

ACROSS THE BOARD



Board of Education Meeting • April 10, 2013



washington local schools

2013 BOARD CALENDAR

Regular Meetings:

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.

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

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 March 20, 2013
- Financial Reports and Investments, and Payment of Legal Fees
- Purchases over \$25,000:
 - ★ *Brahier Oil* not to exceed \$26,500.00
Fleet fuel purchase actual with delivery - \$25,625.86
 - ★ *PCMG* \$30,280.40
One-year license for all district computers of Microsoft Office 2010 and Windows 7
 - ★ *PCMG* \$28,732.60
26 each of Asus desktop computers, 24" monitors, and digital video cables
- FY2013 Amended Appropriation Measure
- Attendance at the OSBA Leadership Institute (April 26-27) for Frank Erme and Steve Zuber
- Resolution Opposing Provisions in HB 59 (see page 2)
 - Expansion of Vouchers
 - Governance Structure of Educational Service Centers
- Textbook Adoption
 - *enVision Math Common Core* (grades K-5) Published by Pearson \$468,073.05
- Supplementing Cost of Advanced Placement Exams for those who do not qualify for financial need
- Job Description: High School Secretary (*NEW*)
- Resignations, Nominations, Leaves of Absence, Changes of Contracts, and Retirement Incentive

Affirmed:

- Compliance with Nutrition Standards, Food/Beverage Standards -- 3313.814 Ohio Revised Code

Awarded:

- Contract to Windstream (Ruckus) \$290,471.54
Installation and support through spring, 2018 of a Turn-Key wireless solution throughout WLS district

Accepted:



Gifts and Donations:

Five boxes of #10 envelopes, nine boxes of medical charts, and numeric color-coded labels from Parkway Surgical Center to the district

Five Red Bin jobs (hands-on activities to help students with job skills and self-help skills), five talking calculators, a GO TALK 9, a large bean bag, five CDs from Attainment's Basic Signs, Santa hats, and Whitmer t-shirts from Sertoma to Kim Tyrell's special needs classroom at Whitmer

Resolution Opposing Provisions in HB 59 Expansion of Vouchers and Governance Structure of Educational Service Centers

WHEREAS, Governor Kasich's biennial budget (HB 59) proposes to expand the EdChoice Scholarship Program through two new options that will significantly increase the number of publicly-funded vouchers for students to attend private or parochial schools; and

WHEREAS, one of the programs provides private or parochial school tuition vouchers to any entering kindergarten student of a family with a household income less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level, to be used at the parent's choice of participating private or parochial school; and

WHEREAS, the following year, such vouchers would be expanded to include students in both kindergarten and first grade, totaling \$25 million over the biennium; and

WHEREAS, such vouchers would be granted without regard to the academic performance or quality of the public school that the student is assigned to attend; and

WHEREAS, the second voucher expansion proposed by the Governor in HB 59 expands eligibility for the EdChoice voucher program to Kindergarten through 3rd grade students enrolled in buildings that received a "D" or "F" in the new K-3 Literacy component of the New Report Card in 2 of the 3 most recent report cards; and

WHEREAS, the operation of the proposed programs would effectively reduce funds from the already financially beleaguered local public school districts, resulting in fewer resources for the education of remaining students; and

WHEREAS, Educational Service Centers are a vital link and partner with school districts that they serve to ensure that each child in the State of Ohio has access to a high-quality education; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has enacted significant changes to the K-12 educational system in Ohio over the past two years with the goal of improving the quality and accountability of education; and

WHEREAS, further changes for Educational Service Centers are scheduled to be implemented in a concentrated timeline, including reduced funding and elimination of publicly-elected ESC boards of education;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington Local Board of Education does hereby express its opposition to these provisions in HB 59; and

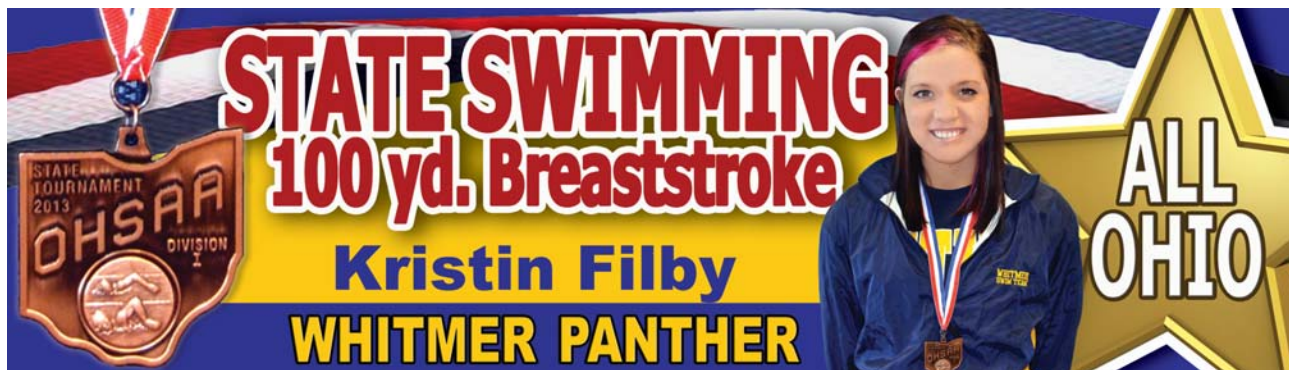
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington Local Board of Education expresses its opposition to any legislation that seeks to transfer public dollars to support private education; and

BET IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington Local Board of Education expresses its opposition to the concentrated timeline currently in law for Educational Service Centers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer be directed to spread this resolution upon the minutes of the Board of Education and that copies of the resolution be forwarded to the Governor and members of the Ohio General Assembly.

WHITMER ATHLETES IN THE NEWS

SPECIAL RECOGNITION -- KRISTIN FILBY -- STATE SWIMMING 8TH PLACE



Placing 8th in the State, Whitmer senior **Kristin Filby** earned All Ohio honors. She was coached by **Dave Stannert**.



Whitmer senior **Kristin Filby** was honored by Superintendent **Patrick Hickey** for placing 8th in the State in the Division I Women's 100 Yard Breaststroke. Her final time was 1:06.23 and she earned 11 points.

The Ohio High School State Championship Meet ranks in the top five in the nation among high school swimming championships, and it is a significant honor to qualify. Kristin is a four-time state qualifier and has placed in the top four at the NW Ohio District Championship Meet in both of her individual events for four years.

In addition to her successes at high school meets, Kristin has excelled in YMCA and USA Swimming at the state, regional, and national levels.

Kristin has signed to swim at Bowling Green State University next fall.

Senior Year:

100 Yard Breaststroke

- 8th at State Championship Meet
- 3rd at NW Ohio District Championship
- 1st at TRAC League Championship

200 Yard Individual Medley

- 3rd at NW Ohio District Championship
- 1st at TRAC League Championship

Junior Year:

100 Yard Breaststroke

- 15th at State Championship Meet
- 2nd at NW Ohio District Championship
- 1st at TRAC League Championship

200 Yard Individual Medley

- 3rd at NW Ohio District Championship
- 1st at TRAC League Championship

Sophomore Year:

100 Yard Breaststroke

- 20th at State Championship Meet
- 3rd at NW Ohio District Championship
- 1st at NLL Conference

200 Yard Individual Medley

- 2nd at NW Ohio District Championship
- 1st at NLL Conference

Freshman Year:

100 Yard Breaststroke

- 23rd at State Championship Meet
- 3rd at NW Ohio District Championship
- 1st at NLL Conference

200 Yard Individual Medley

- 4th at NW Ohio District Championship
- 1st at NLL Conference

Kristin Filby Recognition Audio: http://www.ihigh.com/wls4kids/video_918918.html



The Whitmer Varsity Bowling Team was comprised of **Trevor Stopher**, **Keith Arnold**, **John Merki**, and **Matt Scott**.

Whitmer Wins Metro Bowling League

The Whitmer varsity bowling team won the Metro Toledo High School Bowling League. Whitmer's varsity team has earned the title of league champions for five of the last seven years.

The bowling season is divided into thirds, and Whitmer won the first and second thirds. The team played two games against Rogers in the first round of the championships, winning 15 to 1. Whitmer played Start in the final which was televised by BCSN and won 8 to 1.

Steven Murray coached the team comprised of **Matt Scott**, **John Merki**, **Trevor Stopher**, and **Keith Arnold**.

Trevor and John also competed in the Junior All Stars Travel League and their team (Toledo Sports Center) won its league championship on April 13.



Coach **Steven Murray** thanked the team for their hard work and commitment.

Whitmer Varsity Bowling Team • 2012-2013

- **Matt Scott**
senior, captain, 4-year varsity team bowler
- **John Merki**
senior, 2-year varsity team bowler
won 4th place in the Chris Taylor Memorial Tournament
- **Trevor Stopher**
junior, 3rd in Metro league with a 208 ending average
bowled two 300 games this year
made Metro All City Team -- high game and high average
- **Keith Arnold, Jr.**
junior, 3-year varsity team bowler



SPECIAL RECOGNITION -- BRUCE SMITH -- BASKETBALL COACH



Superintendent **Patrick Hickey** honored Whitmer teacher and coach **Bruce Smith** (left) who will retire in June after 35 years in education and 26 seasons as a varsity head coach.

Mr. Smith was hired in Washington Local in May, 1991, as a Whitmer math teacher and is completing his 22nd year with our district.

During his tenure at the helm of the Panthers' Boys Basketball program, his teams won:

- 6 GLL Championships
- 1 City League Championship
- 1 TRAC League Championship
- 2 District Championships
- 2 Regional Championships

His career highlights include:

- 2008 Division I State Semifinals
- 2012 Division I State Runner-up

Two State Trips Highlight Success of Coach



The Whitmer Boys Basketball Team made history in 2012 (above) as the school's first basketball team to reach the State Title game.

Celebrating the Smith Family

Bruce Smith's wife, **Terri**, is co-chair of the Whitmer Special Education Department. Son **Ryne** was part of the Whitmer Boys Basketball Team which made a trip to the State Semifinals in 2008. Both of their children played Collegiate Basketball -- **Nikki** at Indiana University and Ryne at Purdue University, where he just completed a season as a student assistant coach with the Boilmakers.





Superintendent's Report & Communications

Patrick Hickey, Superintendent

Thanks to David Bringman -- Business Manager **David Bringman** has submitted his intent to retire. Mr. Hickey thanked him for the work that he has done on the HVAC project and on all of the projects that he has done during his time in our district. The steamline project is the largest permanent improvement project in the history of the district, and Mr. Bringman will be very busy in his final months.

Wearing Blue -- Lucas County Children Services encouraged people to wear blue on April 10th to draw awareness to the issue of child abuse in our community, and many staff and students wore blue to support their efforts. Mr. Hickey's wife, Sue, has spent more than 20 years dealing in the dark world of child abuse.

Legal Fees -- With the Ohio High School Athletic Association investigation behind us, the district's legal fees have dropped considerably.

Katie's Crusade

Jackman fifth grader **Katie Secord** has been diagnosed with leukemia and lymphoma. Everyone is encouraged to pray for and help Katie and her family.

A benefit is scheduled for April 28 at Hope United Methodist Church involving a spaghetti dinner, auction, and bake sale. T-shirts and bracelets are also being sold to raise funds.

A Facebook page called Katie's Crusade has project details and updates on her health and the treatment progress.



T-shirt order information online at: <http://www.monstergraphicsandsportsgear.com>

Wernert Book Tree Project

Mr. Hickey commended staff at Wernert for partnering with businesses and parents for a new project involving a school-wide field trip to Barnes and Noble, a free book chosen for each student, and a plan for students to trade books in for other books.

Random Act of Kindness

Bus driver **Sandi Konz** and bus monitor **Karen Miller** made cupcakes for a financially-challenged special needs student so she would have a treat to share with classmates on her birthday.

Oh, Dear! A Deer!

-- **Cherie Moulam** hit a deer while traveling up north with her family over spring break. She has a concealed carry permit and put the deer down to end its suffering.

Whitmer Spring Musical: *Fiddler on the Roof*

SHOWTIMES:
 APRIL 25 ~ 8 PM
 APRIL 26 ~ 8 PM
 APRIL 27 ~ 2 PM
 APRIL 27 ~ 8 PM

WHITMER HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE
 proudly presents
FIDDLER on the ROOF

NATHAN GEMBRESKA
 HUNTER WORSTELL
 MARA CHIO
 ERIN MIX
 CELLESTE CARROLL
 IMADI WOBSEY
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 MALAK ABDO

TICKETS: 419.473.8439 Students ~ \$6 Adults ~ \$8 www.wls4kids.org

The Whitmer musical runs April 25, 26, and 27. Staff receive one free ticket.

WHITMER ARTISTS WIN NATIONAL AWARDS

Students Receive Silver Awards in National Scholastic Competition



Three Whitmer students earned national recognition in the 2013 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards: **Sydney Cook**, **Hunter Worstell**, and **Alexander Zolciak**.

These students have been invited to attend a ceremony at the Carnegie Hall on May 31, which will be webcast live. More details are available at: www.artandwriting.org

More than 230,000 works of art and writing were submitted this year. Only the top 1% are recognized at the national level.

Sydney Cook, Alexander Zolciak, and Hunter Worstell earned National Silver Medals.



Sydney Cook - Art Portfolio



Sydney Cook - Oliver!

Whitmer students received **32 awards** at the regional level of the Scholastic Art Competition, including 14 Gold Key awards, 14 Silver Key awards, 3 Honorable Mentions, and 1 Portfolio Winner.

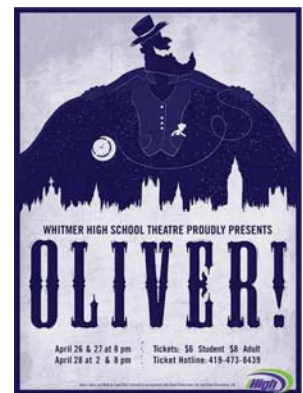
An online gallery of this art may be viewed at the link below.



Hunter Worstell - 2 Faced



Alexander Zolciak - Soul Project



Alexander Zolciak - Oliver!

Whitmer Food Pantry, WLS Retiree Donations Assist District's Hungry

The **WLS Retirees** recently sent **Becky Swisher**, the district's social worker, ten \$25.00 Aldi food gift certificates to help feed district families. The WLS Board matched their collection, bringing the donation up to \$500.00.

Fifty-eight percent of Washington Local families are living in poverty, a rate that has tripled over the past decade.

The Whitmer Food Pantry helps feed those who are hungry. The First Aid Club completed a successful food drive to restock the shelves and collected 1,200 canned goods. The group's next project is a blood drive on May 16.



First Aid Club advisor **Heather Noland** and sophomore **Sarah Sorrell**

Compliments to Spanish Program -- A guest speaker (not someone associated with the district) visited our Spanish classes and sent Mr. Hickey a letter complimenting the program at Whitmer. He said he blown away with the quality of our teachers and the culture we have established here at Washington Local.

Ron Clark Academy -- Mr. Hickey shared the letter he emailed to staff about the tremendous response of teachers applying to go to the Ron Clark Academy (more than 200!) and the challenge of deciding who will go next (only 56 seats on the bus). Staff across the district have put a lot of energy and creativity into their proposals explaining why their schools should be selected. Three videos were shared at the Board meeting:

Jackman RC Proposal Video: http://www.ihigh.com/wls4kids/video_918922.html

Jefferson RC Proposal Video: http://www.ihigh.com/wls4kids/video_918923.html

Washington RC Proposal Video: http://www.ihigh.com/wls4kids/video_918937.html

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Board Remarks Audio: http://www.ihigh.com/wls4kids/video_918921.html

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