

# ACROSS THE BOARD



Board of Education Meeting • January 20, 2016



## 2016 BOARD CALENDAR

### Approved:

- Board Minutes from December 16 and January 6
- Financial Reports and Investments and Payment of Legal Fees
- Purchases over \$25,000:
  - ★ *SchoolsIn* \$47,921.98  
District-wide Furniture Order  
Requests from multiple buildings
- Attendance at Professional Conferences:
  - Lisa Canales, OSBA Workshop: New Member Academy  
January 23 - 24, 2016 / Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg
  - Lisa Canales, OSBA Workshop: Board Officer Training  
February 20, 2016 / Hilton Garden Inn, Findlay
- Award of Contract - 2016 CTC Improvements Project - Asbestos
  - ★ *Midwest Environmental, Inc.* \$47,000.00  
Asbestos Abatement
- Award of Contracts- 2016 CTC Improvements Project - Remodel
  - ★ *Van Tassel Construction* \$40,000.00  
General
  - ★ *Earl Mechanical* \$68,328.00  
Mechanical
  - ★ *Westfield Electrical, Inc.* \$37,600.00  
Electrical
- Award of Contracts - Stacy Field Project
  - ★ *Spieker Co.* \$1,126,000.00  
General
  - ★ *Spieker Co.* \$30,000.00  
Alternate / Fencing
  - ★ *Dimech Services, Inc.* \$45,999.00  
Plumbing
  - ★ *Westfield Electrical, Inc.* \$107,455.00  
Electrical
- Calendar Revision: Removal of April 19 Delayed Start (*see page 4*)
- Resignations, Nominations, Leaves of Absence, and Changes of Contracts

### Approved:

- Board Resolution for Bereavement Flowers

### Regular Meetings:

Wed.	Feb. 17	5:00 p.m.
Wed.	Mar. 16	5:00 p.m.
Wed.	Apr. 20	5:00 p.m.
Wed.	May 18	5:00 p.m.
Wed.	June 22	5:00 p.m.
Wed.	June 29	*1:00 p.m.
Wed.	Aug. 3	*1:00 p.m.
Wed.	Aug. 17	5:00 p.m.
Wed.	Sept. 21	5:00 p.m.
Wed.	Oct. 19	5:00 p.m.
Wed.	Nov. 9	5:00 p.m.
Wed.	Dec. 21	5:00 p.m.

### Saturday Board Work Sessions:

Sat.	Mar. 5	*8:00 a.m.
Sat.	June 11	*8:00 a.m.
Sat.	Sept. 17	*8:00 a.m.
Sat.	Dec. 17	*8:00 a.m.

### Evaluations:

#### Superintendent

Wed.	Feb. 3	5:00 p.m.
Wed.	June 8	5:00 p.m.

#### Treasurer

Thurs.	Feb. 18	5:00 p.m.
Tues.	Aug. 16	5:00 p.m.



### Washington Local Schools Board of Education

President ..... David Hunter  
 Vice President..... Lisa Canales  
 Members ..... Patricia Pedro Carmean  
 ..... Eric Kiser  
 ..... James Langenderfer  
 Superintendent ..... Cherie Mourlam  
 Treasurer ..... Jeffery S. Fouke  
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# Washington Local Schools - School Board Recognition Month Proclamation

## School Board Recognition Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, it shall be the mission of the Washington Local School District to provide all students with the best possible education; and

WHEREAS, the school board sets the direction for our community's public schools by envisioning the community's education future; and

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

WHEREAS, the school board keeps attention focused on progress toward the school district's goals and maintains a two-way communications loop with all segments of the community; 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, Cherie Mourlam, do hereby proclaim January 2016 as School Board Recognition Month in the Washington Local School District. I encourage all citizens to publicly and privately thank the school board members serving this community for their dedicated service to our children.

Signed: Cherie Mourlam Dated: 1/20/2016



Superintendent **Cherie Mourlam** read the Proclamation declaring January 2016 as School Board Recognition Month in the Washington Local School District.

Each member of the Board of Education received a set of wooden coasters as a gift from the school district for their service. The coasters are etched with the WLS logo.



## WASHINGTON LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION - 2016



DAVID HUNTER  
President



LISA CANALES  
Vice President



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**Board Meeting - Audio:**

<http://www.wls4kids.org/District/Department/12-Board-Information/Podcasts/8097-2016-01-20.html>



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# THANK YOU, BOARD OF EDUCATION!



## **2016 Washington Local Board of Education**

*Front: David Hunter, President; Lisa Canales, Vice President  
Back: James Langenderfer, Patricia Pedro Carmean,  
and Eric Kiser*

## **School Board Recognition Month**

Special thanks are extended to the Washington Local Board of Education for their time, interest, and dedication to the students and staff of Washington Local Schools.

# Report & Communications

## Cherie Mourlam, Interim Superintendent



**BEHIND THE SCENES HEROES** -- I would like to recognize four departments that are not always visible on the front lines, but without them our school district would certainly falter.

### JAY MERRITT, DOUG KELLER, and the MAINTENANCE and CUSTODIAL STAFF

About a week ago, the men and women in this department were out at 2:30 in the morning plowing our parking lots, salting our sidewalks, and warming up our buildings so that we would be safe and warm. Then they continued to work their regular day shift in order to get the job done. They do this without any complaint, and they are amazing. Thanks to Jay, Doug, and your staff for the tremendous work you always do.

### DEB WARREN and the NUTRITION SERVICES STAFF

Recently there was a water break on Adelaide, and Deb Warren, our Nutrition Services Supervisor, received word that there was a water advisory. Deb quickly notified staff to change the menu and serve food on styrofoam plates, and she ordered bottled water for the buildings. Thirty minutes later, she found out our schools were NOT affected by the boil advisory, and it actually only impacted those people on Adelaide, so she contacted everyone again to revamp and return to the original plan. The general public isn't aware that our staff have to shift and make other plans quickly in these situations. I'd like to give a big shout out to Deb and her staff for always having a Plan B ready to go in these types of emergencies and for taking such good care of our kids.

### JOHN BETTIS and the TRANSPORTATION STAFF

John Bettis, our Transportation Supervisor, is out on the roads early (as well as Jay and his crew) checking on icy conditions, snow, extreme temperatures and wind chill, and speaking with other area transportation supervisors as we are making decisions about closings and delays. In addition to efforts to make sure our buses are ready to go to safely transport our students, John's team also does a lot of random acts of kindness. We recently received a letter of thanks from Bethany House thanking our transportation department for supporting their efforts to meet the needs of victims of domestic violence. Not only did John and his staff gather money to purchase gift cards, but they also donated personal hygiene items, jackets, coats, clothing, and school supplies. You don't usually hear about the Transportation Department, but they are just like our schools, doing **random acts of kindness** and reaching out to our community. We also received a letter from a Monac parent who wanted to let us know how great some of our staff are. He specifically mentioned **John Bettis** and **Becky Fuller** in Transportation and how helpful they've been, and he also raved about teacher **Ron Bushrow**.

### BRIAN MEYER and the SAFETY/SECURITY STAFF

Our Security Department is headed up by Officer Brian Meyer. Being able to call on Brian and our security to assist in situations is a comfort to all of us. Beyond that, Officer Meyer is building relationships with our students that produce huge dividends. The students know him and they talk to him, and they let him know if something is happening or about to go down. A great deal of money comes out of this man's pocket to buy students lunch and to provide them rewards. He has a big desk full of candy, and students keep coming back to see Officer Meyer and get some candy. We really appreciate the sacrifices and giving spirit of Brian and his staff.

**WELLNESS RECOGNITION** -- **Tina Dake** is a health teacher at the high school, and she has championed our district's health and wellness initiatives. Tina recently forwarded to us **an honor from the American Heart Association recognizing Washington Local Schools as a Gold Level Fit-Friendly Worksite.**

Washington Local has received Wellness Champion Certificates from the Healthy Life Screening for dedication to staff wellness. Recently 38 Whitmer staff participated in a screening. Nine had alerts to conditions which would be problematic. More importantly, there was one alert that was actually life-threatening. Through these life screenings, they were able to discover these issues. The American Heart Association is recognizing us on their website and is providing us with some promotional materials as well. I want to recognize and thank Tina for her leadership and all of the work she does for our wellness initiatives.



# THANK YOU

# COACH JERRY BELL

2012 State Championship Game  
4 Playoff Seasons  
All-Academic Team 3 of 4 years  
36-12 (including postseason)  
Victory Day / Community Service



2012 TRAC Coach of the Year  
2012 District DI Coach of the Year  
2012 All-Blade Coach of the Year  
2012 Ohio DI Co-Coach of the Year  
BCSN Fall 2012 Coach



2012 ~ 2013 ~ 2014 ~ 2015



**RECOGNITION of COACH JERRY BELL --** I wanted to recognize **Jerry Bell**, who has resigned as our head football coach. Jerry's work ethic and commitment as a coach has been a life-long endeavor.

During the years that I have known Coach Bell, three things stand out in his leadership from my perspective:

- His unwavering goal to teach and instruct the students in his classroom with an urgency to teach for understanding ("I am a coach second. I'm always a teacher first.")
- His leadership in teaching his team of young men to give back to the community through community service (especially through Honor Flight)
- Building relationships with his team of young men

Thank you, Coach Bell, for your sacrifices and your hard work throughout your coaching career. It's a privilege to call you friend.

**DISTRICT REPORT CARD --** The Ohio Department of Education released the first portion of our **Local Report Card data**. The second portion of data will be released on February 25th. The first portion that was released included K-3 Literacy, Graduation Rate, and Prepared for Success. Our four-year graduation rate was at 84.7% and our five-year graduation rate was at 86.1%. This percentage has historically been between the 85% - 90% mark in our district.

I have asked our Curriculum Department, supervised by **Brian Davis**, to prepare a summary and explanation of test results for our Board and community after all of the scores have been released and we have had an opportunity to analyze them. Changing state-mandated tests after one year, changing the cut-off scores, raising the bar, and moving from paper-and-pencil to computer-based testing are factors which make it difficult to measure our progress, because we're comparing apples to oranges.

**CALENDAR REVISION -- KIDS IN ACTION and APRIL 19 DELAYED START CANCELED --** Changes to the anticipated state testing window require us to CANCEL two scheduled events. The **April 19 Delayed Start** falls right in the middle of our testing. We will not be on a delayed start that date; we will have normal school hours. This cancellation was shared with OAPSE and TAWLS leadership before bringing it to the Board for a calendar revision.

Another cancellation is **Kids in Action**, which is held every other year in our district. It's been a tradition since the mid-1980's, and it was a conduit for our schools and our community, showcasing our kids, their talents, and their creations. Typically, we would release students and staff early on KIA day to provide time for them to set up for this event. Unfortunately, that date of April 21 also fell in the middle of testing, and we're not going to be able to hold it this year.



**WASHINGTON LOCAL SCHOOLS  
CALENDAR FOR 2015-16**

**Revised and Approved 1/20/16  
Revised and Approved 6/30/15  
Approved 2/18/15**

**FIRST QUARTER AUGUST 24 TO OCTOBER 29**

MONDAY	AUG	24	TEACHERS' WORK DAY
TUESDAY	AUG	25	PROFESSIONAL MEETING DAY
WEDNESDAY	AUG	26	SCHOOLS OPEN. CLASSES IN SESSION A FULL DAY
MONDAY	SEP	07	LABOR DAY OBSERVANCE. SCHOOLS CLOSED
WEDNESDAY	SEP	16	DELAYED START – STUDENTS REPORT 2 HOURS LATE
FRIDAY	OCT	09	PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES [9-12]. SCHOOLS CLOSED 9-12
THURSDAY	OCT	15	DELAYED START – STUDENTS REPORT 2 HOURS LATE
THURSDAY	OCT	29	END OF FIRST QUARTER

**SECOND QUARTER OCTOBER 30 TO JANUARY 21**

FRIDAY	OCT	30	TEACHERS' WORK DAY [K-12]. SCHOOLS CLOSED K-12
MONDAY	NOV	23	PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES [K-8]. SCHOOLS CLOSED K-8
TUESDAY	NOV	24	PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES [K-8]. SCHOOLS CLOSED K-8
WEDNESDAY	NOV	25	SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS K-12
THURSDAY	NOV	26	THANKSGIVING DAY. SCHOOLS CLOSED
FRIDAY	NOV	27	THANKSGIVING BREAK. SCHOOLS CLOSED
FRIDAY	DEC	18	LAST DAY OF CLASS BEFORE BREAK
MONDAY	JAN	04	CLASSES RESUME
MONDAY	JAN	18	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY. SCHOOLS CLOSED
THURSDAY	JAN	21	END OF FIRST SEMESTER

**THIRD QUARTER JANUARY 22 TO APRIL 08**

FRIDAY	JAN	22	TEACHERS' WORK DAY [K-12]. SCHOOLS CLOSED K-12
FRIDAY	FEB	12	PROFESSIONAL MEETING DAY. SCHOOLS CLOSED K-12
MONDAY	FEB	15	PRESIDENTS' DAY. SCHOOLS CLOSED
FRIDAY	MAR	11	PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES [9-12]. SCHOOLS CLOSED 9-12
THURSDAY	MAR	24	LAST DAY OF CLASS BEFORE BREAK
MONDAY	APR	04	CLASSES RESUME
FRIDAY	APR	08	END OF THIRD QUARTER

**FOURTH QUARTER APRIL 11 TO JUNE 09**

MONDAY	MAY	30	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE. SCHOOLS CLOSED
WEDNESDAY	JUN	08	LAST DAY OF INSTRUCTION [K-12]
THURSDAY	JUN	09	TEACHERS' WORK DAY [K-12]

Quarter	K-12			
1 <sup>st</sup>	STUDENT DAYS	47		
	STAFF DAYS		1	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	STUDENT DAYS	45		
	STAFF DAYS		1	94
3 <sup>rd</sup>	STUDENT DAYS	48		
	STAFF DAYS		1	
4 <sup>th</sup>	STUDENT DAYS	42		
	STAFF DAYS		1	92
		182		186

**Contingency Plan / Calamity Make-up Days \***

Thurs.	June 09
Fri.	June 10
Mon.	June 13
Tues.	June 14
Wed.	June 15

*\* In the event that **one** or more calamity make-up days are required, Teachers' Work Day will be re-scheduled for the weekday following the last calamity make-up day used.*