

ACROSS THE BOARD



Board of Education Meeting • May 15, 2013



washington local schools

Approved:

- Board Minutes from April 10 and May 2
- Financial Reports and Investments, and Payment of Legal Fees
- Purchases over \$25,000:
 - ★ *Brahier Oil* not to exceed \$25,200.00
Fleet fuel purchase actual with delivery - \$24,827.60
 - ★ *Tom Sexton and Associates* \$68,816.00
Furniture Order
- Adoption of the Five-Year Forecast
- Board of Education Policy 5200 -- Attendance *(REVISED)*
- Resolution authorizing 2013-2014 membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association
- Payment for 2012-2013 Parental Contracts (\$240.66 per child) in Lieu of School Bus Transportation
- Lunch Prices for the 2013-2014 school year *(NO INCREASE)*
Elementary - \$2.50 Junior High - \$2.75 High School - \$2.75
- Urgent Necessity - Approve Employment:
 - ★ *Stough & Stough Architects* 7% of construction cost
Preparation of specs, bid documents, and legal advertising for repairs to the Whitmer science wing
 - ★ *DMD Environmental* \$17,500.00
Preparation of specs, bid documents, and legal advertising for asbestos removal in the Whitmer science wing
- Urgent Necessity - Award Contract:
 - ★ *Global Green Services Group* \$292,950.00
Whitmer science wing asbestos removal
- Purchases over \$25,000:
 - ★ *Ron Clark Academy* \$40,320.00
Professional development registration
 - ★ *Healthcare Processing Consulting, Inc. (HPC)* \$26,500.00
Management assistance to WLS for Ohio Medicaid School Program (7/1/13-6/30/14)
 - ★ *Northwest Ohio Computer Association* \$66,390.00
Phase I Core Network Upgrade
 - ★ *Start's Auto Parts* \$25,197.00
Alignment lift for Automotive Technology

2013 BOARD CALENDAR

Regular Meetings:

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:

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

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 Members Frank Erme
 David Hunter
 Steve Zuber

Superintendent Patrick C. Hickey
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Approved:

 Hourly rates of pay for substitute personnel

Hourly Rate of Pay for Classified Substitute Employees

POSITION	PRESENT RATE	RECOMMENDED RATE
Bus Driver	\$15.25	\$15.25
Bus Monitor	\$ 8.50	\$ 8.50
Cafeteria Worker	\$ 8.25	\$ 8.25
Classroom Aide	\$ 8.50	\$ 8.50
Custodian	\$ 9.50	\$ 9.50
Fireman	\$11.35	\$11.35
Library/Media Clerk	\$ 8.25	\$ 8.25
Maintenance	\$11.35	\$11.35
Printer	\$ 9.50	\$ 9.50
Safety Aide	\$ 8.75	\$ 8.75
Secretary	\$10.00	\$10.00
Treasurer's Office	\$19.00	\$19.00


Effective August 12, 2013


Substitute classified long term rate to begin after 30 days.

Daily Rate for Certified Substitute Employees

	Days 1-60	Beginning 61 st day
Daily Rate	\$98.00	
¾ Day Rate	\$79.00	
Half Day	\$49.00	
¼ Day Rate	\$30.00	
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Effective August 19, 2013

 Job Descriptions:
Secretary - High School Bookkeeper (*REVISED*)
Secretary - Assistant Superintendent (*REVISED*)
Athletic Supervisor (*REVISED*)
Coach - Head (*REPLACEMENT*)
Coach - Associate, Freshman, Junior High (*REPLACEMENT*)


 Resignations, Nominations, Leaves of Absence, Changes of Contracts, Re-Employment of Personnel, and Retirement Incentive Agreement

 Master Agreements with the Teachers' Association of Washington Local Schools (TAWLS) and the Ohio Association of Public School Employees (OAPSE) Local 279 (*effective 7/1/13 - 6/30/15*)

Adopted:

 Resolution for Staff Appreciation (*see last page*)

Accepted:

 Gifts and Donations:
Tool cart and starter set of tools to the Automotive Technology Program for the Students Tool Scholarship from Start's Auto Parts
\$100 to the Infinite Opportunity Olympics from the Spirit of Sylvania award won by the Whitmer Film Project at the Sylvania Tree City Film Festival
\$25 Costco gift card to the Infinite Opportunity Olympics from Costco Wholesale
\$30 Kroger gift card to the Infinite Opportunity Olympics from The Kroger Company

WHITMER STUDENTS WIN TOP HONORS AT CONGRESSIONAL SHOW



Dana Richards was recognized by Superintendent **Patrick Hickey** at the May Board meeting (left). Her mother, **Beckie** (a Washington Local employee in the Payroll Department), and father, **Ken**, attended the recognition.

Dana Richards Takes First Place at 5th District Congressional Art Show

Whitmer junior **Dana Richards** was the First Place Winner at the Fifth District Congressional Art Show, which was hosted by Congressman **Robert Latta**.

Dana's piece, a pencil drawing entitled "Hopes and Dreams," will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol tunnel for one year. Dana received two plane tickets for her and a family member to fly to Washington, D.C., for the national awards ceremony in June.

Dana Richards (center) with her art teacher, **Lori Lefevre Johnson** and Congressman **Robert Latta**.



A banner celebrating the winners of the Congressional Art Show. On the left, a photo of Dana Richards is shown next to her artwork, with the text "FIRST PLACE" in a blue banner above and "DANA RICHARDS" below. In the center, the text "CONGRESSIONAL ART WINNERS from WHITMER" is displayed in large, bold letters. On the right, a photo of Ashley Armstrong is shown next to her artwork, with the text "RUNNER-UP" in a red banner above and "ASHLEY ARMSTRONG" below.

Congressional Show Recognition Audio: <http://www.wls4kids.org/board/meetings/2013/upload/Art-2.mp3>



Ashley Armstrong Is Runner-Up; Art Will Hang in Latta's Office

Whitmer senior **Ashley Armstrong** was one of three Honorable Mention "Runner-Ups" and her Illustrator/charcoal piece entitled "He is We" will be displayed in one of Mr. Latta's congressional offices for one year.

The competition in the Fifth District drew entries from 12 high schools. Whitmer students created 14 of the 45 pieces featured in the exhibition.

Ashley Armstrong holds her Honorable Mention piece, "He is We." She created the piece in her Digital Graphic Design class taught by **Brian Anderson**.

Fourteen Whitmer Artists Featured In 5th District Congressional Show

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| Ashley Armstrong | Mackenzie Michalak |
| Corey Baker | Annelisa Monica |
| Megan Beuhler | Alyssa Montano |
| Hunter Carr | Rachelle Perkins |
| Taylor Hanes | Dana Richards |
| Brooke Knauss | Sierra Stahl |
| Taylor Marsh | Liany Torres |



Mackenzie Michalak stands with her drawing, "Reflection." Her teacher is art department chair **David Curry**.



Hunter Carr's photo "One Bad Place" was part of the show. His art teacher is **Charley Drake**.

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS SHOW THEIR SWAG

SPECIAL PRESENTATION -- "LEADERSHIP WITH SWAGGER"



Members of Washington and Jefferson junior high schools' "Leadership with Swagger" team shared information about their presentation at the May Board meeting: Washington Principal **Kristine Martin**, **Sabrina Gwin**, **Anyse Doss**, **Cameron Burgess**, **Travis Nimigean**, **Karly Jagodzinski**, Jefferson counselor **Seth Ewearitt**, **Courtney Tracey**, and **Ben Scharf**.

WLS Junior High Student Leaders Show They Have Swag

Fourteen WLS junior high students attended the SWAG Leadership Program at the University of Toledo.

They have been involved in a 3-month program called "Leadership with Swagger." On April 30, they shared what they had learned in a 5-minute video presentation in front of hundreds of area students and community leaders.

The Washington group has been part of the program for two years. Jefferson counselor **Seth Ewearitt** and Whitmer counselor **Sara Hoffman** (previously Washington counselor) have worked with the WLS students.

WLS Leadership with Swagger Team

Washington Student Leaders

Avion Franklin
Karly Jagodzinski
Travis Nimigean
Shamonde Sanders
Savanna Trinidad
Anyse Doss
Cameron Burgess

Jefferson Student Leaders

Naomi Shankleton
Courtney Tracey
Benjamin Scharf
Abigail Stuck
Mystikal King-Carter

S.W.A.G. -- Study, Work, Achieve, Graduate!

Leadership With Swagger Audio: <http://www.wls4kids.org/board/meetings/2013/upload/SWAG.mp3>



Back: Chelsea Waller, Alexis Tatkowski, Tabitha Nimigeon, Katie Miller, Kristie Drinkwater, Myah Wade, Grace Rowland.
 Middle row: Sarah O'Leary, Jessica Box, Lauren Johnson, Miami Box.
 Front: Brian Heltzel (Coach), Jessica Prange (Coach), Marya Knuth (Coach), Jordyn Miller, Gabby Ignatowicz.

League Champs Two Years in a Row!

Broomball Four-Year Team History • Whitmer Sabers

- 6th Place ~ Freshman Year
- 2nd Place ~ Sophomore Year
- Champions ~ Junior Year
(4 goals against during regular season, 0 goals against in playoffs)
- Repeat Champions ~ Senior Year
(3 goals against during regular season, 0 goals against in playoffs)
Most goals in Red Conference
- Repeat Championship hasn't happened since 2002

Congratulations, Whitmer Sabers!

Lessons Learned

Be a team the moment you step foot on the ice regardless of your feelings off the ice

• Don't be too confident when you're missing two of your four defense players

If scrimmages or practices are tough, there is a good reason for it

Since you only have one practice a week, expect to make good use of it

If you want sympathy, talk to an assistant coach

Broomball Recognition Audio: <http://www.wls4kids.org/board/meetings/2013/upload/Broomball-2.mp3>

SPECIAL RECOGNITION -- WHITMER FILM PROJECT -- "LOVE ON HOLD"

Film Created
In 48 hours
Wins 3 Awards

The Whitmer Film Project won three awards for their short film "Love on Hold: The Musical" in the Sylvania Tree City Film Festival:

- Best Picture - Audience Choice Award
- Best Actress - Courtney Steele
- Spirit of Sylvania



Whitmer language arts teacher **Matt Mullan**, Whitmer social studies teacher **Michael Punsalan**, Superintendent **Patrick Hickey**, Whitmer special education teacher **Matt LaPoint**.

The group was given the category of musical to create in the 48-hour time limit. The production starred Whitmer seniors **Nolan Thomaswick**, **Carly Gains**, and **Courtney Steele**. Whitmer alum **Brad Rittner** worked with the Whitmer teachers providing his talents in music and sound.

The group competed against professional filmmakers and won three awards totalling \$200. They chose to donate half back to the Sylvania Arts Committee and the other half to the Infinite Opportunity Olympics.



Gary O'Connor and Michael Punsalan record Courtney Steele and Nolan Thomaswick strolling in Sylvania.

The group represented Whitmer well both in its film achievements (THREE AWARDS) and by donating their winnings.

Official Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KtNutqNDuk4>

Film Project Audio: <http://www.wls4kids.org/board/meetings/2013/upload/Love-on-Hold-Presentation-2.mp3>

Superintendent's Report & Communications

Patrick Hickey, Superintendent



Five Year Forecast -- Our Treasurer, **Jeff Fouke**, puts a great deal of time and preparation into the district's Five Year Forecast, and his work is very appreciated. The Board and Administration use it as a tool for long-term financial planning.

Ron Clark Academy -- Fifty-six WLS teachers visited the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta. We are looking forward to the innovations that they will implement in our classrooms. RCA focuses on three things that lead to student success: advanced rigor, climate and culture, and student engagement.

Art Auction • Kevin LaPoint Scholarship -- Kudos to **Matt Squibb** and the Whitmer Art Department for their creative efforts to raise funds for the Kevin LaPoint Scholarship. I bought a piece of student art in the online silent auction they held, and I hope this new fundraiser is repeated.



New Head Basketball Coach Announced

Whitmer health teacher **Ryan Brown** is Whitmer's new head Boys Basketball Coach. Ryan served as assistant coach under Whitmer math teacher **Bruce Smith** who is retiring this spring.

Ryan grew up in Washington Local and has lived in the district nearly his entire life. Ryan is looking forward to coaching the young men at Whitmer and leading the team next year. He reported at the meeting that they had already been at it for about five weeks, with open gyms and weight lifting, as well as morning shooting, and attendance has been incredible.

At the May Board meeting, Ryan introduced those in the audience who were there to support him -- his brother **Bob Brown** (who will be his assistant varsity coach); **Bill Syroka** (who will be his junior varsity coach); his wife **Emily**, and their three children: **Maddie** (a seventh grader at Jefferson), **Zachary** (a fourth grader at Meadowvale), and **Carson** (a second grader at Meadowvale). Bob's children (**Delaney**, **Casey** and **Landon**) also attend school in Washington Local and were introduced.

Ryan Brown Audio: <http://www.wls4kids.org/board/meetings/2013/upload/Ryan-Brown-2.mp3>

Nick Holley -- Whitmer senior Nick Holley has taught me about handling adversity and inspired me as he has shown maturity beyond his years. He has excelled academically and athletically and has risen above false accusations and gossip with grace.

Spanish Service Project -- **Laura Geronimo-Riggs's** Spanish students helped to raise funds to build a house in Nicaragua after hearing a presentation from Susan Rodgers.

Of Mice and Mozart -- Mouse ears were part of a delightful production at Shoreland that combined Mozart with mice.

Honor Flight Is a Special Day

Superintendent **Patrick Hickey** had a wonderful experience serving as an Honor Flight guardian for **Hank Goscinski**, a World War II veteran.

Board member **Steve Zuber** and WLS Assistant Superintendent **Cherie Mourlam** also served as guardians for the April mission. All three have also served on earlier missions.



Superintendent's Report Audio: <http://www.wls4kids.org/board/meetings/2013/upload/Supt-Report.mp3>



Wernert first grader **Georgia Ray** and **Lamis Younes**, a student in Whitmer's Teaching Professionals career training program.

Wernert "Good Fit" Book Project Creates School-Business Collaboration

Wernert's unique school-wide project brought together Washington Local staff, older students at Whitmer, local businesses, and parents for the common goal of student literacy.

Principal **Katherine Spenthoff** and counselor **Molly Mueller** secured funding through fundraisers and partnerships with local businesses (Brondes Ford, Columbia Gas, and Graybar Electric) to take each of the elementary school's students on a field trip to Barnes and Noble to select *A Good Fit Book* for summer reading. The field trips were spread out over three days.

Volunteer mentors including WLS staff, students in Whitmer's Teaching Professionals career training program, Whitmer athletes, and community members were paired up with students. With the support of their adult buddies, each student selected a book to take home with them over the summer.

A Good Fit Book is part of the Café/Daily 5 Instructional process. An informational evening meeting allowed parents to learn about the project and the practice of selecting *A Good Fit Book*.

Students will be given a blank postcard that is stamped and addressed to Wernert. They will be asked to write about their books on the postcards and mail them back to the school during the summer. The postcards will be displayed at the school Open House in August when Wernert students will have the opportunity to trade their bought books in and pick out another book.



Whitmer athlete **Tylor Schneider** and Wernert first grader **Harlan Hornsby**.

WTVG-13 Video Coverage:
[Click here to connect](#)

Blade Article:
<http://www.toledoblade.com/Books/2013/05/07/Students-pick-out-summer-reads.html>



Teaching Professionals student **Haydn Kaighin** and Wernert first grader **Olivia Rome**.

Superintendent Honors Students at "Popsicles for Praiseworthy," "All A" Luncheons, and Top 15 Academic Luncheon Events

Mr. Hickey honors students who excel academically at special events each spring:

Students in grades K-3 who earn all praiseworthy are honored with a **"Popsicles for Praiseworthy"** event at their school.

Students in grades 4-8 who earn **"All A's"** for the first three quarters visit the Whitmer and enjoy a lunch prepared by students in the Culinary Arts program. This year's event featured a scavenger hunt.

Students in the **Top 15** in grades 9-11 enjoyed pizza and a tour of the Toledo Museum of Art.

The **Top 15 Seniors** and a staff member each student chooses to honor are honored at a luncheon held at Mancy's Italian.



Superintendent **Patrick Hickey** caught the attention of McGregor honorees when he walked on a table at one of his Popsicles for Praiseworthy events.



Seated: **Abbigail Dorn, Kaitlyn Barber, and Korie Sharrar.**

Standing: Head Coach **Lucas Hoel, Shayla Crayton, Alaya Hayes, Heather Felgner, Sydney Harris, and Avery Murnen.**

Whitmer Girls Track Visits Patients at Children's Hospital

Visiting with Patients

The Whitmer Girls Track Team captains visited the Toledo Children's Hospital to talk to patients and pass out Whitmer track-and-field t-shirts with our team motto on back: "No Quit."

Creating Collection Boxes For Hannah's Socks

The girls met with patients and decorated collection boxes for Hannah's Socks, a non-profit that provides new socks to people in need serving domestic violence and homeless shelters in the Midwest.



**Making dreams
come true...**

WHITMER



Nine Whitmer student-athletes signed with colleges on May 10 -- **Tori Weidinger**, Owens Community College, softball; **Kendra Pratt**, Heidelberg University, softball; **Kylie Kretz**, Hillsdale College, softball; **Rex Rutherford**, Trine University, baseball; **Luke Hickey**, Bluffton University, baseball; **Blake Merrill**, Bluffton University, baseball; **Devin Thomas**, Defiance College, football; **Jon Buehler**, Judson University, soccer; **Ryan Wicher**, Owens Community College, soccer.

TV coverage on Channel 24: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqe1tiM9QM>

Creating Community Connections -- Campus Cafe and Whitmer Theatre

Whitmer's Campus Cafe sent more than a lunch menu in an April email which demonstrated community. They also announced upcoming events -- Whitmer teacher **Matt Kizaur's** leading role as Biff Lohman in the Toledo Repertoire Theatre's production of *Death of a Salesman* and baseball and softball games.

Whitmer Theatre Director **Andrea Schreiner** escorted cast members from Whitmer's spring musical *Fiddler on the Roof* to see *Death of a Salesman*, supporting Matt and providing an educational experience for the young thespians. Retired Whitmer teacher **Suzanne Jennens** played the role of Biff's mother.



Seated/Kneeling: **Carly Gains**, Yente; **Taylor Webster**, bottle dancer/villager; **Courtney Steele**, dual roles of Shprintze and Grandma Tzeitel; **Malak Abdo**, Bielke; **Celleste Carroll**, Hodel; retired Whitmer teacher **Suzanne Jennens**, Linda Loman; Whitmer Theatre Director **Andrea Schreiner**; Whitmer language arts teacher **Matt Kizaur**, Biff Loman; **Shane Dings**, Russian soldier.

Standing: **Nolan Thomaswick**, Lazar Wolf; **Chris Preston**, townspeople; **Christopher Smith**, Perchik; **Bryce Worstell** (Meadowvale), crew; **Hunter Worstell**, Tevye; Whitmer nurse **Julie Worstell**, program and ticket sales; **X'zandra Tammerine**, villager; **Troy LeFevre**, Avrahm.

Message to Whitmer Seniors -- Be Safe During Prom/Graduation Season



Remembering Jeanne

Superintendent **Patrick Hickey** shared the story of the final night in the life of his sister during an assembly for Whitmer seniors encouraging them to make good choices during Prom and Graduation season.

Jeanne Hickey (pictured on the screen) was only fifteen years old when she was killed by a drunk driver.

Making Pledges Not to Drink

Fifth graders from across the district wrote letters to seniors asking them not to drink on Prom Night. One student from each school read their words during the assembly: Greenwood - **Jacob Baker**; Hiawatha - **Kate Inman**; Jackman - **Neva McGovern**; McGregor - **Sophia Redmond**; Meadowvale - **Katie Metzger**; Monac - **Sloan Andrzejczak**; Shoreland - **Alonzo Ribas**; Wernert - **Alison Clark**.

After the assembly, seniors lined up to sign a banner and make a pledge not to drink on Prom Night. Each student who made the pledge received a wrist band to show their commitment.



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WASHINGTON LOCAL SCHOOLS' STAFF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, *Washington Local employees exemplify high standards both personally and professionally and unparalleled interest in and concern for the district's students, families, staff, and community; and,*

WHEREAS, *Washington Local employees are committed to loving and lifting up our kids, and helping each child find his or her purpose in life; and,*

WHEREAS, *Washington Local employees embrace our core values of courage, dedication, dignity, excellence, gratitude, honesty, loyalty, respect, responsibility, service, teamwork, and trust; and,*

WHEREAS, *Washington Local employees deserve the gratitude and respect of all members of the school community;*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,
that the Washington Local Board of Education hereby acknowledges with pride the enormous contributions made by administrative, certified, and classified employees of this district;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,
that the Washington Local Board of Education does hereby express its gratitude to all employees for their outstanding commitment to our students, families and the Washington Local community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,
that the Washington Local Board of Education hereby extends sincere best wishes to all employees for good health and happiness now and in the future.

WASHINGTON LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION 2013



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