

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
(MINUTES)**

Williamsburg, Ky. January 17, 2017

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A COPY OF ALL DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN THE MINUTES ARE IN THE BOUND AGENDA IN THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

ORDER NO. 2216 APPROVAL OF ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN:

The recommendation to elect John Jeffries as school board chairman was made by Roger Faulkner and seconded by Allan Steely. The motion carried 5-0.

ORDER NO. 2217 APPROVAL OF ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD VICE-CHAIRMAN:

The recommendation to elect Allan Steely as school board vice-chairman was made by John Jeffries and seconded by Roger Faulkner. The motion carried 5-0.

ORDER NO. 2218 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Superintendent, Dr. Amon W. Couch, recommended and the Board approved the Consent Agenda. The recommendation to approve was made by Roger Faulkner and seconded by Kim White and the motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Minutes, Monthly Bills and Treasurer's Report.

SETTING THE FINAL AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

STAFF RECOGNITION:

“Going the Extra Mile Award”

David Higginbotham  
Kristy Stewart

David Higginbotham, WISD Finance Officer, recently announced his retirement, and Dr. Couch spent time talking about David and his service to the district. Special attention was given to his time of service, his patient demeanor with customers / staff, his love of this district, and his attention to detail and excellence when it comes to the district's finances.

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The following statement was read, written by the teacher who nominated Ms. Kristy Stewart for Going the Extra Mile Award:

I would like to recommend a WHS teacher for the Going the Extra Mile award – Ms. Kristy Stewart. Ms. Stewart is a picture of perseverance and strength as she works and teaches and does life with her family. She is able to balance an active schedule of teaching, plan extra special activities for her students such as the recent Christmas toy drive for children at the Children’s Hospital in Cincinnati and still find time to dedicate such time and dedication to her top priority – her family.

Ms. Stewart’s students are able to see, through her life, what it looks like to handle the challenges of life with grace and dignity. With her son Austin’s prolonged illness, Ms. Stewart and her family have continued to trust in the Lord, to maintain as much normalcy as they can in their personal lives while at the same time making sure he gets the very best care possible. Ms. Stewart is a graduate of WHS and represents at its core the bedrock principles that define what it means to be a Yellow Jacket. For all these reasons and more, that’s why I am nominating her for the Going the Extra Mile Award.

**STUDENT RECOGNITIONS:**

The following comments were made by Dr. Couch, WISD Superintendent:

I’m so thankful to have the opportunity to share with the board and our guests the amazing work that Ms. Kristy Stewart and a group of her student leaders has done in relation to a Christmas toy drive conducted here this past December. As all of you know, Ms. Stewart’s son Austin has spent a great deal of time at the Children’s Hospital in Cincinnati. They have seen so many children there who because of their debilitating conditions are forced to stay in the hospital for long periods of time, even over the holidays. This made a big impact on Ms. Stewart and her family. So, they decided to do something about it.

Ms. Stewart approached administration with the idea of doing a Christmas toy drive for those children who are in the hospital there in Cincinnati. She enlisted a number of student leader volunteers who are represented here tonight who helped her with collection and getting the word out. The drive expanded to the whole school, and the result was hundreds of toys that were taken to Cincinnati. This made such a profound impact on those children there who were so thankful for these gifts. Their work helped to make the lives of those children a little brighter. On behalf of our district and our board of education, we want to recognize Ms. Kristy Stewart and her students for their hard work and for making a difference.

The following students participated in the Christmas Toy Drive for Cincinnati Children’s Hospital:

Kelsey Tye  
Ashley Vanover

Kenzie Wright  
Celina Gray  
Jacob Gray  
Mahalia Cain  
Hunter Brown  
Kevin Siler

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STAFF/STUDENT SPECIAL RECOGNITION/OTHER:

N/A

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS:

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS – SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2017

- PROPERTY SALE - Property sale is final. Checks for approximately \$123,500 were deposited into the general fund.
- PIPE GRANT - PIPE grant work is well underway. We've had two sessions, and we have current homework for both our project teams: budget and facilities. The end result will be clearly defined flow charts for critical processes.
- 50<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT - Preparation for the 50<sup>th</sup> District basketball tournament is in full swing.
- LED SIGN - LED sign is operational with current messages. One of the messages that is up there now is a message thanking our School Board for their service as a part of KSBA's School Board Appreciation Month (January). We had a dedication event on MLK Day. Reps were there from Forcht Bank and WISD PTO.
- DISTRICT FACILITY PLAN - This is our new for development of a district facility plan. They are active for four years, and then a new plan has to be developed. After consulting with KDE and also our architects, they recommended asking for a waiver, given the fact that we are in the process of doing our HVAC/lighting project. These projects make up the majority of the current DFP. The committee is being formed now to look at the current plan. If they make the decision to ask for a waiver, then at the next board meeting, I will return as their representative and make that request of you.

- BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE – As you know, at our last work session, we charged Sherman Carter Barnhart and CMTA to see if our project could potentially have any energy savings opportunities that would allow us to expand the project to possibly include the roof and also leave maximum \$\$ on the table in regard to bonding. Preliminary numbers are positive. I am going to meet with SCB and CMTA on Thursday of this week to get a full report.

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- NON TRADITIONAL INSTRUCTION DAY UPDATE – We have used one NTI day, and the workflow is happening as expected with some tweaks and clarifications. We have a maximum of ten NTI days that we can use, and our plan is use them strategically and not unless they are needed.
- SESC STEM GRANT – We are in the beginning stages of a conversation with SESC Cooperative, of which we are a member to enter into a cooperative relationship with Corbin Independent, Whitley Co, Barbourville Ind, and Knox County to create a STEM Academy which all our students could attend. No details are available at this point, but transportation, costs, and student offerings are some of our big questions / concerns at this early stage.
- READ TO ACHIEVE GRANT – Thanks to the work of Mr. Connell, we have successfully submitted a RTA grant. Not surprisingly, the grant was quality work, and I want to thank Mr. Connell for pulling that together so successfully.
- CDIP / CSIP APPROVAL – One of the action items tonight is the approval of the CDIP / CSIP for 2017. This was a joint effort between Mr. Connell and Mr. Melton. Again, this work is very high quality, and the plan was submitted on time. It spells out our instructional plan for 2017 and mirrors the common vision that we have set as a district.

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Melton, WISD Principal, spoke on a number of issues relating to instruction, including assessment and continuous improvement.

WEA REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS:

WEA President Todd Mattingly stated that the school year was moving along smoothly and that there were no issues to report.

STAFF COMMENTS:

N/A

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APPROVAL OF BOARD TRAVEL:

N/A

ACTION AGENDA:

ORDER NO. 2219 APPROVAL OF THE 2017-2018 DRAFT BUDGET:

Superintendent, Dr. Amon W. Couch, recommended and the board approved the 2017-2018 Draft Budget. The motion to approve was made by Allan Steely and seconded by Kim Williams. The motion carried 5-0.

ORDER NO. 2220 APPROVAL OF THE CDIP/CSIP:

Superintendent, Dr. Amon W. Couch, recommended and the board approved the CDIP /CSIP. The motion to approve was made by Kim Williams and seconded by Jason Caddell. The motion carried 5-0.

ORDER NO. 2221 APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP FOR WHS SOFTBALL TEAM:

Superintendent, Dr. Amon W. Couch, recommended and the board approved an overnight softball trip. The motion to approve was made by Roger Faulkner and seconded by Jason Caddell. The motion carried 5-0.

ORDER NO. 2222 APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION (6:45 p.m.)

Superintendent, Dr. Amon W. Couch, recommended and the board approved to enter into closed session. The motion to approve was made by Kim Williams and seconded by Roger Faulkner. The motion carried 5-0.

ORDER NO. 2223 APPROVAL TO EXIT CLOSED SESSION (7:00 p.m.)

Superintendent, Dr. Amon W. Couch, recommended and the board approved to enter into closed

session. The motion to approve was made by Kim Williams and seconded by Allan Steely. The motion carried 5-0.

INFORMATION:

Tax Update.....Annetta Lewis

BOARD COMMENTS:

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ORDER NO. 2224 APPROVAL TO ADJOURN AT 7:06 p.m.:

The motion to adjourn was made by Roger Faulkner and seconded by Kim Williams. The motion carried 5-0.

**TIME ENDED 7:06 P.M.**

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Board Chairperson

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Secretary to the Board