoy these units of instruction and are learning a lot.

8th Grade Transition

Regina Paddick talked to each of the 8th grade students about course requirements in preparation for high school course selection. The students were able to review the MCHS course catalog with their parents. The counselors will then meet with the students to register for their classes. This is always an exciting time for our 8th grade students.

Scholar Bowl

The Scholar Bowl team has been selected is getting ready for their first match on March 2nd at Geff. Scholar Bowl is a great way for our MCMS students to show their academic talents.

Extra-curricular

The boys and girls basketball teams have wrapped up their season. The 8th grade boys and girls teams both finished first in regional tournament play and went to Rend Lake for the state tournament. MCMS is very proud of all of the winter sport athletes for all their successes and for a terrific season. Volleyball is in full swing with a several tournaments and several home and away games under their belt. Volleyball will finish their season towards the middle of March. For a complete listing of games, visit the MCMS website at <http://mcmswabash348.blogspot.com/>

Upcoming Dates:

- 2/27 School Board Meeting
- 2/27 Yankee Candle Fundraiser ends
- 2/27 Admin Meeting
- 3/1 Statewide Tornado Drill
- 3/1 Faculty Meeting
- 3/2 Spring Pictures
- 3/6 BLLC Meeting
- 3/9 8th Grade Mostaccioli Fundraiser for Holiday World Trip
- 3/10 End of 3rd Quarter
- 3/10 Spring Dance
- 3/11 Music Solo and Ensemble Contest
- 3/17 3 Hr. Early Dismissal for School Improvement
- 3/20 School Board Meeting
- 3/23 Science Fair Students to SIU

Approved by the Board of Education on March 20, 2017



MCHS School Board Report
February 27, 2017

- Guidance has completed registration for juniors, sophomores and freshmen for next year's classes. Mrs. Paddick will be going to MCMS, St. Mary's and Allendale to register 8th graders this week and should be completed by the School Board meeting. MCHS will be to determine our master schedule based on student requests for classes. We will then decide the number sections need per class and who will teach each section. This determines our master schedule.
- February 17th-all junior students worked on preparing for the SAT with 90 minute class in math and 90 minutes in English/reading. All other students were listening to dual credit information, the importance of SAT assessment for college, career information, and an all school assignment on building improvements, curriculum improvements, and morale building for students and staff. This information has been tabulated and placed in order of completion, if possible.
- Mr. Buss, Robert Conn (WVC Dean of Instruction), and myself are working on dual credit courses for the 2017-2018 school year. There will be some changes and once the details are worked out MCHS will inform the students and parents through several different media outlets.
- The students interested in the Health Care Occupation course for 2017-2018 school year have turned in their applications and interviews will be scheduled for admission into the course.
- Many of the MCHS faculty and staff have pitched in the clean storage areas and office space of clutter and equipment that has been declared surplus. These areas have been designated for small classrooms or other office spaces. The objective is to get as much done before summer as possible.
- Winter sports are completing--it has been a successful winter season: girls' basketball finished up as runner-ups in the Regional, one wrestler advanced to the State Finals, boys' basketball was one point from a Big 8 title, and good luck as they begin their State series!
- Between Title funds and funds available at MCHS Kevin Smith has purchased new higher capacity wifi points. Kevin has blocked many student phones from connecting. With these actions the students should be able to connect quickly. The second floor had some difficulties that had not been reported for a short point of time.

Upcoming dates

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| February | 21 | FFA week
Chili supper |
| | 24 | Dr. Fullop and Dr. Slater will perform surgery-many upper class MCHS students will be in attendance
Senior announcements distribution at lunch periods |
| | 27 | School Board meeting |
| March | 7 | Department Chair meeting 7:30 am |
| | 8 | BLLC meeting 3:15 |
| March | 8 | WGH has a Coaches meeting 6-8 pm |
| | 10 | End of the third quarter |
| | 12 | Beginning of daylight savings time |
| | 16 | Spring sports begin |
| | 17 | School Improvement Day- Juniors working on SAT material
WGH will offer physicals for 2017-18 athletics at MCHS |
| | 25 | Spring Break begins |
| April | 5 | SAT assessment for juniors |

Shelley Richardson, Director of Instruction

February 27, 2017

Board Report

Professional Development

On February 17th all K-12 teachers learned about the MyOn, personalized literacy platform designed to provide a student-centered, literacy environment. This is a product that we are considering for next school year. We are considering replacing our Accelerated Reader program at some levels with this product.

The next school improvement day will be held on March 17th. Teacher teams will be preparing to present the information they have gathered in their peer studies this year. Presentations by all peer study teams will be given on the April school improvement day and Teacher Institute.

Curriculum

The prevention team will be meeting again on March 3rd to finalize plans for the prevention curriculums that we will be recommending for next year.

In March and April I will be meeting with the RTI teams in each building to work on improvements to our RTI system for next year. We will be discussing the assessments we are using and the interventions we are providing.

I hope to have a decision made about the use of Accelerated Reading and MyOn by the end of March. We have used Accelerated Reading for over 20 years and the MyOn platform would be an online platform used to enhance instruction and encourage reading that is web-based.

Online School Registration

Jeannie Kennard, Kristi Berry and I met on February 24th to discuss plans for online school registration through Lumen Touch. We are hopeful we can pilot some aspects of this in the spring.

Competitive Grant Applications

Duke Energy supports effective education programs and initiatives that span the kindergarten-to-career spectrum, with a focus on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills, childhood reading proficiency and workforce development. Programs that foster a growing interest in the STEM fields and help our communities grow and produce skilled workers who bring new ideas and innovations to our lives. To that end, I have written a grant in the amount of \$9,750 to support our Project Lead the Way programs at Mt. Carmel High School and Mt. Carmel Middle School. We will know by April if we are going to receive these funds.

We have also submitted the Notice of Intent to Submit Proposal applying for the FY18 Preschool for All and the 0-3 programs. It has been over 20 years since this has been a competitive process. We will be competing with all Illinois Early Childhood programs for this funding. We hope to learn sometime in April if we have funds to continue these programs.

I will be applying for a Project Lead the Way grant to support both the middle school Gateway and high school Engineering and Biomedical Science programs. If we are awarded this grant we will be able to participate in more training to continue these STEM programs.

Transportation Report

Karen Stoneberger

2/27/17

The District currently has 12 Regular Routes with 885 Eligible Riders.

2 Special Needs Routes with 28 Eligible Riders

4 Riders to Norris City

61 St. Mary's Riders

7 Pre-K Riders

Average 656 regular miles daily

Average 218 Special needs miles daily

Approximately 15,088 monthly miles driven

Approximately 5,014 Special need miles driven

Vehicle scheduled

19 Times

1 Field Trip @ 186 Mls

2 SportsTrips @ 172 mls.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
FEBRUARY 27, 2017

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

We continue to meet every month with Center for School Improvement (CSI) and will have a plan in place by April or May.

APRIL 28TH TEACHER INSTITUTE DAY & DISTRICT #348 HEALTH SCREENINGS

Planning for Friday's April 28th Teacher Institute Day is in progress. We are also in the process of planning our District Health Screenings on that day. Wabash General Hospital has been asked to assist in the screenings. We have used Wabash General Hospital in the past and they do a tremendous job with the health screenings.

LEGISLATIVE & ISBE UPDATE

Governor's Budget Address was Wednesday, February 15th. Governor Rauner proposed to increase funding for K-12 public education by a total of \$213 million for the FY 2017 budget, though the back log of bills could be 12-13 billion by year's end. I will continue to follow/monitor the General Assembly this Spring.

FACILITIES UPDATE

We will be continue to schedule Building and Grounds Committee meetings as long as we need to finalize plans for 2017-18.

ROE #20 ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REVIEW

Roe #20 will be in our district on March 20th to review our employee files.

UPCOMING DATES

February 27, 2017 7:00pm	School Board Meeting
February 28, 2017 6:30pm	WOVSED Governing Board
March 7, 2017 3:40pm	PLC Meeting
March 20, 2017 7:00pm	School Board Meeting
March 17, 2017	School Improvement Day (3 Hour Early Dismissal)
March 27-March 31, 2017	Spring Break
April 3, 2017	Classes Resume
April 6-7, 2017	Parent/Teacher Conferences