

**West Marshall Board of Education
Regular Session
March 13, 2019**

The West Marshall Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the library in the high school building. President Rodney Honeck called the meeting to order. Members present for roll call included April Coulter, Sue Goodman, Rodney Honeck, Shawn Meyer, Ryan Pfantz, Bob Ranson and Jason Walker.

Agenda: Motion by Pfantz, seconded by Walker, to approve the agenda. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome and Recognition of Visitors

Consent Agenda

Recommendation by Mr. Large to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Minutes of the February 13, 2019, Regular Session
- Minutes of the February 13, 2019, Special Session
- Minutes of the February 20, 2019, Special Session
- Bills and financial reports
- Personnel report: Accept resignation of Ann Bryant, Brenda Krough; Accept temporary hire of Ana Rodriguez; Terminate contract with John Page.

Motion by Ranson, seconded by Meyer, to approve the consent agenda items. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

New Business

- FY 20 Budget Presentation and Approval for Publication: The FY20 budget information was presented to the board. The district is on the Budget Guarantee for Fy20 due to declining enrollment. This results in an increase in property taxes since the budget guarantee amount is fully funded by property taxes. The district did decrease the management fund levy slightly to help offset the increased levy. The other individual fund levies decreased or stayed the same as last year, with the exception of the general fund levy. The overall levy without any buy down is \$12.46676, an increase of \$0.71 from last year's final levy. Pfantz had concerns with this large of an increase and proposed to buy down the levy. Mr. Large did review the criteria set for a buy down, and we meet 2 of the 3 criteria. Motion was made by Pfantz, seconded by Walker, to buy down the general fund levy using \$100,000, resulting in a tax levy of \$12.10706. Roll call vote: Coulter, aye; Goodman, aye; Honeck, aye; Meyer, aye; Pfantz, aye; Ranson, aye; Walker, aye. Motion carried.
- Set Date, Time and Location of Budget Hearing: Motion by Pfantz, seconded by Walker, to hold the budget hearing on April 10th, at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.
- Budget Guarantee: Motion by Pfantz, seconded by Coulter: The Board of Directors of West Marshall Community School District will levy property tax for fiscal year 2019-20 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.
- DECAT Funding: Mr. Large applied for funds from DECAT, which is an intergovernmental agreement. This \$5,000 will be used to provide counseling for students in need as identified by our staff, training for our staff, and a Jump-Start program for some at-risk students. Motion by Meyer, seconded by Goodman, to tentatively accept the DECAT funding pending attorney approval. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.
- Fundraisers: PBIS Club Choice fundraiser for prizes; Drama bake sale at intermission fundraiser. Motion by Coulter, seconded by Walker, to approve the fundraisers. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.
- Request to hold drama practice on Wednesday, April 10th: Motion by Coulter, seconded by Goodman, to approve drama practice on Wednesday, April 10th, past 6:00. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.
- Request to hold Senior Awards night on Wednesday, May 15th: Mr. Einsweiler made a request to begin holding an awards night for seniors, separate from the all school awards. This will allow more parents to be able to attend. All awards and scholarships, including the Foundation scholarships will be recognized. Motion by Walker, seconded by Coulter, to approve the 1st annual Senior Awards night to be held on a Wednesday night. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Admin Reports

- High School Report: Mr. Einsweiler reported that Friday, March 15, 2019, is career fair day at the high school. The May term will be held during the last week of school again this year. Many lessons were learned from last year, enabling them to make some changes to make this year even better.
- Middle School/Intermediate School: Mr. Randall reported the 4-year planning has begun with the 8th graders, which is required by the state. This ensures they are prepared before entering high school. Staff attended professional development by Tammy Hefelbower, which focused on making assessable tasks that align to the standard. PBIS appears to be having a positive impact on behavior referrals as they are down significantly this year. Recap of spring activities completed as well as coming up, including a new opportunity for middle school to practice golf this year with high school.
- Elementary School: Ms. Smith reported on literacy instruction. They are working on the instructional framework in a deep implementation study. They are working to implement a phonics curriculum. Kindergarten round-up will change this year to an evening instead of during the day so the current students don't have to miss school for 2 days and parents don't have to take off work. Preschool – would like to work on full-day or wrap around preschool. Summer school ideas were shared in an effort to make this program more effective.
- Superintendent Report: Mr. Large gave the board access to the new ISASP to experience what the assessment is like. We are hosting the district track meet this year, and are considering if we will hire someone to run our track timing system. Contracts are being typed for all staff. Hope to have them out by the end of the month. New website is live now.

Information

- Student Information System – there are 3 main systems available: Infinite Campus, JMC and Power School. We currently use JMC. Infinite Campus was mentioned as a new possibility, so Mr. Large got a bid from them. Their start-up cost is quite significant, with the annual fee being about \$10,000 more than our current JMC system.
- Health insurance options – we are looking at changing our health insurance plan from a \$250 deductible plan to a \$500 deductible plan. The new plan has co-pay instead of co-insurance like we currently have, which will result in lower costs for office visits. It also offers a better prescription plan than what we currently have. Changes are needed to help avoid any potential Cadillac tax in the future. This will also decrease the premium for family coverage and offers better prescription coverage.
- Facilities planning with Melee – we plan to hold another meeting with them in April to continue the facilities planning discussion.

Board Reports

- Facilities Report – Bob reported that the committee met at the Main St. storage facility on Monday. They toured the building and looked at some of the equipment that needs replaced.
- Foundation Report – the Mail-A-Thon will be done soon.

Motion by Ranson, seconded by Meyer, to adjourn Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Edler