



Washington Junior High School

Home and School Board Meeting Approved Minutes  
Thursday, January 18th @ 9am

1. Call to order Jon Vogel: 9:08am
  - a. In attendance: Anne Metzger, Roberta Bree, Liza Hood, Shannon Olsen, Jon Vogel, Emily Kozlowski
2. President's Report: Melinda Watson
  - a. THANK YOU for Staff Holiday Brunch - community donations
  - b. THANK YOU to Lost and Found for constant attention
    - i. Are donations being made of items?
      1. Yes, Goodwill and Treasure House
  - c. THANK YOU to Staff Appreciation for ongoing events
  - d. Intentions for next year: Nomination committee will start reaching out - are you continuing in your role?
    - i. Question regarding who is on the nominating committee? WE NEED TO GET A COMMITTEE TOGETHER
  - e. Budget planning: does your committee need any changes?
    - i. Executive Board presents in March: vote in April
      1. The Exec Board will meet in February to work on the budget.
  - f. Thoughts on a guest speaker for the February meeting via zoom?
    - i. No guest speaker, we felt that we many not get many people joining on a Zoom and didn't want to have a speaker if that was the case.
  - g. Bylaws need to be updated - do you want to be a part of that committee?
    - i. Review and make suggestions on: [Working Draft of 2023-24 Bylaws.docx](#)
  - h. 8th Grade Moving on Event Planning. What help do you need from the board and volunteers?
    - i. Jon said they are good and will let us know if/when they need anything.
3. General Home and School info
  - a. Tentative tax levy was approved at the last board meeting on 1/18
  - b. 2025 calendar was approved [SY26 English Calendar.pdf](#)
  - c. Changes to JH Exploratory - (Mr Vogel can elaborate)
    - i. Change from two years of foreign language to combine them into one year (8th grade).
      1. They would start at level two in freshman year.
    - ii. Looking to provide more exposure to electives to help students have a good idea of what to try in high school.
      1. Code Explorers, Music, PLTW, Art and FACS for 6th graders
      2. 7th grade has the option of three of the following: Code Explorers, PLTW, FACS or Art.
        - a. 6th graders will make their choice next week for next year exploratory courses.
        - b. They provide their top three choices and the administration will try to give them at least their top choice.
  - d. The policy for administering medicine to students has changed
  - e. The facility capital improvement plan was approved for schools, NNHS tennis and track, Kingsley windows, Madison new roof, Lincoln and Elmwood chiller
  - f. [2024-2025 General H&S Executive Committee Interest Form](#)

- g. S.U.C.C.E.S.S 2024 Annual Black History Month Showcase
  - i. Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 2:00 pm at Naperville North High School.
  - ii. This year's theme is **"The Historically Black College and Universities (HBCU) Experience: Steppin Into Our Future"**.
  - iii. Flyer [2024 SUCCESS BHM Flyer.png](#)
  - iv. [2024 SUCCESS BHM Letter.pdf](#)
  
- 4. Upcoming dates
  - a. Jan 18 - Girls Basketball tryouts
  - b. Jan 22 - BOE Meeting 7pm
  - c. Jan 25 - Escape Room Event 6-8pm
    - i. This event takes the place of an Open House which isn't utilized as much by families in middle school.
    - ii. SFCP and Mrs. Trainor organized this event.
    - iii. Core and elective teachers have put together clues.
    - iv. Food, music and activities in the gym when students are done with the escape room.
  - d. February 3 - 203 Day - Celebrated the week before
  - e. February is the "Month of Love" at WJHS, activities, hot chocolate cart, kindness weeks
  
- 5. Vice President's Report: Kathryn Pegorsch
  - a. No report
  
- 6. Treasurer's Report: Anne Metzger
  - a. Approval of [November 2023 Financials](#)
    - i. 1st Motion: Roberta Bree
    - ii. 2nd Motion: Liza Hood
    - iii. Approved
    - iv. Bank balance \$63, 509.19 as of 11/30/2023
  - b. Approval of [December 2023 Financials](#)
    - i. 1st Motion: Shannon Olsen
    - ii. 2nd Motion: Roberta Bree
    - iii. Approved
    - iv. Bank balance: \$60285.46 as of 12/31/24
  
- 7. Secretary's Report: Emily Kozlowski
  - a. Approval of [Unapproved Minutes WJHS November, 7 2023.docx](#)
    - i. 1st Motion: Liza Hood
    - ii. 2nd Motion: Shannon Olsen
    - iii. Approved
  - b. Correspondence
    - i. Thank you from Stephanie Guglielmucci for School Psychologist Appreciation Week:
      - 1. "Just wanted to send a quick thank you for remembering me during National School Psychology week. The sweet card and Amazon gift card are very appreciated. Thank you for always making us feel special and supported! Stephanie"
      - 2. Laura E. Atseff
        - a. Thanks for approving her wish list for 5HM, 5PI
  
- 8. Principal's Report: Jon Vogel
  - a. Winter MAP testing currently going on
  - b. Surveys
    - i. Illinois Youth Survey (parents can opt their students out) the data is helpful for watching for trends in youth.

- ii. Panorama
- iii. 5 Essentials, WJHS does well usually
- iv. Don't wait for a survey to tell staff if something needs to be addressed.

9. Committee Reports

a. Verbal reports

i. Lost & Found

- 1. Things get checked for names.
- 2. Post items on Facebook
- 3. Donate to Goodwill and Treasure House

ii. Jon Vogel is green and uses a 12 year old Starbucks mug.

b. Written reports

**Adjourned at 9:55am**

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 14th @ 9am VIA ZOOM**