

Regular Board Meeting
March 20, 2017

The Board of Education of Wabash Community Unit School District #348 met in Regular Session on Monday, March 20, 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, Theresa Hocking, Ryan Peter and Tim Schuler.

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, Robie Thompson – Bus Garage, Regina Paddick –WCTA, Dawn Drone – WCEA, Kevin Madden –WSJD, Haley Church –DRR, Kale Calvert -ADG, Kristi Wright –MCHS, Cortney White –MCHS Student, Taylor Kingsbury –MCHS Student, and District Secretary Kim Zimmer.

Schuler led the pledge to the flag.

Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of Past Board Meeting
-February 27, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

b. Approval of Monthly Bills
-Invoices paid February 2017
-Bills Payable March 2017

c. Approval of Financial Report
Account balances were:
Cash Deposits \$ 6,297.27
Investments \$ 946,600.21
4 Fund \$ -45,946.00
5 fund \$ 368,507.00
Breakfast/Lunch \$ 31,759.60

d. Approval of Correspondence
Darren Peach –Resigning as MCHS Head Football Coach effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year
Joe Judge –Resigning as MCMS 6th Grade Girls’ Basketball Coach effective March 20, 2017
Shannon Emmons –Resigning as MCMS Assistant effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year
Vernon Higginson –Resigning as MCMS 8th Grade Girls’ Basketball Coach effective March 20, 2017
Misty Jones -MCMS Cheerleading Coach effective March 15, 2017
Steve Rigg –Retiring as MCMS AER Aide effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year

- e. Approve IHSA Renewal for 2017-2018
- f. Declare MCMS Items Surplus
- g. Approve 2017-18 Schedule of Fees
- 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)

Janice Alka 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.***

Visitors

None

Accept Reports

Project Lead the Way Computer Science (PLTW) – Kristi Wright

Kristi Wright along with two students gave a presentation highlighting activities and coursework in the PLTW Computer Science class.

Unfinished Business

Update of School Transition 2017-2018

Kale Calvert –ADG outlined the location and design for both the Metals Classroom and Boys and Girls Locker Rooms at the Jr. High and High School for next school year. He also presented them with a total cost estimate.

Update on HVAC Project at MCHS

Kale Calvert gave a short update on the HVAC project progress at MCHS.

New Business

Approve Junior High Locker Room Location and Design and MCHS Metals Classroom Location and Design

Upon the recommendation of President Schuler, a motion to proceed with the final drawings for these projects was made by Peach and seconded by Earnest. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted aye. ***Motion carried.***

Approve Classroom Tile Replacement at MCHS

Superintendent Buss outlined a plan to replace floor tiles at MCHS. A motion to approve the plan and cost to do so was made by Jared Alka and seconded by Hocking. All present voted aye. ***Motion carried.***

Approve Purchase of a District #348 Lawn Mower

Robie Thompson presented the board with quotes for a new lawn mower for the district. After discussing the options, the board directed Thompson to obtain several more quotes and present them at the next regular meeting in April for board action at that time.

Approve Mt. Carmel Elementary School's Student Handbook for 2017-2018

SES Principal Sheila Odom reviewed the changes for the 2017-2018 student handbook. A motion to approve the handbook was made by Janice Alka and seconded by Hocking. All present voted aye.

Motion carried.

Move to go to Closed Session

At 8:27 p.m., Peter 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." Janice Alka seconded the motion. All present voted aye. ***Motion carried.***

Open Session

A motion to return to open session was made by Peach and seconded by Earnest. All present voted aye.

Motion carried. The meeting returned to open session at 9:10 p.m.

Closed Minutes Approved

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

Motion to Approve Personnel Matters

Personnel Matters

A motion to approve the following employment was made by Hocking and seconded by Janice Alka. Clifton Mobley – MCMS Individual Assistant starting March 1, 2017

All present voted aye. ***Motion carried.***

Annual Personnel Review

Upon Superintendent Buss' recommendation, a motion was made by Earnest to move the following teachers:

First Year Teachers Move to Second Year Teachers

Tara Bruce (Given credit as a first year teacher but not reemployed)

Trevor Hargrave

Lana Kendall

Kara Lindsey

Crystal Mefford

Amanda Singer

Seamus Smith

Second Year Teacher Move to Third Year Teacher

Ellen Wall

Third Year Teachers Move to Fourth Year Teachers

Lindsey Hadley

Brianna Witsman

Fourth Year Teacher Teachers Move to Tenured Teachers

Kiley Alka

Sarah Morris

The motion was seconded by Janice Alka. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted aye. ***Motion carried.***

Resolution for Non-Reemployment of Support Staff Member

Superintendent Buss read a resolution which noted *“That Vi-Linda Lowery shall not be re-employed for the 2017-2018 school year by Wabash Community Unit School District No. 348 and accordingly, that her present term of employment for this support staff member shall terminate at the close of the present 2016-2017 school year.”*

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Jared Alka and seconded by Hocking. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted aye. ***Motion carried.***

Superintendent Buss read a resolution which noted *“That Tara Bruce shall not be re-employed for the next school term and accordingly, that her present contract of employment with the District shall terminate at the close of the present 2016-2017 school term.”*

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Jared Alka and seconded by Peach. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted aye. ***Motion carried.***

Statement

President Schuler announced that a committee had been formed to conduct interviews for the 2017-2018 MCHS Head Football Coach. The committee would consist of Tim Schuler, Neil Earnest, Pat Cheesman, and Kevin Smith.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Janice Alka and seconded by Hocking. All present voted aye. ***Motion carried.*** Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

South Elementary School
March School Board Meeting
March 20, 2017
Sheila Odom, Principal

- We participated in the “Read the Most from Coast to Coast A.R. Quiz Challenge” on March 3, 2017. The students had a great time.
- Superhero Nutrition Day was held on Thursday, March 9, 2017. The teachers and students wore Superhero T-Shirts. The day included a food tasting day in the cafeteria during lunch and Mrs. Odom talked to them about heart health with good foods.
- Spring Picture Day was held on Wednesday, March 1st and picture proofs have been delivered.
- Bea Morgan, Roscoe Brashears and I have been attempting to hold attendance conferences, and tardy conferences.
- Three Hour Early Dismissal was on March 17: Rising Star, Peer Study and Paraprofessional meetings were held.
- SES Kindergarten team is planning a Registration Kindergarten Kick off – Monday, April 10 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The families will have help filling in all the paper work and the teachers will be there to answer questions. All students will also receive their reading screen.
- Teachers are preparing for Parent Teacher Conferences and for setting up students for Summer School.
- South School held their Spring Fund Raiser selling Paragon in February and raised \$2,786. This money will be used to pay for activities and equipment for the students and for the move.
- PBIS Universal Celebration – Scavenger Hunt was held on Friday, March 17, 2017.
- Jump Rope for Heart – Finished up on Monday, March 13, 2017 with a total of \$3,100. The goal was \$3,900, so the students didn’t get to throw a pie in Mrs. Hadley’s face, but she still was very pleased.

SES Calendar of Upcoming Events:

March 24: Fun Friday, PBIS – No Majors in the month of March

March 25 – April 2: SPRING BREAK – There is NO SCHOOL for students and staff.

April 3: Return to school.

April 5: Faculty Meeting at 3:20 in the library

April 6 & 7: Parent-Teacher Conferences

April 12: BLLC at 3:20 in the conference room

April 14: Good Friday – No School

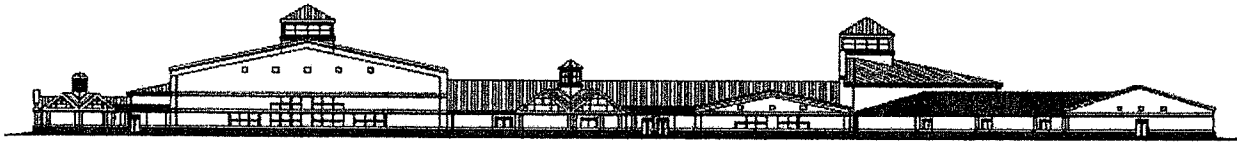
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To: WCUSD #348 School Board
From: Chris Taylor, N.I.C.E. Principal
Subject: N.I.C.E. March School Board Report

- * Students raised \$1,750 for the American Heart Association with Jump Rope for Heart. Students really enjoy doing the fundraiser for a great cause every year. Mr. Schwartz does a good job taking the lead of it.
- * 3 hour early out professional development for March: Rising Star, Peer Study, MCGS classrooms, Science conference information.
- * Finished up our school spring fundraiser with world's finest chocolates, students did another great job selling chocolates this year. Money will go towards purchasing of chrome books for classrooms.
- * Teachers are finishing up Peer Study analysis. They will be presenting their findings at the teacher institute day in April.
- *The 5th grade talent show is scheduled for the 23rd. This is 5th grade's yearly fundraiser.
- * Technology is being checked and N.I.C.E. will have Parcc practice days in preparation for the upcoming testing.
- *Spring Pictures by Lifetouch were completed.
- * Teachers have received schedules to start filling up times for parent/teacher conferences.
- *Blc will be looking at the handbook for MCGS for the upcoming school year.
- *Custodial crews are preparing for jobs to be completed during spring break in preparation for next year.
- *P.E. completed the yearly physical fitness tests for all students.

Dates to Remember

Mar.	1	Faculty meeting
	8	blc
	10	chocolate money due
	16	Spring pictures
	17	3 hr early out
	23	5th talent show
	27-31	spring break
Apr.	3	1st day back in session
	5	faculty meeting
	5	science test 5th
	10-21	Parcc testing
	12	blc
	14	no school
	27	3 hr. early out
	28	teacher institute day (renew license)



Mount Carmel Middle School

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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."

School Board Report - March 20, 2017

Science Fair @ Carbondale

Congratulations to the following students for being selected to participate in the IJAS regional Science Fair in Carbondale, IL on Thursday, March 23rd: Brynna Cropper and Tucker York, Sierra Hannah and Madilyn Piper, Ivy Ke and Kiah Gillihan, Allie McPherson and Allison Thread, and Rayce Loudermilk. This group is sure to represent MCMS well.

School Improvement

MCMS had a school improvement day on March 17th. Peer Study teams met for the last official time before the presentations in April. We went over PARCC testing guidelines and procedures for the PARCC test which will start on April 13th. We will be testing for six days this year with one test per day. Our Rising Star team also met to continue our school improvement plan.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for April 6th and 7th. This year, all of our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade teachers are holding student led conferences. There are many benefits to Student Led Conferences such as: students learn to evaluate their own learning, encourage student/parent communication at a time when students are typically seeking more independence, increases the amount of information given to parents, and students take accountability for their learning. If parents are unable to attend either day, they can schedule an alternate conference with the grade level team.

Extra & Co-curricular

Volleyball is nearing the end of their season with regional play on March 21st. Our Scholastic Bowl team has been doing well in their first few matches. They will conclude their season at the end of April. Track recently had their first organizational meeting and started conditioning and will be starting practice for their first meet on April 4th. For a complete listing of matches/meets, visit the MCMS website at <http://mcmswabash348.blogspot.com/>.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser

MCMS recently held their annual Yankee Candle Fundraiser with the help of Joe Judge. There was over \$3,800 in merchandise sold. These fundraisers are a great way to keep funding for new technology. Now that we are one to one with Chromebooks, it is even more important to do these fundraisers to replace broken or worn-out Chromebooks.

Upcoming Dates:

3/20	School Board Meeting
3/23	Science Fair Students to SIU
3/27-3/31	Spring Break
4/3	Admin Meeting
4/3-4/7	Spring Book Fair
4/3-4/12	Universal Screening in Math and Reading
4/5	Faculty Meeting
4/6-4/7	Parent/Teacher Conferences
4/10	BLLC Meeting
4/10	Your Choice Graduation
4/11	Illinois Science Assessment
4/13-4/21	PARCC Testing
4/14	No School – Good Friday
4/17	School Board Meeting

Approved by the Board of Education on April 17, 2017



School Board Report
 Mount Carmel High School
 March 20, 2017



- **Congratulations to the Boy's Basketball players and coaches for their 2nd place in the Class 2A State tournament! The players, coaches and fans exhibited wonderful sportsmanship during this entire season!**
- **Congratulations to Madeline Jones she has advanced to State in FFA Recordbook Keeping.**
- MCHS hosted the Red Cross Blood drive. We thank all participants and the volunteers who worked. Several students participated.
- The 3rd quarter ends on March 10th and grade cards were given to the students during their 7th period class on Thursday March 16th.
- The Music Boosters are funding updates in the auditorium for improved lighting and this project is complete.
- The Guidance Department has taken all student requests for the fall of 2017. We will begin the master scheduling after this Board meeting. MCHS students placed their course request on Lumen after the Guidance Department explained the procedure. We are working on a Master schedule at this time. We plan on having the student's 2017-2018 schedules back to them by the end of April.
- Spring sports begin on March 15th. Weather permitting.
- March 17th Wabash General Hospital is sponsoring a physical day for all individuals who will participate in athletics during the 2017-18 school year.
- Faculty and administration are preparing for the SAT assessment that will begin on April 5th for reading, math science reasoning and writing. This assessment is a paper and pencil test.
- On April 5th all students in Biology will be taking a State required assessment on computers during their class time.
- End of School Date –
 - May 22 final day for students not taking exams
 - May 23 Review for exams
 - May 24 Semester Exams periods 1, 2, 3, and 4
 - May 25 Students Last Day, Semester Exams periods 5a, 5b, 6 and 7

March

- 15 Principal's Big 8 meeting 10:30-1, Mr. Cheesman out of building
- 16 Health Care Occupations interviews for 2017
- 17 School Improvement Day
Athletic Physicals for MCHS students who are now freshmen, sophomores and juniors 1-4

pm

- 20 School Board meeting 7 pm
- 24 Spring Break

April

- 3 Return to school
Administration meeting 9-11:30 Mr. Brewer and I will be out of the building
- 4 Department Chair meeting 7:30 am
- 5 SAT assessment in new wing
Science Assessment



Professional Development

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 beginning on April 27th during the School Improvement early out and conclude during the Teacher Institute on April 28th.

Curriculum

MCHS Math Meeting: Mr. Cheesman, Mr. Brewer and I met with the MCHS Math Team on March 2nd to discuss the concept of the flipped classroom and block scheduling some math courses for those students who struggle in math.

The math department is leaning more toward blended learning, instead of a flipped classroom approach. In a blended environment, students are taught some lessons via traditional lecture and others via video. Assignments are spread over both the classroom setting or sent home (like traditional homework). It was decided that these teaching methods should be tried during the remaining part of the current school year to help make the decision of whether or not to employ these techniques department-wide next year. It was decided that this trial will take place during a coming geometry unit. The math teachers will be given time to determine the baseline skills, as well as advanced skills, for that unit. Mr. Smith and Mrs. Foshee will then use these skills to determine the videos and instructional materials that will be used to teach the trial unit. Mrs. Speth and Mrs. Seib noted that they would also be using occasional instructional videos to see how they feel about their use in the algebra 1 setting. The results of this trial will help determine if these teaching techniques might be useful in the coming school year.

On the topic of blocking some math classes several options were discussed.

1. Should the class meet in two consecutive periods or not? Concerns were voiced that these lower ability students would not handle the two consecutive periods well. It was thought they would be better served by having the second period occur later in the day. In this way, it would be easier for students from multiple algebra or geometry courses to have access to this assistance without them having to be in the same section of the course. Having the second period later in the day would mean these students would all have the same assignment, which would make it possible for the teacher to do more whole class instruction as needed.
2. How will this course count for credit and what will it be called? Mr. Cheesman noted that offering the course for a second credit would make it easier for some students to earn their three credits toward graduation. Concerns were heard regarding the SAT scores of the students and the importance for them to be in the algebra 2 or 2A course in their junior year. Some suggested that this second block could replace RtI, but be a subject specific RtI-type period. It was suggested that this course could fall under the description given in the Illinois School Code as 02994A000 Mathematics Proficiency Development.

Computer Science Meeting: On March 13th Kristi Wright and Brianna Witsman and I met to discuss the computer science curriculum in the district. The discussion centered on whether to incorporate more Project Lead the Way computer science courses into the curriculum. At this time Kristi is the only computer teacher trained in the semester-long PLTW, Introduction to Computer class. The possibility of adding PLTW computer science courses in the 7th and 8th grade for next year was discussed and we decided to hold off for a year on implementing any new courses. Kristi will share some of her PLTW content with Brianna to incorporate into her classes for next year and we will determine at the end of next year whether to proceed with another PLTW computer science course. We also plan to continue using the Keyboarding Without Tears curriculum in the lower grades unless Pari advises differently.

Kristi, Brianna and Mike would like to take a day to visit a few schools this spring to get some new ideas about technology courses and their content. This would probably need to happen sometime in April. I feel that this would be very worthwhile.

Prevention Team Meeting: The Prevention Team met on March 14th to discuss the prevention topics that need to be presented next year to students. The topics that will be scheduled into next year are: social skills, bullying and cyber safety; physical abuse; mental health, ATOD and; sex education. We are developing a schedule for these topics to be built into the school schedule during early out days.

Online School Registration

After meeting with Jeannie Kennard and Kristi Berry it was decided that Lumen is not ready for a complete online school registration process. There are some elements in place that we would like to implement this year and those will be discussed at an upcoming administrator meeting.

Competitive Grant Applications

We have still not received any notice as to when the FY18 Preschool for All and the 0-3 competitive grants will be announced. We will be competing with all Illinois Early Childhood programs for this funding.

Transportation Report
Karen Stoneberger
3/20/17

The District currently has 12 Regular Routes with 889 Eligible Riders.
2 Special Needs Routes with 31 Eligible Riders
5 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 8,528 monthly miles driven
Approximately 3,052 Special need miles driven
Vehicle scheduled
7 Times Teachers
4 Trips Scholastic Bowl
1 Trip @186 mls
2 SportsTrips @ 735 mls.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
MARCH 20, 2017

DISTRICT HEALTH SCREENING

Our health screening is scheduled for April 28th at Wabash General Hospital. Wabash General will again perform the tests. These tests include: Height, Weight, Blood Pressure & Pulse, BMI Labs -Lipid Panel (total Cholesterol, HDL, LDL, Triglycerides & Risk Ratio), Blood Glucose, Complete Blood Count (CBC), Wellness Profile, Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA), and Bone Density.

PARCC TESTING

Our students preparing to take the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Test. Students in grades 3-8 will be again tested in English/Language Arts and Math. Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) will also be given to grades 5 & 8 with all MCHS Biology students taking the high school version. MCHS Juniors will also be taking the SAT this year rather than the ACT used in previous years. Most tests will be given on the computer so we are testing our technology. Test results will be returned to District #348 sometime this summer.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Governor Budget Address-Proposed to increase public education spending to fully fund GSA and end proration to Transportation and other Mandated Categoricals. Money can be saved for the State by creating a new Tier III pension plan for all state pension systems. None of these will come without a cost. Governor is proposing a property tax freeze, Worker's Compensation reform, Term Limits for Legislators, and a more fair mapping system of legislative boundaries.

Also being discussed is a budget "Grand Compromise" with lots of Republican ideas matched against the Democrat ideas. Don't expect anything before the summer on this.

FACILITIES UPDATE

Building & Grounds Committee continues to meet regarding the 2017 school transition. MCHS/MCJHS are top priority currently but all the other buildings will be toured soon.

MCHS HVAC project will begin very soon.

WVC DUAL CREDIT CHANGES

Mr. Cheesman and I have met with Robert Conn from WVC to discuss new rules and regulations regarding our high school dual credit opportunities. As you know, MCHS students for many years have had the luxury of taking multiple dual credit classes through WVC with "no charge". This year there will be a charge but students will be able to get that charge back if they attend WVC after high school.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

With us having to use 2 days (1 Snow Day and 1 Non-Attendance Day) the last day of school if no more days are used will be Thursday, May 25th. That will be the last day for students and teachers.

UPCOMING DATES

March 17, 2017	School Improvement Day (3 Hour Early Dismissal)
March 20, 2017 7:00PM	School Board Meeting
March 27-March 31, 2017	Spring Break
April 3, 2017	Return to School-Classes Resume
April 6-7, 2017	Parent Teacher Conferences
April 14, 2017	Good Friday (No School)
April 17, 2017 7:00PM	School Board Meeting