

# ACROSS THE BOARD

















Board of Education Meeting • February 17, 2016



## 2016 BOARD CALENDAR

### Approved:

-  Board Minutes from January 20 and February 3
-  Financial Reports and Investments and Payment of Legal Fees
-  Thomas D. Blevins recorded as Whitmer graduate, Class of 1970
-  Purchases over \$25,000:
  - ★ *Nagy Building Company* \$33,050.00
  - Christ the King Modular Repair
-  Life Insurance Rates with Consumer Life Insurance Company  
*Effective: 3/1/2016 - 2/28/2018*
  - Basic Life \$0.07 per \$1,000
  - Basic AD&D \$0.02 per \$1,000
-  Transfer of \$20,000 from General Fund to Employee Recognition
-  Resolution for the Silver Creek Easement
-  Final Payment of \$50,978 to Lake Erie Electric (Whitmer HVAC)
-  Award of Contracts- McGregor & Monac Additions
  - ★ *Midwest Contracting, Inc.* \$2,604,000.00
  - Combined General Contractor
  - ★ *Henson P & H, Inc.* \$240,000.00
  - Combined Plumbing
  - ★ *Positive Trades Group, LLC* \$279,700.00
  - Combined HVAC
  - ★ *Westfield Electric, Inc.* \$442,995.00
  - Combined Electrical
-  School Fees for the 2016-2017 school year
  - Elementary (K-6) \$20 per student / \$30 family maximum
  - Junior High (7-8) \$35 per student
  - High School (9-12) \$55 per student / additional CTC lab fees
-  Purchases over \$25,000:
  - ★ *EDU Healthcare Division* \$34,382.40
  - Maternity coverage - speech/lang. pathologist
  - ★ *ESC of Lake Erie West* \$27,425.55
  - Increase in district speech therapy support
  - ★ *GovConnection* \$61,699.45
  - Seven Chromebook carts and 310 Chromebooks
-  Memorandum of Agreement between Board and TAWLS  
pertaining to Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES)
-  Job Description for Physical Education Specialist *REVISED*
-  Resignations, Disability, Nominations, and Changes of Contracts

### Regular Meetings:

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.	June 8	5:00 p.m.
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#### Treasurer

Tues.	Aug. 16	5:00 p.m.
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### Special Meeting:

Wed.	February 24	5:00 p.m.
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### Washington Local Schools Board of Education

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# REMEMBERING FRANK ERME *October 18, 1928 - February 13, 2016*



In his 87 years on this earth, 63 of those years were dedicated to the Washington Local Schools. Frank's love and devotion to our district and our high school earned him the nickname "Mr. Whitmer."

Frank began his career in Washington Local in 1952 as a social studies teacher. He served as a teacher, coach, dean, associate principal and athletic director at Whitmer for more than 30 years. Three years after retirement, he was appointed to the WLS Board of Education on which he served 16 years, including terms as President and Vice-President.

Few people might remember Frank's hand in having a track installed at the stadium. In 1972, as Athletic Director, Frank made plans for an all-weather track at Whitmer Memorial Stadium. At that time, the athletic department received no funding from the district, and the project would exceed the dollars in the athletic budget. Frank contacted businesses and acquaintances, friends and alumni, and had much of the labor and materials for the track donated. The Athletic Boosters organized a donation drive that netted \$22,000 toward the track construction. The final cost to the district was \$32,000.

Frank and his late wife, Nancy, dedicated themselves to Whitmer athletics. The Nancy Erme Relays were named in her memory and Quast Field was renamed Frank Erme Field in 1989. Frank was inducted into the Findlay University Hall of Fame in 1978 and into the State of Ohio Athletic Director's Hall of Fame in 1990. He also received the National Football Foundation Distinguished Service Award in 2007.

While Washington Local has lost a wonderful man and a true gentleman, I am comforted to know that Frank is in a much better place and that he is reunited with his wife, Nancy. May he rest in peace.

*-- Superintendent Cherie Mourlam*



## WASHINGTON LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION - 2016



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**Board Meeting - Audio:**

<http://www.wls4kids.org/District/Department/12-Board-Information/Podcasts/8158-2016-02-17.html>



# FRANK ERME

*forever in our hearts*

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2016 basketball game with Athletic Director Tom Snook

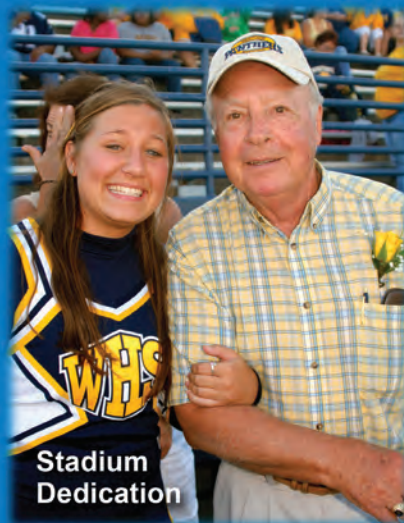


82nd birthday at Candlelight Walk with Mark Verrocco and Cherie Mourlam

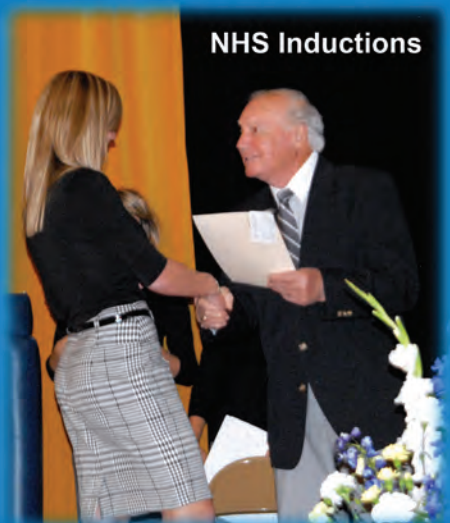


Fieldhouse seat recognition

Frank Erm  
"Mr. Whitme"



Stadium Dedication



NHS Inductions



Golden Apple Award with John Adler and TAWLS President Chris Hodnicki



Toledo City League Hall of Fame Inductions

With daughter Jane and son Joe



## Report & Communications

### Cherie Mourlam, Interim Superintendent

**LCESC SPELLING BEE FINALISTS --** Congratulations to Jefferson student **Jackson Grefe** and Washington student **Leia McIntosh** who were finalists in the ESC of Lake Erie West spelling bee. They will advance to the Blade Regional Spelling Bee on March 12 at Owens Community College.



*LCESC Spelling Bee Finalists Jackson Grefe and Leia McIntosh*

**SIGNING DAY STUDENT ATHLETES --** Four Whitmer students recently signed their commitment letters to play sports at the collegiate level. Playing football are **Chase Bodeman** (Robert Morris University), **Zack Smith** (Grand Valley State University), and **Nick Jackson** (Defiance College). Playing baseball is **Tyler Smith** at Heidelberg University. Congratulations to these young men!



*Jackman Elementary collected 7,000 bottles of water!*



**FLINT WATER COLLECTION DRIVES --** Several schools, clubs, and groups in Washington Local have collected water to assist with the water crisis in Flint, Michigan.

Jackman Elementary's "Houses of Excellence and Respect" coordinated a water drive in which 7,000 bottles were collected. Our Maintenance staff stepped in and picked up the water and delivered it to Flint and the Glass City Federal Credit Union.

OAPSE joined their local AFSCME office in collecting water for Flint.

Jefferson's National Junior Honor Society collected both water and monetary donations to assist efforts.

Other groups have also been involved. We are proud of everyone in our district who has reached out to help in this time of need. Thank you!

Washington Junior High 7th Grade Boys - TRAC Champs



Washington Junior High 7th Grade Girls - TRAC Champs



Jefferson Junior High 8th Grade Boys - TRAC Champs

### BASKETBALL TRAC LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

I'm very proud of the boys and girls basketball programs at the junior high level and the coaches that are preparing our student athletes for high school competition.

TRAC League championships were won by Washington's 7th Grade Girls Basketball Team, Washington 7th Grade Boys Basketball Team, and Jefferson's 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team. These are our future Whitmer players!

Our Freshman Girls Basketball Team and our Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Team also won TRAC League Championships at their respective levels.

Congratulations to ALL of these student athletes and their coaches!

### STUDENT RENOVATONS

The Campus Café recently re-opened after being closed for renovation. Whitmer's Construction students under the leadership of **Phil Kraus** completed the first phase of renovations. Phase Two of the renovation will include custom-built booths, tables, lighting, signage, artwork and paint. **Craig Donnell** and the Welding students and **Brian Anderson** and the Digital Graphic Design students are enhancing the aesthetics, décor, brand and image of the Campus Café. This is a great opportunity for our students to gain real-life experience.



NBC-24 reporter **Elyse Chengery** interviewed Construction teacher **Phil Kraus** and Chef **Michael DuShane** about the renovations at Whitmer's Campus Café.



### MARRIAGE of Q and U

We had a marriage this past week of Q and U. I want to thank Greenwood kindergarten teachers **Brittany Biegajski**, **Carolyn Shackelford**, and **Desiree Wright** for planning a marriage last week for our kindergartners.

The marriage of the letters Q and U was the culmination of a lesson on letters and the common connection of the letters Q and U. **Macey Samson** was the bride and represented the letter Q. The groom was **Marvelle Baldwin** who represented the letter U. They were absolutely adorable.



Toledo Blade article:  
<http://www.toledoblade.com/Education/2016/02/12/First-comes-Q-then-comes-U-then-comes-reading-skill.html>

Toledo Blade Photo gallery:  
<http://www.toledoblade.com/gallery/Q-U-wedding-at-Greenwood-Elementary>



**8TH GRADE PREVIEW NIGHT** -- I want to remind everyone that Thursday, February 25, Whitmer is hosting their annual 8th Grade Preview Night. The evening provides current 8th graders and their parents or guardians to preview Whitmer, meet the Whitmer administrators, and learn about clubs and activities. Thanks to the entire Whitmer staff and administrators **Kristie Martin**, **Bert Bernhardt**, **Tom Snook**, **Cassie Studnicha-Kusic**, **Lori Berryman**, and **Deb Heban** for welcoming our 8th graders as they begin their transition into high school.

Picture **YOURSELF** in the Whitmer Class of 2020



**Whitmer Preview Night**

**February 25**  
**7-8:30 p.m.**



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## RUBY K. PAYNE, Ph. D.

Ruby K. Payne, Ph. D., is the founder of aha! Process and an author, speaker, publisher, and career educator.

As an expert on the mindsets of economic classes and overcoming the hurdles of poverty, she has trained hundreds of thousands of professionals, from educators and school administrators to community, church, and business leaders.

### WASHINGTON LOCAL INSERVICE\*

Friday, February 12, 2016 / Whitmer High School  
Nightingale Center for Performing Arts (Auditorium)

**8 - 11:30 am** A Framework for Understanding Poverty

Lunch on your own Dr. Payne will begin speaking promptly at 8.

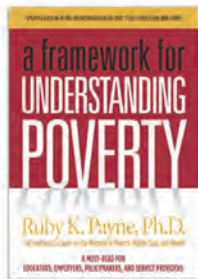
**1 - 3 pm** Strategies to Improve Achievement and Behavior for Students Living in Poverty

\*Please check with your supervisor regarding any attendance questions.

Recognized internationally for *A Framework for Understanding Poverty*, her foundational book and workshop, Dr. Ruby Payne has helped students and adults of all economic backgrounds achieve academic, professional, and personal success.

CEUs are available for interested staff.

[www.ahaprocess.com](http://www.ahaprocess.com)



### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY - RUBY PAYNE

Our Washington Local staff participated in a Professional Development Day on February 12th that earned accolades for our speaker, **Dr. Ruby Payne**. We had a wonderful day with Dr. Payne who is an expert on poverty and the mindsets of economic classes. Her personal stories added to the support strategies she offered and will assist us in remembering how to work in a variety of challenging situations.



Guest speaker *Ruby Payne* with principals and district administrators