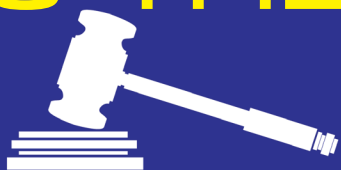


# ACROSS THE BOARD



Board of Education Meeting • April 20, 2016



## 2016 BOARD CALENDAR

### Regular Meetings:

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

### Evaluations:

<b>Superintendent</b>		
Wed.	June 8	5:00 p.m.
<b>Treasurer</b>		
Tues.	Aug. 16	5:00 p.m.

### Special Meetings (5:00 p.m.)

- May 2 Review of Applicants
- May 9 First Round Interviews
- May 10 First Round Interviews
- May 11 First Round Interviews
- May 23 Second Round Interviews
- May 24 Second Round Interviews
- May 31 Board Discussion of Candidates and Possible Decision Announcement



### Washington Local Schools Board of Education

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 ..... James Langenderfer  
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 Treasurer ..... Jeffery S. Fouke  
 Editor ..... Wendy Krouse



Special thanks are extended to the Whitmer Chorale members who sang the National Anthem at the Board Meeting:

Alyssa Mayo  
 Andrew Malone  
 Meghan Lloyd  
 Jasmine Colbert

A Public Hearing was held, as announced, to allow for public participation for Re-employment of Jeff Fouke as Treasurer.

### Approved:

- Board Minutes from March 5 and March 16
- Financial Reports and Investments and Payment of Legal Fees
- Change Order for Midwest Contracting, Inc. for \$41,628.00 for the McGregor Additions/Portable Replacements
- Purchases over \$25,000:
  - ★ Nichols Paper & Supply \$32,590.46
  - Summer Cleaning Supplies
- Additional compensation to Secretary/Assistant to Treasurer due to medical leave of Business Secretary
- Facilities Naming Rights Guidelines
- Textbook Adoption:
  - ★ Temas for Spanish AP \$6,806.64
  - 30 AP Text Prep books (\$115 each)
  - 30 Temas Student Edition books (\$105 each)
- Purchases over \$25,000:
  - ★ Apex Learning, Inc. \$80,207.50
  - 250 Subscriptions including support/training
  - 6/13/2016 - 7/31/210
  - ★ Marianna Industries \$125,497.50
  - Equipment for Cosmetology labs
- Resolution for Suder Avenue Sidewalk Easement
- Real Estate Purchase Agreement \$215,000.00
- 5649 Suder Avenue from G.T.H., L.P.
- Master Agreement with TAWLS *Effective: 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2018*
- Resignations, Nominations, Leaves of Absence, and Changes of Contracts

## Accepted:



Tax Rates for collection in FY 2016/2017 as set by the Lucas County Budget Commission:

75.0 mills outside the 10 mill limitation and 5.30 mills inside the 10 mill limitation for the General Fund and 3.20 mills outside 10 mill limitation for Capital Projects for a total of 78.20 mills outside the 10 mill limitation



Gifts and Donations:

\$500 to Jefferson Junior High to purchase Chrome Books from BCSN Gives Back program

\$200 to Meadowvale for a 1st grade field trip from Joann and Thomas Dillon, Jr.

School supplies, clothes, and sports equipment from Uma Srinivasan

\$15,223,22 to help cover flooring cost in Whitmer north gym from the Whitmer Athletic Club

### **MASTER AGREEMENT**

### **Teachers' Association of Washington Local Schools**

*Effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018*

<b>Base Salary:</b>	Increase 3% on the base in 2016-17 plus \$250 stipend in October 2016 Increase 2.5% on the base in 2017-2018 Includes teacher, EDI, tutor, psychologists and hourly nurse rates
<b>Hourly Salary:</b>	All hourly rates (except curriculum hourly rate) and EDI will receive the above percent increases  Proficiency Tutors and Instructional Tutors will have a Step 5 in Appendix C, which will be \$1.50 above the Step 0 rate
<b>Health Care:</b>	Health Care contribution will be 8% of the monthly premium for 2016-2017 Health Care contribution will be 10% of the monthly premium for 2017-2018  Rate cap of \$50 per month for single and \$130 per month for family for 2016-2018 (Change will be effective with 2016-2017 contracted salary.)  Out of pocket changed from \$250/\$500 to \$1,000/\$2,000  Emergency Room changed from \$50 to \$100
<b>Personal Days:</b>	Unused days shall be compensated at \$130 per day
<b>Tuition Benefits:</b>	2016-2017 = \$60,000 2017-2018 = \$60,000
	TAWLS representative will receive \$600 from the district reimbursement fund.
<b>Retirement Pay:</b>	Days 1 to 300 at \$90.00 per day Days 301 to 350 at \$95.00 per day Days 351 and over at \$100.00 per day

Superintendent Mourlam read aloud **Board Policy 5460 - Graduation Requirements**, as a reminder to seniors.

# NWOHSSL CHAMPIONS: WHITMER GIRLS SOCCER



Whitmer's Girls Soccer Team had a great season this year, and we want to recognize them for their outstanding performance. These ladies not only won the Northwest Ohio High School Soccer League, they were also undefeated in the league! They had 7 shutouts during the season and won the district Team Sportsmanship Award.

The team was led by Head Coach **Marisa Crespo** and Assistant Coaches **KaSandra Spain** and **Bailee Patterson**. The 18 team members were **Quinn Burnett, Katie Conkle, Alexis Graham, Sabrina Gwin, Morgan Henkle, Bailey Kurdys, McKenna Mee, Reilly Mee, Nicole Mills, Alyssa Morgan, Danielle Pluszczynski, Alex Ries, Emily Roberts, Autumn Sturdevant, Gracie Tate, Gillian Thacker, Taylor White,** and **Katarina Wicher**.

## DISTRICT

2nd Team - **Katie Conkle**

## NWOHSSL

Coch of the Year: **Marisa Crespo**

1st Team Honors: **Katie Conkle, Autumn Sturdevant, Katarina Wicher**

2nd Team Honors: **Reilly Mee, Dani Pluszczynski, Bailey Kurdys**

Honorable Mention: **Nicole Mills, Alex Ries**

## TRAC

1st Team Honors: **Katie Conkle**

2nd Team Honors: **Autumn Sturdevant**

Honorable Mention: **Reilly Mee, Nicole Mills, Katarina Wicher**

## BCSN

Ace Award Nominee and Winner: **Emily Roberts**



**MARISSA CRESPO**  
NWOHSSL Coach of the Year

# 2015 AMERICANISM & GOVERNMENT WINNERS



*Standing:*

**Cherie Mourlam**  
Superintendent

**Gabrielle Huff**  
10th Grade Girl Winner

**Meghan Lloyd**  
12th Grade Girl Winner

*Seated:*

**Jack Pietras**  
Americanism Chair,  
Post 587

**Nathan St. Clair**  
11th Grade Boy Winner

Each year Conn-Weissenberger American Legion Post 587 provides an opportunity to our 10th, 11th and 12th grade students to participate in the Americanism and Government Test. The test was created by the Legionnaires of Ohio in 1936 as a way to test individual student's knowledge on the U.S. flag, the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and state, county, city, township, village and school district government in Ohio. The test consists of 50 questions in true/false, multiple choice and fill-in-the blank format and a 300-word essay.

Approximately 65,000 students throughout Ohio take the test every year in hopes of becoming one of 18 State Award recipients who earn a five-day trip to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and Washington D.C. with the Department Americanism Director and representatives of the Ohio American Legion and Ohio American Legion Auxiliary. Last year, Whitmer student **Luc Langlois** was a state winner.

Congratulations to the 2015 Americanism and Government winners from Whitmer:

10th grade – **Matt Hale** and **Kerry Keyes**

11th grade – **Gabrielle Huff** and **Nathan St. Clair**

12th grade - **Meghan Lloyd** and **Adam Wilson**

Nathan was also a 10th grade winner last year. Meghan and Adam were 2015 delegates to Buckeye Boys State and Buckeye Girls State and had the opportunity last summer to experience government and political parties through hands-on opportunities.

Special thanks are extended to the Conn-Weissenberger American Legion Post 587 for their partnership with our district, the Whitmer Social Studies Department for their assistance with the test, and Jack Pietras, Americanism Chairman for Post 587 for the time and effort he invests in programs that benefit our students.

**WHEREAS,** The employees of the Washington Local School District exemplify personal and professional standards and unparalleled interest in and concern for the district's students, families, staff, and community; and,

**WHEREAS,** Washington Local employees are committed to assisting our kids on their life journey by loving them, lifting them up and helping each one 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 our community;

**NOW,  
THEREFORE,** I, Chery L. Mourlam, Superintendent of the Washington Local Schools, do hereby proclaim May 2-6, 2016 as

## STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK



and encourage all parents, community members and business partners to recognize the staff of the Washington Local Schools and extend sincere best wishes to all employees for good health and happiness now and in the future.

## WASHINGTON LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION - 2016



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<http://www.wls4kids.org/District/Department/12-Board-Information/Podcasts/8307-2016-04-20.html>

**Board Meeting - Video Recording:** <https://vimeo.com/164589501>





## Report & Communications

### Cherie Mourlam, Superintendent

#### LOSSES IN OUR WLS FAMILY

Over spring break, our Washington Local family lost a wonderful teacher and a very special student. Our Jackman sixth grade teacher, **Karen Stack**, lost her battle with pancreatic cancer on March 28th. Karen was full of life and loved teaching. She enjoyed being with her students and watching them excel in life. She liked to say, "I call my students MY KIDS because in our year together they become FOREVER a part of my heart." Karen will be greatly missed.

We also lost one of our Whitmer students. **Mackenzie Jamison**, who was 18 years old, passed away peacefully in her sleep on March 29th. Mackenzie always had a smile on her face. She liked school and enjoyed listening to music and having people sing to her.

The loss of these two young, beautiful ladies is a reminder of how fragile life on this earth is. We are here only for a short amount of time—let's remember to use that time to be kind to each other and to love each other.

#### NEW WLS FAMILY MEMBER

**Rachael Novak**, our Director of Human Resources, has a new baby boy. Please welcome into the fold, **William Michael Novak**. The little champ weighed in at 7 lb. 6 oz, and is 20 inches long. William was born on April 10, and is happy and healthy. Congratulations to Rachael and Dave on their special blessing!



### Point Place Art Walk Poster Winner



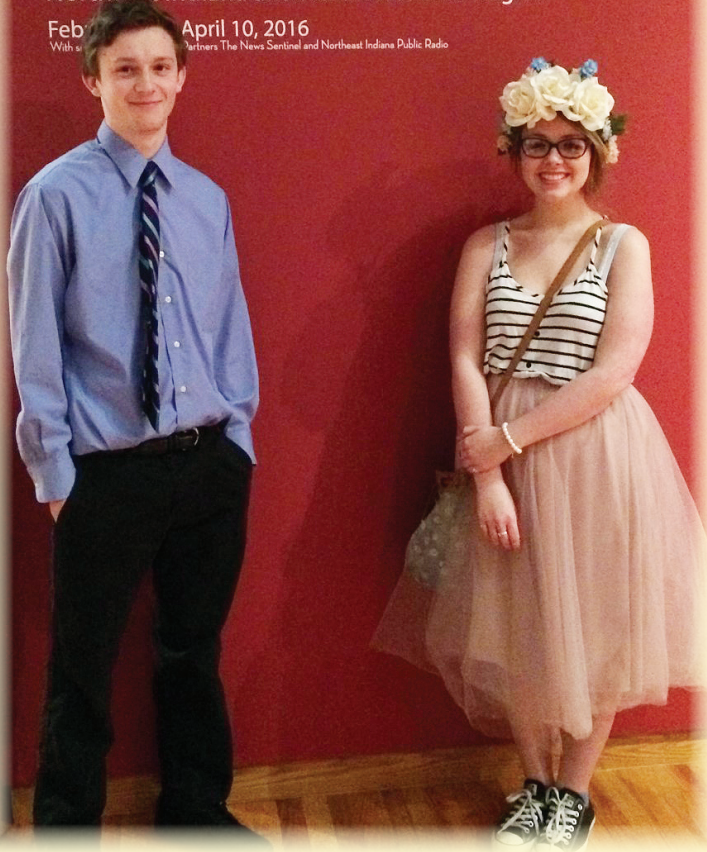
The Point Place Art Walk is an outdoor exhibit of original artwork held along the public pathway between Summit Street and Lighthouse Bay. The Point Place Art Walk Committee holds an annual contest to design the advertising poster for the Art Walk.

I'm extremely pleased to announce that **Alyssa Frey**, a third grader at Shoreland Elementary, is the 2016 winner! Alyssa's artwork was unanimously chosen by the Point Place Art Walk Committee. As the winner, Alyssa will receive \$50 for the limited use of her work in exchange for printing 100 posters and 200 postcards that will be used in the advertising and promotion of the show. Some posters will be also sold at a nominal amount to raise funds for the event.

I want to thank **Tammy Conlan**, Shoreland's art teacher, for encouraging her students to participate in this contest. This is another example of our staff providing real-life experiences for our kids.

## 2016 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio Region

February 10 - April 10, 2016  
With sponsors The News Sentinel and Northeast Indiana Public Radio



**Tyler Merritt** and **Hannah Zitzelberger** received Regional Gold Keys and National Silver Medals in the Scholastic Competition.

### SCHOLASTIC ART COMPETITION

As you all are aware, Washington Local Schools is a huge proponent of the arts. Year after year, Whitmer students win major awards, cash prizes and trips through national, state and regional art shows. This year is no exception.

The Scholastic Arts and Writing competition is the largest high school art show in America. Whitmer students **Tyler Merritt** and **Hannah Zitzelberger** received National Silver Medal awards for their work at this competition. Their images were selected from a field of over 450,000 works nationwide to achieve this distinction. Tyler is the son of **Kay and Jay Merritt**, our Supervisor of Facilities. When Jay saw the picture that his son entered into the competition, he promptly told Tyler that it was awful, and he should re-take it. We're all glad that Jay wasn't one of the judges, because he surely didn't recognize Tyler's artistic talent!

### SHORELAND JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Many of our schools raise funds for very worthy events. There are so many great causes our kids and staff are involved in that I often don't even know about them. When I visited Shoreland on Monday, I learned that they recently raised **\$11,974.75** through their Jump Rope for Hearts! Thank you, Shoreland staff, students, and families for creating awareness of heart health and for your generosity.

## OHIO GOVERNOR'S YOUTH ART EXHIBITION

The Ohio Governors Youth Art Exhibition is an annual art show open to 1,112 public and private high schools in Ohio. This year, 12,000 works of art were entered and of those, 22 pieces of art selected for regional finals were from Whitmer!

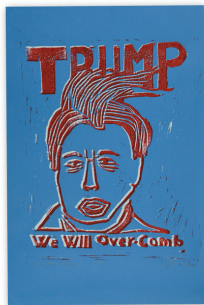
Congratulations to the following 18 students who were regional finalists:

**Thomas Callahan**  
**Skyler Compton**  
**Josie Fereza**  
**Brooke Fitch**  
**Julia Kops**  
**Rachel Krotzer**

**Taylor Lewandowski**  
**Victoria McClain**  
**Taylor Mudwiler**  
**Rachel Nowicki**  
**Katie Palmer**  
**Farzana Qurban Ali**

**Anthony Sa**  
**Janna Seeburger**  
**Wyatt Staber**  
**Emily Steward**  
**Katarina Wicher**  
**Hannah Zitzelberger**

## OHIO GOVERNOR'S YOUTH ART EXHIBITION



WYATT STABER



KATIE PALMER



HANNAH ZITZELBERGER

Only 300 pieces of art were selected for the state exhibition, and I'm proud to announce that Whitmer students **Wyatt Staber**, **Katie Palmer**, and **Hannah Zitzelberger** were chosen as state finalists.

The art will be on display at Rhodes Tower in Columbus from April 17 to May 19. I want to thank the art teachers throughout the district who do a fantastic job teaching our students and promoting our district through the beauty of student artwork.

## SPEECH AND DEBATE NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

Whitmer's Speech and Debate Team has been busy this year as they learn how to research a topic, write a speech, take a stand and debate an issue. The following Speech & Debate Team members have done a fantastic job and are National Qualifiers:



**Adam Wilson** and **Alissa Kennedy** are National Qualifiers for the National Speech & Debate Association. **Adam Wilson**, **Alissa Kennedy**, and **Seth Ramm** are National Qualifiers for the National Catholic Forensic League (NCFL). Congratulations on your outstanding achievements and good luck at your National tournaments!



This past week, I had the opportunity to recognize our Top 15 seniors at Whitmer, who in turn honored faculty members who had impacted their lives. Congratulations to these outstanding students and staff!

## Whitmer High School ~ Top Seniors ~ Class of 2016



Bethany Baker



Craig Conkle



Abigail Dorn



Kyle Evanoff



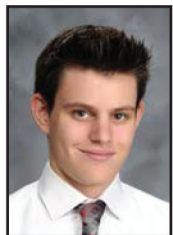
Emily Garrett



Hayden Graham



Joshua Kneisel



Luc Langlois



Jenna Lewandowski



Nadine Mansour



Romero Murphy



Katie Palmer



Rebecca Poirier



Dean Steele



Sestina Ventresca

## WLS Faculty Honorees



Reis Baidel



Jeremy Elliott



Jodi Fryman-Reed



Barb Masters



Karon O'Sullivan



Michael Punsalan



Mark Rabbitt



Joy Schall



Jason Schreiner



Jason Whitacre



Dottie Worley



Eric Worstell

Senior: **Bethany Baker** / Honoree: **Mark Rabbitt**

Senior: **Craig Conkle** / Honoree: **Michael Punsalan**

Senior: **Abigail Dorn** / Honoree: **Reis Baidel**

Senior: **Kyle Evanoff** / Honoree: **Mark Rabbitt**

Senior: **Emily Garrett** / Honoree: **Karon O'Sullivan**

Senior: **Hayden Graham** / Honoree: **Jason Whitacre**

Senior: **Joshua Kneisel** / Honoree: **Jeremy Elliott**

Senior: **Luc Langlois** / Honoree: **Jodi Fryman-Reed**

Senior: **Jenna Lewandowski** / Honoree: **Eric Worstell**

Senior: **Nadine Mansour** / Honoree: **Mark Rabbitt**

Senior: **Romero Murphy** / Honoree: **Dottie Worley**

Senior: **Katie Palmer** / Honoree: **Eric Worstell**

Senior: **Rebecca Poirier** / Honoree: **Jason Schreiner**

Senior: **Dean Steele** / Honoree: **Joy Schall**

Senior: **Sestina Ventresca** / Honoree: **Barb Masters**