

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

September 1, 2021

Work Session

Washington Local Schools Board of Education

Mark Hughes - President
Michael Murphy - Vice President

Irshad Bannister
Melanie Garcia
Karen Mayfield

Dr. Kadee Anstadt..... Superintendent
Mr. Jeffery Fouke.....Treasurer

Board Approved

Superintendent's Report

Transportation Director Kelley Linzie provided an update regarding transportation routes as they will impact this school year. Transportation is facing a very challenging time due to the driver shortage, along with the number of students vs. routes that are driven each day. Ms. Linzie and staff have been working tirelessly to recruit new drivers every day to assure the safety of all students. She is very thankful for all their hard work, efforts and dedication.

Dr. Anstadt provided an update on COVID numbers from the first 10 days of school.

- 42 Positive students (1st-12th grade)
- 6 Positive Staff
- 209 Quarantined Students
- 3 Quarantined Staff

Dr. Anstadt emphasized that there are some schools that have positive cases and some that do not, however it took six weeks last year to reach the same positive numbers. The number of quarantined students is the second highest number yet. The most stark difference is the number of positive students. Our trends mirror the national trend of exponential cases among children. Further, Dr. Anstadt mentioned a letter will be distributed to all Washington Local families from local pediatricians and pulmonologists giving good counsel regarding Covid practices such as masking and vaccinating, as they are the people families have trusted for years, confirming what we are doing as a district.

Board Discussion

Legislative Update - Mrs. Mayfield provided the following information.

- The State Board of Education appointed Stephanie Siddens as Interim-State Superintendent until the end of the month when a permanent superintendent will be selected.
- HB 248 - Vaccine Choice & Anti-Discrimination Act on hold. This act affects a lot of the things we talk about regarding Covid. It would block public agencies, schools, daycare providers, and others from requiring or asking someone to get vaccinated against Covid or any infectious disease.
-Governor DeWine has spoken against this bill.

Consent Agenda Items F1-F2: All Items can be accessed via BoardDocs at <https://www.wls4kids.org/>

❖ Purchases over \$25,000

Martin Public Seating

Request from Tom Snook, A.D./Associate Principal

Approve purchase of furniture for the Whitmer Library which will be a general learning center that will allow for flexible spacing for all Whitmer students and faculty to utilize and collaborate.

Total Cost.....\$71,346.50

❖ Substitute Employee Hourly/Daily Rate of Pay

<u>Position</u>	<u>Present Rate</u>	<u>Recommend Rate</u>
Bus Driver	\$15.75	\$18.00
Bus Monitor	\$10.50	\$13.00
Classroom Aide	\$10.20	\$14.00
Custodian	\$10.50	\$13.00
Health Aide	NA	\$20.00
Kindergarten Instructional Support Aide	NA	\$14.00
Maintenance	\$11.70	\$14.00
Nutrition Service Worker	\$ 9.20	\$13.00
Safety Aide	\$10.50	\$13.00



HAPPY LABOR DAY

Observing the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being.

2021 Regular Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, September 15	6:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 6	6:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting/ Work Session
Wednesday, October 20	6:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 3	6:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting/ Work Session
Wednesday, November 17	6:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 15	6:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting

The Board Meeting Calendar is established each January at the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education