

Regular Board Meeting
February 26, 2018

The Board of Education of Wabash Community Unit School District #348 met in Regular Session on Monday, January 26, 2018 in the library of Mt. Carmel Elementary School.

President Schuler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Also present were Superintendent Tim Buss, Mt. Carmel High School (MCHS) Principal Jake Newkirk, Mt. Carmel Junior High School (MCJHS) Principal Steve Holt, Mt. Carmel Grade School (MCGS) Principal Chris Taylor, Mt. Carmel Elementary School (MCES) Principal Sheila Odom, Director of Instruction Shelley Richardson, Director of Technology Kevin Smith, Director of Transportation –Karen Stoneberger, Kevin Madden –WSJD, Suzy Ernst –DRR, Regina Paddick –WCTA, Tim King –Kings Financial Consulting, Shawn Storkman –CEO Program, Liberty Noble –CEO Program, Darlene Underwood –District Treasurer, Charles Bleyer –visitor, and District Secretary Kim Zimmer.

Schuler led the pledge to the flag.

Consent Agenda

a. **Approval of Minutes of Past Board Meeting**

- January 22, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
- January 23, 2018 Special Board Meeting
- January 30, 2018 Special Board Meeting
- February 5, 2018 Special Board Meeting
- February 8, 2018 Special Board Meeting
- February 14, 2018 Special Board Meeting

b. **Approval of Monthly Bills**

- Invoices Paid January 2018
- Bills Payable February 2018

c. **Approval of Financial Report**

Account balances were:

Cash Deposits	\$	109,642.54
Investments	\$	1,902,943.97
4 Fund	\$	1,144,501.00
5 Fund	\$	1,630,581.00
Breakfast/Lunch	\$	33,139.72

d. **Approval of Correspondence**

- Beverly Johnson –MCHS Special Education Teacher retiring June 30, 2018
- Kim Racster – MCGS Night Custodian retiring October 26, 2018
- Elizabeth Kieffer –MCJHS 7th Grade Science Teacher retiring June 30, 2022
- Samantha Newkirk –MCHS Science Teacher resigning June 30, 2018

- e. Approve Administrative Reports
Mt. Carmel Elementary School Principal Sheila Odom (attachment #1)
Mt. Carmel Grade School Principal Chris Taylor (attachment #2)
Mt. Carmel Junior High School Principal Steve Holt (attachment #3)
Mt. Carmel High School Principal Jake Newkirk (attachment #4)
Director of Instruction Shelley Richardson (attachment #5)
Director of Transportation Karen Stoneberger (attachment #6)
Superintendent Tim Buss (attachment #7)

- f. Approve 2018-19 School Calendar

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Janice Alka and seconded by Earnest. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Move to go to Closed Session

At 7:01 p.m., Peach 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." The motion was seconded by Hocking. All present voted aye. **Motion Carried.**

Open Session

A motion to return to open session was made by Peach and seconded by Peter. All present voted aye. **Motion Carried.** The meeting returned to open session at 7:14 p.m.

Closed Minutes Approved

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

Approve the Contract of the new Wabash CUSD #348 School Superintendent

A recommendation was made by President Schuler to approve the hiring and contract of Dr. Charles Bleyer as the new superintendent to replace Tim Buss who is retiring on June 30, 2018. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Peter and seconded by Jared Alka. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Bleyer was introduced to the public then signed his contract along with President Schuler and Secretary Janice Alka.

Visitors

Tim King –King’s Financial Consulting

King reported on the sale of the working cash bonds. The lowest bid came from First National Bank of Allendale.

Accept Reports

MCHS CEO Program (Shawn Storckman and MCHS Student)

Storkman spoke to the board about the CEO Program. He noted there were 10 students participating this year. Three points that are stressed with the students are: Be on time, Dress in business attire, and always do your very best. The CEO Trade show will take place on April 23, 2018 at Parkview Christian Church. Liberty Noble, a student in the program talked about how this program had helped her decide what she wanted to major in at college.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Consideration and action on a Resolution abating the Working Cash Fund of Wabash Community Unit School District #348, Wabash County, Illinois

A motion to approve the Abatement Resolution was made by Peach and seconded by Hocking. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Consideration and action on a Resolution providing for the issue of \$2,596,000 Taxable General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2018 of Wabash community Unit School District #348, Wabash County, Illinois for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of said School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

A motion to approve the Taxable General Obligation School Bonds (Working Cash) Resolution was made by Peter and seconded by Earnest. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Motion to Approve Personnel Matters

Personnel Matters

A motion to approve the following employment recommendations was made by Janice Alka:

NON-CERTIFIED

Paul Jones -MCGS Part Time Evening Custodian beginning February 27, 2018

TRANSFERS

Dean Bennett -MCES Night Custodian beginning February 20, 2018

Mark Adams -MCES Head Night Custodian beginning February 20, 2018

Mike Guerin -MCHS Day Custodian beginning February 20, 2018

EXTRA CURRICULAR

Joe Judge -MCJHS Boys' Track Coach beginning the 2017-2018 School Year

VOLUNTEERS

Teresa Berberich -MCHS Volunteer Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach beginning the 2018 Season

Simon Berberich - MCHS Volunteer Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach beginning the 2018 Season

Chase Bramlet -MCHS Volunteer Assistant Boys' Tennis Coach beginning the 2018 Season

The motion was seconded by Hocking. All present voted Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Special Board Meeting Scheduled

President Schuler announced the need for a special board meeting regarding student discipline. The board decided to have the meeting on Friday, March 2, 2018 at 8:00 A.M. in the District Office.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Janice Alka and seconded by Peter. All present voted aye. **Motion Carried.** Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**MOUNT CARMEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING
PRINCIPAL – SHEILA ODOM
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018**

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 monsters. The "Jump Rope for Heart" will take place March 5 – 8th, during the students' afternoon PE class. All money is due by March 8th, but it is easy to donate on line as well. The homeroom teachers held their Valentine's Day party on Wednesday, February 14th. The florist delivered their items the night before. I would like to thank all the parents who volunteered their time to support the students at Mount Carmel Elementary by helping with these parties. Also, a special thank you to Dawn Drone and Angie Leffler for their 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 Tuesday to help organize. Friday, February 16, 2018 three hour early dismissal was set up as follows: Police Drill On Friday, March 2nd Mount Carmel School will take part in "Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration". 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

Friday, March 2 – Dr. Seuss Day
Wednesday, March 7 – Faculty Meeting at 3:20 p.m.
March 5 - 8 – Jump Rope for Heart
Friday, March 9 – End of third quarter
Sunday, March 11 – Daylight Savings Time – Set clocks forward
Monday, March 12-PTO Meeting @ 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 14-BLLC Meeting @ 3:25 p.m.
Monday, March 19 – PBIS Meeting @ 3:25
Monday, March 19 – School Board Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 20 – Parent Teacher Conferences: 4 – 7 p.m.
Thursday, March 22 – Parent Teacher Conferences: 4 – 7 p.m.
Thursday, March 22 - School Improvement Day @ Noon
Friday, March 23 – No School

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To: WCUSD #348 School Board
From: Chris Taylor M.C.G.S. Principal
Subject: M.C.G.S. February School Board Report

M.C.G.S. sent 5 members of our PBIS team to the annual PBIS conference. The workshop included topics on school wide PBIS implementation to be used throughout the building. M.C.G.S. has been a PBIS school for 5 years. 3 hour early out professional development teams continued to work on their peer studies to be presented at the end of the school year. MCGS 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 spring break work to be done around the school MCGS held our last basketball game for the 2017-2018 season. We had great attendance and games for our boys/girls basketball teams. YIA basketball is still continuing on Saturdays through the month of February and March with basketball. MCJHS SLC students came to discuss Stop Walk and Talk as part of the school's PBIS implementation to our 5th and 6th grade students. We are continuing to practice with our students and checking the technology for the upcoming Parcc test.

Dates to Remember

Feb.	2	Faculty Meeting
	12	Fundraiser starts
	14	Bllc
	16	3 hr early out
	19	No School
	26	Board Meeting
	26	End fundraiser
Mar.	7	Faculty meeting
	13	Parcc starts
	14	bllc
	20	p/t conferences 4-7
	22	3 hr early out (shooter drill 1230-130)
	22	p/t conferences 4-7
	23	no school
	27	5th grade talent show
	30	no school

Mount Carmel Junior High 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."

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School Improvement

On February 16th, MCJHS staff participated in a productive Peer Study session. The groups are studying various educational issues and are working toward Peer Study Presentations in April.

Music Solo and Ensemble Contest

For the first time in about 6 years, MCJHS will be hosting the regional Music Solo and Ensemble Contest at Mount Carmel Grade School. Ellen Wall has volunteered to take the lead role in this big event. The students really gain a lot from the contest and having it in our back yard means that more of our students are able to participate.

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 February 27th at Wayne City. Scholar Bowl is a great way for our MCJHS students to show their academic talents.

Extra-curricular

The boys and girls basketball teams have wrapped up their season. The 8th grade boys finished first in regional tournament play and went to Rend Lake for the state tournament. MCJHS 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 MCJHS website at <http://mcjhswabash348.blogspot.com/>

Upcoming Dates:

2/26	School Board Meeting
2/27	Pasta Fundraising Dinner for the 8 th grade Holiday World Trip
3/1	Spring Pictures
3/6	Statewide Tornado Drill
3/7	Faculty Meeting
3/9	End of 3 rd Quarter
3/10	Music Solo and Ensemble Contest @ MCGS
3/12	BLLC Meeting
3/17	Organizational Music Competition @ Mt. Vernon
3/19	School Board Meeting

Approved by the Board of Education on March 19, 2018



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Guidance has completed registration for juniors, sophomores, and freshmen for next year's classes. Mrs. Paddick has met with MCJHS, St. Mary's, and Allendale to register 8th graders and should have them near completion by the end of this month.

Our Scholastic Bowl team had their first match in nearly 4 years last weekend.

Mr. Newkirk & Robert Conn (WVC Dean of Instruction) have been working on dual credit courses for the 2018-2019 school year.

The students interested in the Health Care Occupation course for 2018-2019 school year have turned in their applications and interviews were held last Wednesday with Mr. Newkirk, instructor Cathy Ile, and WGH's Bridget Shepard.

Our music department has been putting in a lot of hours in preparation for the Spring Musical, "Cinderella."

Our BLLC has written 2 school improvement goals and are nearing completion of the actions and targets associated with them.

Upcoming Dates

3/9 End of 3rd Q

3/20 & 22 Parent/Teacher Conferences

3/22 School Improvement Day

Shelley Richardson, Director of Instruction
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Prevention Initiative 0-3 Grant Competition

On February 9th the Prevention Initiative 0-3 grant was submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education. This grant supports our 0-3 program and will fund three parent educators if awarded. The total proposed budget is \$184,608. We should be notified within 90 days if we are awarded this grant.

Professional Development

The February school improvement day was held on Friday, February 16. Mt. Carmel Elementary School participated in an active shooter drill during that time and the other schools worked in their peer study groups. Active shooter drills will also take place at Mt. Carmel High School/Mt. Carmel Junior High School on April 27 and at Mt. Carmel Grade School on March 22.

Online School Registration

It is time once again to begin looking at ways to refine the online school registration process that we began last year. We will be working to assign fees to the online application and determine the best way to receive payment.

Grant Update

The Title I, Title II and Title IV grants received final approval on Friday, February 16.

Transportation Report
Karen Stoneberger
2/20/18

The District currently has 12 Regular Routes with 854 eligible Riders.
Averaging Approximately 826 miles per day
1 Special Needs Route with 19 Riders
5 Brownsville Students
5 Riders to Norris City
Approximate Regular Miles Driven 13,216
Approximate Special Need Mileage 1,808
61 St. Mary's Riders
Vehicles Scheduled
3 Sports Trips
14 Teachers Meetings
2 Field Trips @ 108 miles.
4 Sports Trips @ 438 miles
We added one new rider for the Annex at Norris City on 2/20/18.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
FEBRUARY 26, 2018

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

We continue to meet every month to discuss our District #348 Improvement Plan. We will have representatives from the American Institute for Research here for our Board of Education meeting in March to review our plan.

APRIL 27TH TEACHER INSTITUTE DAY & DISTRICT #348 HEALTH SCREENINGS

Planning for Friday's April 27th 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 again 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 14th. Governor Rauner proposed to increase funding for K-12 public education by a total of \$350 million for the new evidence based funding model. But he also stated he was proposing to shift the pension cost from the State to local school districts (a potential cost of \$500,000 to our school district). More information to come.

FACILITIES UPDATE

We need to schedule a Building and Grounds Committee meeting to begin to discuss summer projects. I will be in touch with the committee soon to schedule.

ROE #20 ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REVIEW

Roe #20 was in our district February 21st to review our employee files. Everything went well.

UPCOMING DATES

February 26, 2018 7:00pm	School Board Meeting
February 27, 2018 6:30pm	WOVSED Governing Board
March 6, 2018 3:40pm	PLC Meeting
March 19, 2018 7:00pm	School Board Meeting
March 20 th and 22 nd , 2018	Parent Teacher Conferences (4:00-7:00 PM)
March 22, 2018	School Improvement Day (3 Hour Early Dismissal)
April 2-6, 2018	Spring Break
April 9, 2018	Classes Resume