

ACROSS THE BOARD



Board of Education Meeting • February 27, 2013



washington local schools

2013 BOARD CALENDAR

Regular Meetings:

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| Wed. | Mar. 20 | 6:00 p.m. |
| Wed. | Apr. 10 | 6:00 p.m. |
| Wed. | May 15 | 6:00 p.m. |
| Wed. | June 19 | 6:00 p.m. |
| Fri. | June 28 | * 1:00 p.m. |
| Wed. | Aug. 7 | * 1:00 p.m. |
| Wed. | Aug. 21 | 6:00 p.m. |
| Wed. | Sept. 18 | 6:00 p.m. |
| Wed. | Oct. 16 | 6:00 p.m. |
| Wed. | Nov. 20 | 6:00 p.m. |
| Wed. | Dec. 11 | * 5:00 p.m. |

Saturday Board Work Sessions:

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| Sat. | Mar. 9 | * 8:00 a.m. |
| Sat. | June 8 | * 8:00 a.m. |
| Sat. | Sept. 21 | * 8:00 a.m. |
| Sat. | Dec. 7 | * 8:00 a.m. |

Evaluations:

Superintendent
Wed. June 12 * 1:00 p.m.

Treasurer
Mon. Aug. 19 6:00 p.m.

Upcoming meetings, agendas, summaries, and minutes are available online at:
<http://www.wls4kids.org/board/meetings/>



Washington Local Schools
Board of Education

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Vice President Thomas Ilstrup
Members Frank Erme
..... David Hunter
..... Steve Zuber

Superintendent Patrick C. Hickey
Treasurer Jeffery S. Fouke

Editor Wendy Farran

Approved:

- Board Minutes from January 9, January 16 and February 6
- Financial Reports and Investments, and Payment of Legal Fees
- Purchases over \$25,000:
 - ★ *Guardian Alarm* \$37,613.88
Security Alarm Monitoring Contract
January 1 - December 31, 2013
 - ★ *Guardian Alarm* \$36,553.00
Security Cameras Contract
January 1 - December 31, 2013
 - ★ *Brahier Oil* not to exceed \$26,800.00
Fleet fuel purchase
(Actual with delivery - \$26,527.00)
 - ★ *Ohio High School Athletic Association* \$50,000.00
Payment for Investigative Costs
- FY2013 Amended Appropriation Measure
- Life Insurance Rates with Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.
Effective March 1, 2013 - February 29, 2016
Basic Life: \$0.08 per \$1,000 Basic AD&D: \$0.02 per \$1,000
- Elementary and Junior High School Fees for 2013-2014
Grades K-6: \$20.00 Grades 7-8: \$35.00
- Resolution authorizing Termination of Agreement establishing
Management Council of the Cisco Academy of NW Ohio
- Parental Contract in Lieu of Transportation
- Final Payment of \$7,723 to Lake Erie Technologies, Inc.
for 2012 clock systems project at secondary campus
- Resignations, Nominations, Leaves of Absence, and
Changes of Contracts
- Contract for Re-employment of Superintendent (Patrick Hickey)
Effective February 27, 2013 - July 31, 2018

Awarded Bids:

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| | <u>Whitmer HVAC System Project:</u> | | |
| | <i>Total Environmental Services</i> | Asbestos | \$167,152.00 |
| | <i>Lake Erie Electric of Toledo</i> | Electrical | \$67,885.00 |
| | <i>Industrial Power Systems</i> | Mechanical | \$6,082,000.00 |
| | <i>Midwest Contracting</i> | General | \$1,525,500.00 |

Accepted:



Gifts and Donations:

\$1,000 from Columbia Gas of Ohio for the Wernert Book Tree Project

\$300 from BP Fabric of America Fund to Washington Junior High

Assorted new automotive parts from Vin Devers Autohaus of Sylvania to the CTC Automotive Technology Program

Two large boxes of tools, three electronic diagnostic tools, oil drain pans, and two floor jacks from Evelyn Lockhart to the CTC Automotive Technology Program

TRIBUTE: MARISELA TREVINO (August 8, 1997 - February 15, 2013)



Tragedy bestruck our district again with the loss of a bright young girl. **Marisela Trevino** was a sophomore at Whitmer High School. I want to compliment **Kelly Welch, Becky Swisher**, our counselors, and staff at Whitmer. Thank you for wrapping your arms around Marisela's family and friends. I am proud of all of your efforts.

Mr. Hickey shared a video created by some of Marisela's friends, which is included in the link below.

Superintendent Hickey's Tribute to Marisela Trevino:
http://www.ihigh.com/wls4kids/video_917908.html



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Superintendent **Patrick Hickey** and Treasurer **Jeff Fouke** had their formal evaluations with the Board during the month of February. Members of the Board expressed that both leaders had stellar evaluations and have the full support of the Board. The academic success, smooth operations, and fiscal strength of the district were attributed to their leadership, and the Board thanked them and shared their appreciation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION -- DIGITAL GRAPHIC DESIGN -- IOO PLANS



Front: Carlie Burton, Allie Zolciak, Ashley Armstrong, Cassidy Sa, Sydney Cook, Alyssa Montano.
Back: Alex Zolciak, Corey Kasmierski.



The Digital Graphic Design class (and teacher **Brian Anderson**), presented their plans for the Infinite Opportunity Olympics.

The solutions they have developed are designed to generate excitement and build awareness, improve the implementation of the event, and celebrate individual achievement and excellence.

Highlights included:

- * t-shirts / apparel
- * promotional bracelets
- * event map & brochure
- * signage for events
- * animations for Jumbotron screen
- * community pep rally



The Infinite Opportunity Olympics is a day of track-and-field events for Washington Local students with disabilities.

The second annual I.O.O. will be held on Saturday, May 4 at Whitmer.

The program is under the leadership of **Catie Riker**, **Rachael Novak**, and **Seth Evearitt**.





Superintendent's Report & Communications
 Patrick Hickey, Superintendent

The Spirit of I.O.O. -- Mr. Hickey shared a video from a high school basketball game in Texas that he believes captures the spirit of the Infinite Opportunity Olympics. Steve Hartman (CBS -- "On the Road") gave this special report about Mitchell Marcus, a team manager with a developmental disability:

http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-18563_162-57570865/act-of-sportsmanship-gives-texas-high-schooler-shot-at-glory/



Ohio Department of Education State Ranking System -- Mr. Hickey used sports analogies to explain the dangers and unfairness of the new ranking system by the Ohio Department of Education. ODE is comparing urban schools with wealthy, suburban schools AND they are also changing the rules midstream on how the districts are being graded. This is NOT the way districts should be measured. Districts should be measured on value-added (which measures the growth of each student), and we should be compared to similar districts. Mr. Hickey complimented the teaching staff, noting that 76 out of 832 in terms of value-added (the third highest in Lucas County) is something we should all be proud of. Just as we did with the last levy campaign, we need to speak with "One Heart, One Voice, and One Message" when we talk about the ranking of school districts.

Toledo City Paper - "Best of" Issue -- The Toledo City Paper came out today, and Whitmer was ranked the Best Public High School, the Whitmer Panthers were named the Best Team, and Jerry Bell was named the Best High School Coach.

Healthy Students -- The P.E. classes have focused on obesity at Whitmer. During the first semester, our high school P.E. students lost 537 pounds, which is very commendable.

Joe Janney Memorial -- Since our last Board meeting, Joe Janney has passed away. He was a Whitmer grad, served our country extremely well, and also served on the fire department and the Trilby Chamber of Commerce. Janney's Ace Hardware has been a fixture in the Trilby community for a long, long time.

Video Promotes Whitmer High School



New Whitmer Video -- Michael Punsalan, Matt LaPoint, and Gary O'Connor produced a video for Whitmer's 8th Grade Preview Night. We want all of our eighth graders to stay at Washington Local and attend Whitmer.

Whitmer 8th Grade Preview video - "Here You Belong":
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INUy6C2vFc4>

Winning Students to WLS -- Kudos to Kristine Martin and the team at **Washington Junior High** which has won two new students to the district after shadowing experiences -- one from a local parochial school and another from a TPS Academy. **Keep after it, and keep winning kids back!**

Praise for Two-Hour Delay



Mr. Hickey shared an email he received from student **Joshua Bauman** who liked the two-hour delay the district had in January.

Mr. Hickey visited Josh's class in December.

More Inspiration from Students -- Mr. Hickey's son **Luke** recently taught Mr. Bennett's class at Shoreland through his Teaching Professions program at the Career and Technology Center. When he left, all of the fifth graders wrote him letters. A note like this one will inspire you to stay in teaching:

Dear Mr. Hickey [written to Luke], You can teach fifth grade since you're so good at helping out fifth graders. If you teach fifth grade, I will be happy. If you succeed, come and see me, because I will leave Mr. Bennett a present for you. I know you love sports, so I hope you will succeed at baseball and basketball. I love sports, too. Sports are fun. I will miss you. You are a great teacher. It's fun when you are here. Goodbye.

I wish you could stay here for the rest of the school year. You need to stay here. Please stay here. I want you to visit. If you visit, just like I said in paragraph one, I would visit if I were you. Please visit. Love, Haley Connolly

Student Philosophies -- Krista Balwinski's students completed an interest inventory that included a one-sentence philosophy of life. She shared their inspiring words with Mr. Hickey:

"I do not kill spiders or other bugs in a classroom and it upsets me when other people kill them."

"Just a guy trying to make it in this world."

"The sooner you can get over a 'bump' in life the sooner you can continue living."

"I believe the world could be much better if everyone learned to trust one another."

"I love life. There is always a reason to smile."

"I am a unique-minded person who believes not that the end justifies the means, but the means justify the end."

"I love living."

"I like dogs. I think if everybody could think like a dog, without the poop-eating and butt-sniffing, the world would be a perfect place."

"I am the most freaking happy person in the world and will not stop being happy and in a good mood ever, because of many great things planned this year. I always have something to look forward to. I like life."

"Have fun but get your stuff done in school so you won't have to work too hard when you are old. Gotta get a break, you know?"

"I believe that whatever you do in life you will affect other people, and it is important to act in a way that you want people to act."

I live a casual life of being awesome. I think everyone should be nice and understanding. If everyone was, things everywhere would be alright."

"One of the most important things in life is to find what you're passionate about and what makes you happy."

"I would rather help someone out today than do it tomorrow."

"My philosophy is to be nice, 'cause I'd feel horrible if I was mean and then that person died unexpectedly."

Toledo Club Magazine Cover



Whitmer students in Chef **Michael DuShane's** Culinary Arts program were featured on the front cover of the February issue of the Toledo Club's magazine.

Clock-wise from top left:
Marcus Henry, Chef Michael Rosendaul, Adam Bellamy, Jesse Cole, and Jamie Zilka

Girls Basketball Beats Central -- Our Whitmer Girls Varsity Basketball Team recently did something that hadn't happened in 20 years... The girls beat Central!



Coach **Sean Flemmings** is doing a tremendous job... only had one senior and had a ton of wins. He is also getting kids at the elementary grades to buy in to the program and building a strong foundation for future success.

State Report Card -- Not one of the things mentioned in tonight's Superintendent's Report will show up on the state report card. We need to stop obsessing about tests scores. Not one of us got into the educational field to raise test scores. We got into it to nurture kids and to build them up, to fuel their passions, and to help them reach their destinies.

WLS is cultivating students who do great things...

Whitmer Alumnus Donnie Dottei

Whitmer graduate **Donnie Dottei** received the First Team Capital One Athletic Academic Award and one of two GLIAC Commissioner's All-Conference Athletic Academic awards.

Donnie is completing his student teaching in North Carolina and Florida. He recently defended his Statesmanship Thesis (80+ pages) in front of a panel which included a well-known Lincoln historian and a leading mathematics professor. The thesis, entitled "Self-Evident Government: The Impact of Euclid on Jefferson and Lincoln's Political Thought," required him to examine the methods of a third-century Greek thinker (Euclid). Donnie's excelled in his presentation, and he was written up in the *Ashbrook Letter*.



How an Ancient Mathematician Shaped American Politics
<http://ashbrook.org/news/how-an-ancient-mathematician-shaped-american-politics/>

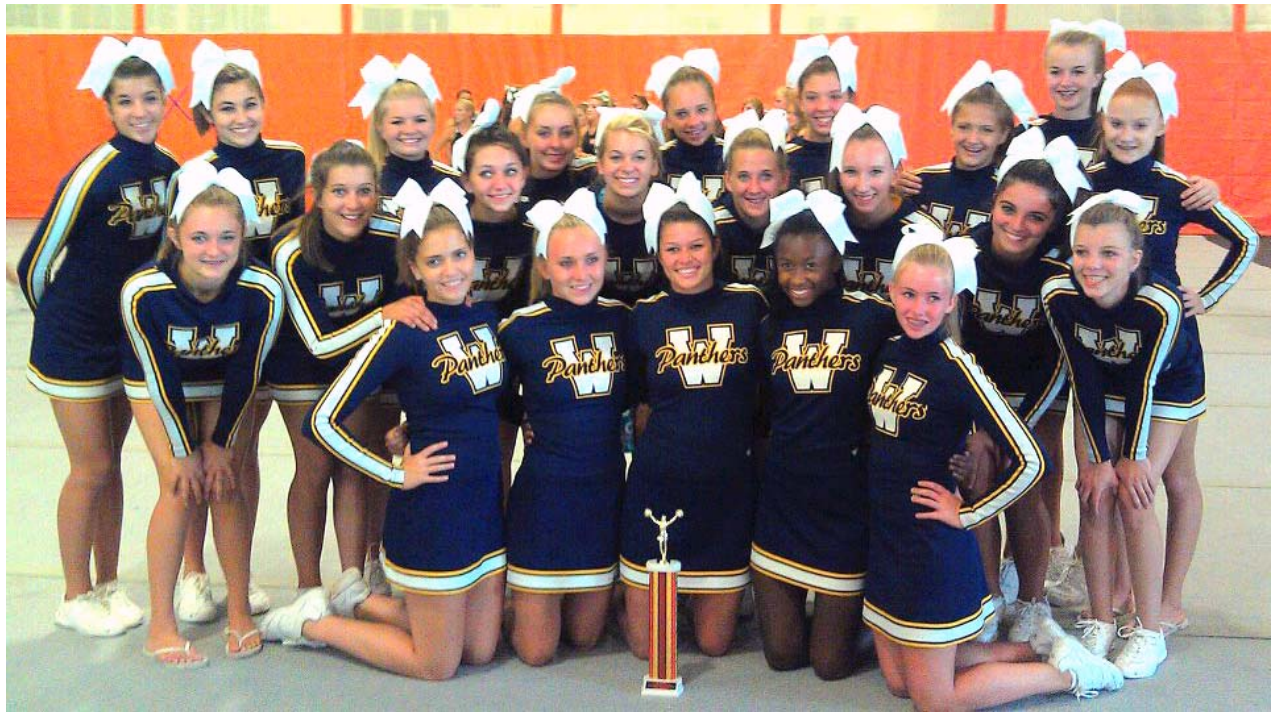
WHITMER CHEERLEADING COMPETITION TEAM -- STATE QUALIFIERS

Regional Winners / State Qualifiers:

Congratulations to the Whitmer cheerleaders who won the February 3rd regional competition at Anthony Wayne High School. and qualified for state competition. They will compete in Columbus on March 3.

About the Girls:

This is only the second year for this squad. The girls try out separately for this competition team than from regular cheerleader tryouts. They practice 2-3 times per week, and have competed in six competitions, placing first in five of them and second in one.



FRESHMEN:

Allison Russell
Kennedie Wolfinger
Kelsey Cook
Julia Kimmel

SOPHOMORES:

Ashley Pasche
Mackenzie Steele
Brittney Roth
Taylor Goney

JUNIORS:

Grace Haskin
Jessica Alexander
Kaitlyn Barber
Lauren Chrysochoos
Samantha Bartolet
Taylor Urbanski
Kaylyn Huebner
Alexis Walker
Peyton Lyons-Glashauser
Hannah Pace
Lindsey Woelfl

SENIORS:

Shelby Swartz
Avery Murnen
Kylie Kretz



Mr. Hickey shared two emails, including one that included this photo of the girls praying together before a competition.

Regional Competition video:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Whitmer-High-School/190539744414637?ref=stream#!/photo.php?v=598684593481231&set=vb.321346887964114&type=2&theater>

JOB TRAINING (Formerly Option IV) -- TOLEDO PET FARM



Superintendent **Patrick Hickey** (*above*) and Assistant Superintendent **Cherie Mourlam** visited the Toledo Pet Farm where Job Training students, taught by **Leslie Elendt**, gained training and experience.

Communication cards allow a non-verbal student to express when he doesn't understand and needs assistance or share that he has completed his tasks.

*I don't understand how to do this job?
Can you help me?*



Mr. Hickey will be visiting all of the job training sites. The companies who take the risk of taking our students who can't always communicate their needs are deeply appreciated, because they embrace our kids as we embrace them.

Visit our *Twitter* and *Facebook* pages and get updates on great things happening in Washington Local!

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