

ACROSS THE BOARD



Board of Education Meeting • March 20, 2013



washington local schools

2013 BOARD CALENDAR

Regular Meetings:

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.

Special Meeting:

Thurs.	May 2	*5:00 p.m.
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Saturday Board Work Sessions:

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.
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Treasurer

Mon.	Aug. 19	6:00 p.m.
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Upcoming meetings, agendas, summaries, and minutes are available online at:

<http://www.wls4kids.org/board/meetings/>



Washington Local Schools
Board of Education

President John Adler
 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 February 25, February 27, and March 9
- Financial Reports and Investments, and Payment of Legal Fees
- Purchases over \$25,000:
 - ★ *Brahier Oil* not to exceed \$28,500.00
 - Fleet fuel purchase actual with delivery - \$28,026.07
- Board Policies: Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment
 - 3362 - Professional Staff (*Replacement*)
 - 4362 - Classified Staff (*Replacement*)
 - 5517 - Students (*Replacement*)
- Resignations, Nominations, Leaves of Absence, and Changes of Contracts

Accepted:

- Tax Rates for tax collection in fiscal year 2013-2014
 - 70.70 mills outside 10 mill limitation and
 - 5.30 mills inside 10 mill limitation for the General Fund;
 - 2.60 mills outside 10 mill limitation for Capital Projects;
 - 78.60 mills total
- Gifts and Donations:
 - \$1,000 from Brondes Ford for Wernert Book Tree Project
 - \$1,500 from BP-Husky Refining LLC to Engineering-Project Lead the Way Program for Whitmer Engineering Solar Car
 - Cisco Catalyst switches from Owens Community College to Computer Networking Technology Program

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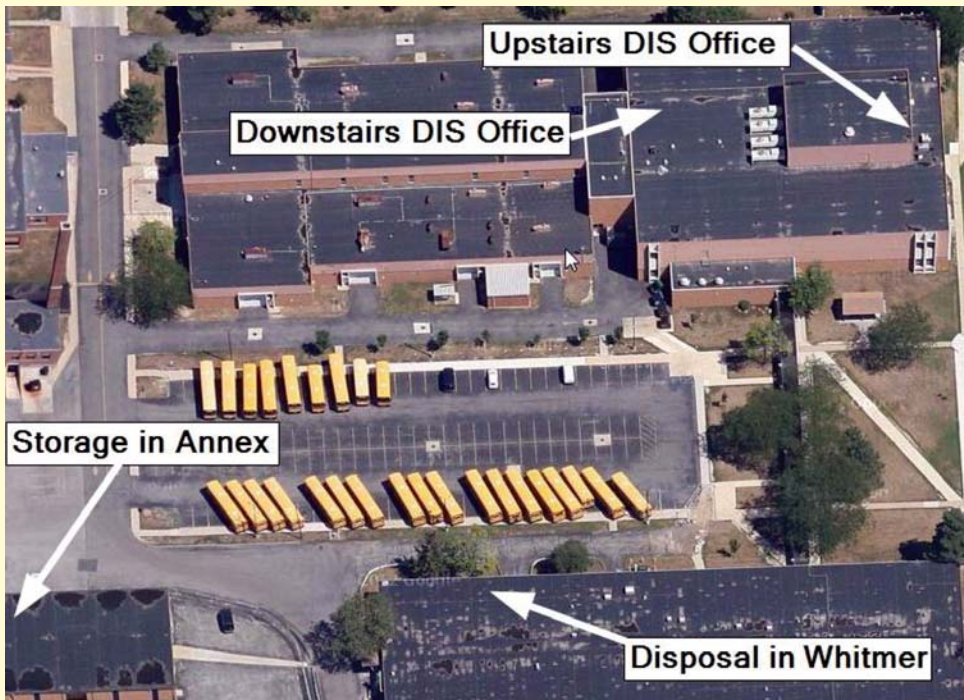
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PRESENTATION: Department of Information Services

Dr. Bob Gulick, WLS Director of Technology, shared with the Board the challenges the Department of Information Services faces daily with its servers, offices, storage, disposal, and training areas separated from one another.

The current system results in severe time inefficiencies (unloading, inventory, prep, delivery, service, and disposal). Equipment security is not optimal and DIS staff collaboration and communication is limited.

There is a need for a secure, unified workspace that is centrally-located and has a delivery door. Square footage needs include a training lab, office space, workbench space, meeting space, and storage space for parts, equipment, software, and disposal. A potential site was identified and shared.



The Department of Information Services is currently divided among four separate areas of the Whitmer campus (above). The Training Lab is housed at the Administration Building.

EXISTING DIS AREAS

- * Administration Bldg.
 - Computer Training Lab
 - Server Rack for Backup/DR Site
- * Whitmer Annex
 - Storage (supplies/new equipment)
- * Whitmer Room 158
 - Storage (equipment to be disposed)
- * CTC 1st Floor Office
 - 2 Service Techs
 - Help Desk / Secretary
 - Director
 - Meeting Area
 - Software
 - Storage (equipment / parts)
- * CTC 2nd Floor Office
 - 3 Service Techs
 - Network Manager
 - Workbench Area
 - Storage (supplies)
- * CTC 2nd Floor/Behind
 - Fiber Optic Network Hub
 - Servers (data/production, telephone control)

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION -- WHITMER CHEERLEADERS -- 5TH in STATE



The Whitmer Cheerleading Competition Team placed 5th in the state in their second year in existence. The state competition was held March 3 at Ohio State University.

The girls try out for the squad separately than regular cheerleader tryouts and practice two to three times per week. The team participated in eight competitions, placing first in five of them and second in another. Teams competed across the state at four different regional competitions in February and had to qualify to go to states. **The Whitmer team took fifth at the state contest, facing the best 23 teams from across Ohio.**

Superintendent Patrick Hickey thanked the coaches -- **Kelly Steele, Jenna Steele and Sarah Scroggs** -- for their leadership and thanked the girls for representing the district so well as ambassadors and role models in our schools and in our community.



Front row, crouching: Taylor Goney, Jessica Alexander, Taylor Urbanski, Kaylyn Huebner, Peyton Lyons-Glashauer, Alexis Walker, Kelsey Cook, Hannah Pace.

Back row, standing: coach Kelly Steele, Lauren Chrysochoos, Samantha Bartolet, Shelby Swartz, Avery Murnen, Kaitlyn Barber, coach Jenna Steele, Superintendent Patrick Hickey.

Not pictured: Allison Russell, Kennedie Wolfinger, Julia Kimmel, Mackenzie Steele, Ashley Pasche, Brittney Roth, Grace Haskin, Lindsey Woelfl, Kylie Kretz, coach Sarah Scroggs.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION -- MARQUISE MOORE -- STATE WRESTLING -- 4TH



His senior year at Whitmer was only his second year in wrestling EVER, but **Marquise Moore** achieved great things.

Board Recognition

Whitmer senior **Marquise Moore** (center) and his coach **Joshua Adams** (far left) were honored by Superintendent **Patrick Hickey** after Marquise completed a stellar season in wrestling.

Marquise took 4th place in the heavyweight class in the State Division I Wrestling Tournament on March 2. With an overall record of 36-2, he is the highest placer at Whitmer in over 10 years.

Marquise has signed a national letter of intent with the University of Toledo to play football.



Junior Year: 33-7 overall

- 3rd in TRAC League
- 5th at Sectionals
- District Alternate
- 3rd All-Time Whitmer Honor Roll



Senior Year: 36-2 overall

- 9-0 at Genoa
- 1st at Fremont Ross Invitational (Tourney MVP)
- 1st at Perrysburg Invitational Tournament
- 5-0 at Archbold
- 1st in TRAC League
- Sectional Champion
- District Champion
1 of only 4 in Whitmer history
- 4th at OHSAA States
*highest Whitmer placer since 1993
first Whitmer placer since 2007
highest heavyweight placer next to 2-time state champ and Olympic team member Greg Wojchiechowski, only 3rd Whitmer heavyweight to qualify for States EVER*
- 2nd All-Time Whitmer Honor Roll
2nd best record in Whitmer, behind Olympic wrestler Greg Wojchiechowski





Superintendent's Report & Communications

Patrick Hickey, Superintendent

Whitmer HVAC Project -- Work is getting underway on the Whitmer HVAC project to replace underground steamlines. The \$10 million project is the largest permanent improvement project in district history, and Mr. Hickey is excited about the work which will make the Whitmer campus ready for the next 50 years.

Thanks to Bobby Landis -- Mr. Hickey thanked Whitmer senior **Bobby Landis** for running the cameras and handling the video recording of the Board meeting.

Bruce Smith -- Whitmer Boys Basketball Coach **Bruce Smith** is retiring in June, and he will be honored at the April 10 Board meeting for his time and service in the district as a coach and a teacher.



Infinite Opportunity Olympics - May 4

Mr. Hickey shared a video created by Whitmer social studies teacher **Michael Punsalan** to promote the Infinite Opportunity Olympics on May 4:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-8_c27JTjQ



David Hunter - OSBA Honor -- Mr. Hickey congratulated Board member **David Hunter** on his well-deserved honor from OSBA and thanked him for his 20 years of service and dedication to the Washington Local community.

Thank you, Administrators -- Administrator contracts were on the March 20 agenda, and Mr. Hickey thanked principals and administrators for the work they do for the district. Many of them visited the Ron Clark Academy recently, and it is exciting to see new ideas being implemented.

Excellent Rating Funds -- Washington Local Schools are **EXCELLENT** again. The rating comes with dollars attached to it, and we are expecting a check for \$123,247.79 for achieving that ranking.

OSBA Award of Achievement



David Hunter with OSBA President **Charlie Wilson**

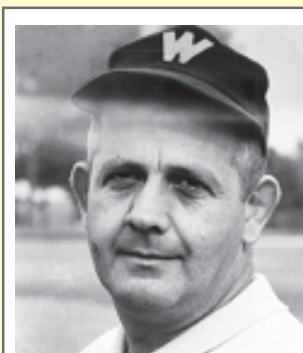
Board member **David Hunter** was honored by the Ohio School Boards Association with an OSBA Award of Achievement at their conference on March 14.

The award is given to Ohio school board members in recognition of their commitment to training and leadership activities on their local boards of education and in region and statewide OSBA activities.

Remembering Norm Decker -- Mr. Hickey shared the sad news that **Norm Decker** passed away at the age of 82. Norm was a 20-year teacher in the Washington Local Schools and had the fourth-most wins as a football coach in the history of the district. He had a motto of **"We can, we will, and we must!"** When we think that we're reinventing things here in 2013, we often find that what's new has been done before. Norm set a standard. His last two years in the Great Lakes League, he was 17-1-2. Sometimes we forget and only think of the most recent incredible things that happen here athletically and academically. It wasn't too long ago, in 1968, that Norm was leading us to 17 wins out of 20 games and was coach of the year, and we had a state ranking. He was one of the many folks who built the foundation we are blessed to stand on. Please keep Norm's wife in your thoughts and prayers.

Blade article: <http://www.toledoblade.com/Deaths/2013/03/22/Norman-K-Decker-1931-2013-High-school-football-coach-at-Whitmer-was-in-Korean-War.html>

Obituary: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/toledoblade/obituary.aspx?n=norman-decker&pid=163768298#fb>



NORM DECKER

Feb. 7, 1931 - Mar. 20, 2013

Whitmer Girls Soccer Volunteers at St. Paul's

The Whitmer Girls Soccer team, under the leadership of coach **Marisa Wolfe** and parent **Tammi Mills**, volunteered at St. Paul's Community Center on March 20. The girls made and served a spaghetti dinner to residents of the homeless shelter.

Soccer is a fall sport but the girls came together for this service project to reach out to the community.



Front row: Alyssa Morgan, Emily Roberts, Alicia Ferman, Katarina Wicher, Alex Ries, Nicole Mills, Melody Vartanian, Katie Smith. *Back row:* Rebecca Poirier, Kaleigh Duncan, Bailey Kurdys, Taylor White, Celeste Dawson, Karly Jagodzinski, Rebekah Haase, Meagan Sommers, Chloe DeStazio, Morgan Doty.

Wellness Activities -- Wellness activities are helping to keep our health insurance premiums from escalating. This district has really embraced wellness. There are now 35 wellness activities happening throughout the district including finance wellness classes, group fit-ins, Active for Life challenges, doctors brought in for lunch-n-learns, zumba classes, yoga classes, stress management classes, and nutrition classes. Each building has its own wellness committee. We have pull-up bars, snack challenges, fitness challenges, bikini challenges, healthy breakfast challenges, hundreds doing Rival Fusion workouts, and staff doing DVDs together. We're bearing results with healthier staff. Well employees make better moms, dads, teachers, and staff.

Whitmer Alumnus Blythe Worstell Awarded Scholarship, Headed to China

Last year, The Ohio State University received \$10 million in US Department of State grant support to implement a Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program. A Whitmer graduate -- **Blythe Worstell** -- was one of the first recipients of this scholarship. Blythe will go to China, all expenses paid, to immerse herself in the Chinese language. She will participate in 20 hours of Chinese classes each week and have travel excursions throughout China.

A Landscape Architecture student, Blythe chose to pursue the scholarship in order to improve her Chinese language abilities and have the opportunity to live in another country for an extended period of time. Not long ago, she was walking the halls of Whitmer. Next year, Blythe will be in China learning a language and being a great ambassador.



<http://knowlton.osu.edu/news/2013/03/landscape-architecture-student-awarded-critical-language-scholarship>

DECA PLACES SECOND, QUALIFIES FOR INTERNATIONAL CONTEST



Whitmer marketing students recently competed at the state DECA competition. The team of **Paige Bacon, Meghan Franz, and Victoria Eddy** carried out a public relations campaign -- "**Put Down the Phone, Make it Home!**" Over the past few months, the girls did research, held a student assembly, brought a driving simulator to Whitmer, contacted area businesses to put messages on their signs, and sponsored a no texting and driving pledge. Their 26-page paper and 15-minute presentation wowed the judges. They placed second in the state, qualifying for the international competition in April in Anaheim, California.

Other state competitors included seniors **Freya Brown, Marysa Halfpap, Nigel Hayes, Paige Kelley, Annie Lewallen, Kyle Montgomery, and Michael Wiseman**; and juniors **Samantha Bartolet and Morgan Cukierski**.

Freya, Marysa, and Michael were awarded medals and showcased on stage for earning Top 10 in the state.

Put Down the Phone School Assembly Video: http://www.ihigh.com/whitmer/video_917067.html

Twitter and Facebook -- We are really pushing our social media presence via Twitter and a district Facebook page, which are essentially free advertising for us. We began a focused effort on January 27 and increased our Facebook "likes" from 46 to 292. Our daily reach average is 512, with a high reach of 4,379 on February 28. Our daily viral reach average (the number of people who saw our page or post from a story shared by a friend) is 472 with a high viral reach of 4,307. Staff are sending good news and photos to **Sharon Giles**, and she is doing a really nice job getting it out there.

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



District-wide Twitter:
<https://twitter.com/wls4kids>



District-wide Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/wls4kids>



WLS Warms Up With Good Books

The ninth annual community reading evening, "WLS Warms Up With Good Books," was held February 27.

Guest readers, face painting, and making pledges to read (by signature and/or handprint) were just a few of the family-friendly activities planned.



Youth Advocates Teams Up with Libraries to Collect Books for Kids

The Youth Advocates collected 1,179 books to donate to kids in our community. One classroom -- **Laura Ulrich's** first block class -- donated 417 books. Despite nasty weather, close to 200 students and their families celebrated reading at the community reading night. An additional 150 books were collected to donate to the Salvation Army. Sixty students, staff, and library volunteers made sure the evening went smoothly. The event is one of Mr. Hickey's favorites, and he thanked **Libby Ziegler** for her vision to bring WLS Warms Up for Kids to the district.

Random Act of Kindness

Mr. Hickey shared an email sent by **Cherie Mourlam**, Assistant Superintendent, to Central Office staff about a Random Act of Kindness they made happen.

The story of Ben Pike had touched Mr. Hickey when he read it in *The Blade*, but he had no idea that the young man was doing his student teaching right here in Washington Local.

Mr. Hickey stated, "I'm proud that Ben Pike is in our district. I'm proud that Ben Pike is in front of our students. I'm proud that Ben Pike gave up his senior year to take care of his girl friend, and I'm praying every day that he is able to marry his college sweetheart in June. He continues to be an example to our students and our staff."

Dear Central Office Staff,

*This week you were **ALL** a part of a "Random Act of Kindness" that I wanted to share with you.*

There had been recent news of a young man attending the University of Toledo, a senior defensive end, that gave up his final season of eligibility to help his fiancée, Ashlee Barrett, battle leukemia. Ashlee is a second grade teacher in her hometown in St. Louis, Mo, and is currently going through chemotherapy. Ben Pike has BIG plans to marry his college sweetheart, (who was also a university basketball athlete), in June of this year following a bone marrow transplant.

Kathi Hogan brought this story to my attention when she found out Ben was student teaching for US!!! Kathi had asked if there was anything we could do with our jean fund to help Ben out. What a wonderful idea! I asked are you sure he is here? I had read the story and it mentioned a Toledo middle school, never dreaming it was one of OUR "middle schools". After confirmation from Kathi and a phone call to Mr. Bernhardt, I discovered he was student teaching under Coach Jerry Bell and Rhett Boyd...how cool is that? In speaking with Jerry, he stated that Ben Pike was the BEST student teacher he had ever experienced and a fine young man.

This is where you all come in. We delivered \$400 in jeans fund money, plus an extra donation of \$100 to Ben this week in front of his classroom of students. Ben was very moved by your generosity.

I cannot tell you what an outstanding and gracious young man Ben is. He truly exudes our 12 core values and Patrick, in true Washington Local fashion, I presented him my card for future job opportunities, should he decide to reside in Toledo. I explained to his students that he was the type of teacher we want as a role model for our kids, that he was a man of integrity and character and he has "it" that we talk about wanting all our teachers to exhibit.

So thanks to each of you for making a special day for someone whom you have never met, but you would be proud to know.

Cherie Mourlam

Toledo Blade article - "Rockets inspired by cancer survivor" by Ryan Autullo
<http://www.toledoblade.com/UT/2012/11/05/Rockets-inspired-by-cancer-survivor.html>