

ACROSS THE BOARD



Board of Education Meeting • January 16, 2013



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2013 BOARD CALENDAR

Regular Meetings:

Wed.	Jan. 16	6:00 p.m.
Wed.	Feb. 27	*5:00 p.m.
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:

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.	Feb. 6	6:00 p.m.
Wed.	June 12	*1:00 p.m.

Treasurer

Mon.	Feb. 25	6:00 p.m.
Mon.	Aug. 19	6:00 p.m.



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 December 15 and December 19
- Financial Reports and Investments, and Payment of Legal Fees
- Contract for the Treasurer (Jeffery S. Fouke)
For the term of August 1, 2014 - July 31, 2019
- Resolution for Parental Contract in Lieu of Transportation
For the 2012-2013 year
- Employment of Stough & Stough Architects for the preparation of specifications, bid documents, and legal advertising at 7% of the construction cost for the following projects:
 - * CTC exterior painting
 - * CTC clock system replacement
 - * Washington Junior High clocks
 - * Washington basement flooring, ceiling, and painting
- Purchases over \$25,000:
 - ★ *City of Toledo - Toledo Police Department* \$62,916.44
2 School Resource Officers
For the 2012-2013 School Year
- Job Descriptions - New and Revisions:
 - Secretary – EMIS *(Revised)*
 - Secretary – Junior High *(New)*
 - Secretary – Nutrition & Warehouse *(New)*
 - EMIS Coordinator *(Revised)*
 - Concession Manager *(New)*
- Resignations, Disability, Nominations, Leaves of Absence, and Changes of Contracts

Adopted:

- Abatement Payment Agreements with OmniSource:
For the Renovation at 5270 N. Detroit
For New Construction at 5270 N. Detroit

Accepted:

- Gifts and Donations:
 - 96 cases of automotive oil from Ashland, Inc.
for the Whitmer CTC Automotive Technology program

SPECIAL PRESENTATION -- **DAVID HUNTER** -- OUTGOING 2012 BOARD PRESIDENT



Superintendent **Patrick Hickey** recognized **David Hunter** for his service as the 2012 President of the Washington Local Board of Education and presented him with a baseball clock inscribed with the quote, "There's always baseball."

Mr. Hunter has served on the Board continuously since 1994 and has held the positions of President and Vice-President several times.



Audio Report: <http://www.wls4kids.org/board/meetings/2013/upload/Dave-Hunter.mp3>

WASHINGTON LOCAL BOARD of EDUCATION and TOP LEADERSHIP



Seated: Board President **John Adler**, Superintendent Patrick Hickey, and Board Vice-President **Thomas Ilstrup**.

Standing: Treasurer Jeff Fouke, Board members **Steve Zuber**, **David Hunter**, and **Frank Erme**, Assistant Superintendent **Cherie Mourlam**.

Complete Board Meeting - Audio: http://www.ihigh.com/wls4kids/broadcast_275923.html?silverlight=1

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

Superintendent Patrick Hickey thanked the Board for their service to the students, staff, and community of Washington Local Schools. Each Board member was given a luggage tag with the district logo on it.



JOHN ADLER
President



THOMAS ILSTRUP
Vice-President



FRANK ERME



DAVID HUNTER



STEVE ZUBER

PROCLAMATION -- School Board Appreciation

WHEREAS, the Washington Local Schools utilizes high quality instruction and skills, while honoring our core values, to educate and lift up every child and love them unconditionally; and

WHEREAS, the school board sets the direction for our school district by envisioning the community's future and focusing on progress toward the district's goals; and

WHEREAS, the school board maintains communications with and is active in the community; and

WHEREAS, the school board sets policies and procedures to govern all aspects of school district operation; and

WHEREAS, serving on a school board requires an unselfish devotion of time and service to carry on the mission and business of the school district; and

WHEREAS, the school board must respond on behalf of the community to the educational needs of students; and

WHEREAS, the school board voluntarily accepts the above-mentioned responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Patrick C. Hickey, do hereby proclaim January 2013 as School Board Recognition Month in Washington Local Schools. I encourage all citizens to publicly and privately thank our school board members for their dedicated service to our children.

Patrick C. Hickey, Superintendent *January 16, 2013*



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SPECIAL PRESENTATION -- #1 CLASSIFIED FAMILY MEMBER



Superintendent **Patrick Hickey** started a new tradition by having **Don Dubendorfer** hand off a new **#1 Classified Family Member badge** to **Mary Ann Hammye**.

Don retired in December with 40 years of service. He was a custodian and fireman, serving the district at Washington, Monac, Lincolnshire, and McGregor.

Mary Ann has worked for WLS for 38.5 years in the positions of teacher aide, secretary, and payroll clerk at Monac, Westwood, Whitmer and Lincolnshire.

Audio Report: <http://www.wls4kids.org/board/meetings/2013/upload/1-Classified-Family-Member.mp3>

RECOGNITION -- ERIC WORSTELL -- DIAMOND COACH AWARD

Superintendent **Patrick Hickey** honored Whitmer language arts teacher **Eric Worstell**, who recently earned the National Forensic League's Diamond Award. The speech and debate honor society's Diamond Award recognizes a coach for a professional career that combines excellence and longevity.

Mr. Hickey presented Eric with a plaque which recognized him for "empowering students to become effective communicators, ethical individuals, critical thinkers, and leaders in our society." Eric's wife, **Julie**, is a nurse at Whitmer. Their son, **Hunter**, is a Whitmer senior and their youngest son, **Bryce**, attends Meadowvale. Two older children are Whitmer graduates.



Audio Report: <http://www.wls4kids.org/board/meetings/2013/upload/Eric-Worstell.mp3>

RECOGNITION -- MORGAN COX -- ALL-STAR INVITATIONAL MARCHING BAND



Superintendent **Patrick Hickey** presented certificates to junior **Morgan Cox** (*right*) and to Whitmer music teacher **Justin Roades** (*left*), who nominated Morgan for the All-Star Band.



Morgan with his dad, **Alan Cox**, who accompanied him to the BCS game.

Whitmer junior **Morgan Cox** played in the All-Star Invitational Marching Band in the BCS Championship Game. Morgan was one of only 100 students selected nationwide.

The 100-member band performed a Latin medley during pre-game festivities and Miami Sound Machine's "Conga" as part of the half-time show at the national championship game in Miami.

Morgan plays snare drum in Whitmer's marching band but was asked to play the quads at the championship bowl. The talented musician is very versatile. He plays percussion in Whitmer's symphonic band, a traditional drum set in the jazz band, and drums, guitar, or bass for the praise team at Plymouth Congregational Christian Church.

Morgan (*top right*) with some of the other members of the All-Star Band.



Morgan can be seen close-up in the YouTube video clip below at 1:16.



Video Clip from BCS Game: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=003wQC7QTo&feature=share>

Audio Report: <http://www.wls4kids.org/board/meetings/2013/upload/Morgan-Cox.mp3>



Superintendent's Report & Communications

Patrick Hickey, Superintendent

Board Recognition Month Banners -- Thanks are extended to students and staff across the district, who created beautiful artwork to recognize and honor our Board of Education.

New Report Card Grading System -- Six months ago when the state rolled out the first glimpse of their new report card, Washington Local had high letter marks. After some of the higher affluent districts complained about the report card, the state made

adjustments to all of the cards, and our district's grades fell, even though the report was based on the very same test scores from the very same kids. The report card is an unfair metric, and they're judging us on something we don't know we're being judged on. It seems like people don't want public schools to thrive in this state.



The Whitmer Art Club's poster depicts members of the Board as superheroes and rock stars.

FOOTBALL BANQUET HONORS ACADEMICS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE



The Whitmer Football Team logged more than 500 hours of community service. Senior **Brandon Plaza** was presented with the first ever Community Service Award at the 2012 Football Banquet.

Academics and community service were keynotes of the Football Banquet. Head Coach **Jerry Bell** and his staff gave players photos of themselves and honored them in a very individual, personal way. A Football Movie Night, featuring team highlights and a documentary, will be held on January 23 in the Auditorium.

Basketball Accolades -- The Whitmer Boys Basketball Team played Central Catholic, who was ranked first in the state at the time, and came from behind (19-6 at halftime) to win the game 39-30. That amazing achievement led to the Panthers being named the Ohio National Guard JJ Huddle State High School Boys Basketball Team of the Week. Some of the credit goes to the leadership of **Nick Holley** who spoke to his teammates at halftime.

Superintendent's Report - Audio: http://www.ihigh.com/wls4kids/video_915994.html

AWESOMENESS CHAIN

The Gifted Learning Literacy classes at Washington Junior High, under the direction of gifted teacher **Renee Long**, have been building an "Awesomeness Chain."

Whenever an individual student reaches a personal or academic goal, does community service, makes a new friend, or faces a personal dilemma with dignity, a link is added to the chain.

Their goal is to encircle their entire classroom with the "Awesomeness Chain." The project was inspired by the Opening Day focus on celebrating awesomeness.



OHSAA Investigation District Mailing -- A resident made comments during Delegations and Communications regarding the OHSAA investigation. We recently mailed a letter districtwide to share information with our community, get the facts out, and end the rumors. This district has operated with honesty and integrity, and we will keep doing what is right.

WASHINGTON CELEBRATES EXCELLENT WITH DISTINCTION



Washington Junior High was rated Excellent with Distinction and held a day of celebration in December. Mr. Hickey shared the Whitmer Video Club's parody of "Gangnam Style" and danced with the students at Washington. Two TV stations covered the event, and both newscasts included clips of the dancing.

Channel 24 Newscast:
<http://www.northwestohio.com/news/story.aspx?id=833850>

Channel 13 Newscast: <http://www.13abc.com/video?clipId=8035516&flvUri=&partnerclipid&topVideoCatNo=218502&c=&autoStart=true&activePane=info&LaunchPageAdTag=homepage&clipFormat=flv>



Whitmer Gangnam Style Parody Video:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1LbuAKEscg>

Sandy Hook Elementary Tragedy -- Mr. Hickey shared a touching article written by **Jerome Pecko**, the Superintendent of Toledo Public Schools, which was published in the *Toledo Blade* Opinion page on December 20th: "*Educators live -- and sometimes die -- to help children.*"

Pecko Letter:
<http://www.toledoblade.com/Opinion/2012/12/20/Educators-live-and-sometimes-die-to-help-children.html>