

# West Carroll Special School District

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## **March 1, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes**

***Present: Jimmy Halford, Mike Foster, Kyle Foster, Misty Mitchell, Patrick Lindsey and William Robinson***

**I. Meeting was called to order by Jimmy Halford**

**II. Invocation was given by William Robinson**

**III. Approve Consent Agenda**

- **Approve minutes from December 7, 2017 Board Meeting**
- **Approve Financial Report**
- **Approve Cafeteria Report**
- **Accept the resignation of Kim Grogan effective May 31, 2018**

Motion – K. Foster; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Robinson to approve consent agenda. Motion carried consent agenda approved.

**IV. Spotlight – WCPS School Counselor (Kim Grogan), WCES School Counselor (Sherry Cockrill) and WBBJ's Educator of the Week (Crystal Polinski), WCJSHS School Counselor (Sunni Cooksey), School Psychologist (Lee Ann Duncan) and TCAT signee students**

WCPS spotlighted Mrs. Kim Grogan, School Counselor

WCES spotlighted Mrs. Sherry Cockrill, School Counselor & Crystal Polinski, WBBJ educator of the week and reminded everyone to vote for her on [seehowitaddsup.com](http://seehowitaddsup.com) for educator of the month.

WCJSHS spotlighted Mrs. Sunni Cooksey, School Counselor & TCAT signee students  
WCPS & WCES also spotlighted Mrs. Lee Ann Duncan, School Psychologist

**V. Field trip request to attend HOSA competition and convention in Chattanooga, TN – March 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> 2018 (Second Reading) Lisa Kapeller**

Motion – K. Foster; 2<sup>nd</sup> – M. Foster to approve field trip for HOSA on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.  
Motion carried field trip approved.

**VI. Field trip request to attend the FCCLA State Competition in Chattanooga, TN – March 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018 (Second Reading) Linda Black**

Motion – Mitchell; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Robinson to approve field trip for FCCLA on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.  
Motion carried field trip approved.

**VII. Discuss Director of Schools Performance Evaluation Tool**

*Mr. Williams, Director of Schools, presented the board with several options of the Director of Schools Performance Evaluation Tools that were used to evaluate other Directors in surrounding counties.*

Motion – M. Foster; 2<sup>nd</sup> – K. Foster to use the Performance Evaluation Tool from Alamo City Schools. Motion carried Performance Evaluation Tool approved.

**VIII. School Resource Officer Discussion – Patrick Lindsey**

The board heard from Sheriff Andy Dickson about the contract the county and McKenzie SSD have to provide a single SRO, who is a POST-certified officer with the special SRO training. Sheriff Dickson said MSSD pays the county \$49,000 per year to provide the one SRO. The county and school district developed a contract for services. Officer Nick Lowe is an employee of the Carroll County Sheriff's Department and assigned exclusively to McKenzie schools. Dickson said the officer works in the various school buildings as assigned by school officials. He also attends home and away sports games. Officer Lowe develops safety plans for the school, teachings DARE and serves as the liaison between the school and law enforcement. The SRO's patrol car, uniform, health insurance, and liability insurance are provided by the Carroll County Sheriff's Office.

Dickson said he is also talking with Clarksburg and Hollow Rock-Bruceton about adding SRO's. Huntingdon is working with the Huntingdon Police Department to add SRO's. McKenzie has had an SRO for approximately 20 years.

WCSSD Board Member Mike Foster said he supports adding an SRO, however, it will not solve all the problems. The school's mission is to provide a safe environment. He noted many of the problems are societal.

Director of Schools Mr. Dexter Williams said he arrived at WCSSD as a principal three years ago. When he first arrived, there were no locks on the doors. Now every door is locked and persons attempting to enter the building must be buzzed in. Mr. Williams also said he is in favor of an SRO. "One SRO is a good start". However, he noted that the students cannot be protected from all possible threats, such as when students practice or play outdoor sports.

Board Member Williams Robinson said the Jr/Sr HS conducted a safety drill last week that included law enforcement, fire department, homeland security, teachers, and administrators. The lockdown drill was well planned and everyone was aware it was to occur. Following the drill, school officials and law enforcement have a better idea for improvements to the safety plan.

It was also announced the school has contracted for trained canines to periodically patrol the campus beginning next school year. The dogs will arrive unannounced and search for drugs, weapons and alcohol.

Several parents spoke from the audience concerning the need for SRO's following the school shooting in Florida. Board Member Patrick Lindsey wanted the board to immediately vote on adding an SRO. Some parents demanded an immediate response and the hiring of SROs.

Mr. Tim Pratt said the Florida shooting took only six minutes. A single SRO in WC could not move from one location to another in six minutes. Mr. Pratt recommended an SRO in each school building.

Board Member Patrick Lindsey said his constituents wanted SROs. He pressed for an immediate vote to add SROs to the school. Lindsey made the motion to hire a SROs. Chairman Jimmy Halford said Lindsey's motion did not follow the board's policies.

He said the matter must be studied and a budget approved for an SRO. Lindsey insisted, however, Halford, as chairman, did not recognize the motion.

Halford call for a special meeting to discuss the matter. He directed Mr. Williams to poll board members to determine the best time to meet.

**IX. Discuss/approve board policies (First Reading)**

- a) **3.207 – English as a Second Language Program**
- b) **3.400 – Student Management Transportation**
- c) **4.206 – Special Programs**
- d) **4.603 – Promotion and Retention**
- e) **4.605 – Graduation Requirements**
- f) **4.606 – Graduation Activities**
- g) **5.802 – Qualifications and Duties of the Director of Schools**
- h) **6.319 – Alternative School Programs**
- i) **6.405 – Medicines**
- j) **6.4051 – Glucagon and Diazepam Gel (Diastat)**
- k) **6.4052 – Opioid Antagonist**

Motion – Mitchell; 2<sup>nd</sup> – K. Foster to approve Board policies listed above on First Reading. Motion carried policies approved on First Reading.

**X. Discuss/approve board policy (Second Reading)**

- **4.211 – Work Based Learning Program**

Motion – K. Foster; 2<sup>nd</sup> – M. Foster to approve board policy listed above on Second Reading. Motion carried policy approved on Second Reading.

**XI. Principal Updates**

**Jackie Wester – Primary Principal**

- **Read Across America will be ending this week**
- **March 2 we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday**
- **March 5<sup>th</sup> thru 16<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting pennies for patients**
- **We collected \$2,000 during our Math-a-thon and are very proud of our students who participated**
- **February 20<sup>th</sup>, Ollie Otter came to our school and talked about the importance of using seatbelts to all students**
- **March 6<sup>th</sup> will be our WCP PTO Beauty Pageant**
- **March 15<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Tom Meiners, weather man from WBBJ TV channel 7 is coming to our school to talk to the student about weather**

**Molly Ashley – Elementary Principal**

- **In February we had our 1<sup>st</sup> ever College & Career night and it was a big success. Ms. Sunnie Cooksey and Mr. Shane DePriest came and talked with our 6<sup>th</sup> grade student and parents.**
- **March 3<sup>rd</sup> will be our Miss West TN Beauty Pageant**
- **March 5<sup>th</sup> is St. Jude Math-a-thon**
- **March 6<sup>th</sup> is our Literacy Night**
- **March 8<sup>th</sup> is our School Pageant**
- **March 9<sup>th</sup> will be our Carroll Co. Ag. Day**
- **March 14<sup>th</sup> we will be taking our Spring Pictures**

- March 16<sup>th</sup> we will be handing out our report cards
- March 20<sup>th</sup> will be our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade orientation
- March 26<sup>th</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup> is our spring break and our students are ready for is to begin

**Tim Stratton – Jr/Sr High Principal**

- HS registration will be March 6<sup>th</sup>
- Field testing for English 1, 2, & 3 is this month
- March 14<sup>th</sup> we are hosting a blood drive
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> is our Beta induction
- Our 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking the ACT test this month and 9 & 10 grade will be taking a practice ACT test
- Baseball & Softball season has started
- Our Basketball teams (Girls & Boys) made it to the regionals

**XII. Director of Schools Updates**

- West Carroll Special School District's 5 Year Plan

*Mr. Williams updated the boards about the first District Strategic Planning Committee meeting. He said they had a great meeting and had lots of great ideas on how the school system should move forwards to achieve what is best for our kids and school system.*

**XIII. Adjourn**

Motion – M. Foster; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mitchell to adjourn meeting. Motion carried meeting adjourned.

**West Carroll SSD**

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**Kyle Foster**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

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**Date**