



Washington Junior High School

Home & School Board Meeting

Approved Minutes

Wednesday, April 16th, 2025 at 9:30am

1. Call to Order at approximately 9:40am
 - a. In Attendance: Emily Kozlowski, Carmen Blaise, Jepharya Badie, Justin Kozlowski, Eric Decker, Kelly Kirch, Ashley Workman, Kathryn Pegorsch
2. President's Report: Melinda Watson
 - a. Thank you to ALL volunteers this year!
 - b. Vote on 2025-2026 WJHS Executive Board Slate
 - i. Emily Kozlowski (President), Ashley Workman (Vice President), Sharon Velkovich (Secretary), Justin Kozlowski (Treasurer)
 1. We passed a motion to table this for today as we have someone interested in the Treasurer position.
 - a. 1st motion:
 - b. 2nd motion:
 - c. Approved
 2. An electronic vote will be taken.
 - c. Open Chair positions: FALL FUNDRAISER!!!!, DirectorySpot, Hospitality, Staff Appreciation (Co-Chair), Nominations Chairs for each school.
 - i. Fall Fundraiser positions have been filled by Zareen Hassan and Carmen Blaise.
 - ii. Carmen Blaise has agreed to co-chair Staff Appreciation.
 - d. Reach out to your replacements to pass over information
 - e. Upcoming dates:
 - i. Friday, May 9th 11:15am (½ day)
 - ii. Tuesday, May 27th (last day of school)
 - iii. 8th Grade Events
 1. April 25th - 8th Grade Gala @ 7 pm (Cafeteria)
 2. May 19th - 8th Grade Boat Trip
 3. May 22nd - 9:30am, 8th Grade Moving On Ceremony
 4. May 23rd - Talent Show
 5. Field Day on the last day
3. Vice President's Report: Kathryn Pegorsch
4. Treasurer's Report: Justin Kozlowski
 - a. Approval of [March 2025](#) financials
 - i. 1st motion: Jepharya Badie

- ii. 2nd motion: Ashley Workman
 - iii. Approved
 - b. Current bank balance as of 4/16/25: \$39, 824.42
 - c. Will convert to Quickbooks Online starting in 2025-26 because Intuit is no longer updating or supporting desktop version
 - i. Annual subscription will apply which is not budgeted for yet
 - 1. \$189 first year, \$378 after
 - 2. General H&S will return \$135 to apply toward this
 - a. Justin will check if General H&S covers \$135 each year or only for the first year.
 - d. Requesting to spend over budget for LC
 - i. \$2,0000 in budget was not enough to cover cost of audio books for Rebecca Caudill titles
 - ii. \$1,994.29 spent and audio titles are \$501.89.
 - iii. Asking for \$496.18 above budgeted amount
 - 1. 1st motion: Ashley Workman
 - 2. 2nd motion: Jepharya Badie
 - 3. Approved
5. Secretary's Report: Emily Kozlowski
- a. Approval of [Unapproved MinutesWJHS H&S March 19, 2025.docx](#)
 - i. 1st motion: Justin Kozlowski
 - ii. 2nd motion:Kathryn Pegorsch
 - iii. Approved
 - b. Correspondence
 - i. None
6. Principal's Report: Jon Vogel
- a. Mr. Decker was in attendance in Mr. Vogel's place.
 - b. Building wide awards at the end of the year.
 - i. Mr Gorey will film the awards and put on the website, week of May 19th they will be posted.
 - ii. 5/15 or 5/16, announcement of PAWS winners.
 - iii. 8th grade specific awards will be announced during the ceremony.
 - c. Staff Updates
 - i. 4 retirees this year
 - ii. 2 LBS hired for next year already
 - iii. Mr. DeBora will be teaching Math, Mr. Auld's job
 - iv. A speech and language pathologist is being interviewed
 - v. Mr. Vogel is hiring an AP to fill Mr. Decker's position; Mr Decker is taking an AP position at NNHS for next school year.
 - d. Replacing the chiller (part of the air conditioner) at WJHS this summer, so the school will be shut down. They will communicate to families where their remote location will be.

- e. Question from Jepharya: Are there still concerns about gender neutral bathrooms?
 - i. A good question for Mr. Vogel. Mr. Decker said he has not heard about any issues.
- 7. Committee Reports
 - a. Written Reports
 - i. **Staff Appreciation:** We celebrated our Assistant Principals with gifts the week of April 7th. We are gearing up for Teacher Appreciation Week, the first full week of May.
 - ii. **Staff Gift Card Program:** The end of the year program will run from April 20th through 3pm on Wednesday, May 7th. Information will come out in the Wildcat Weekly and on Facebook pages on April 20th.
 - b. Verbal Reports
 - i. **8th Grade Projects**
 - 1. Looking for ideas for gifts for the 8th grade students,
 - a. Maybe something from NNHS, or a picture frame.
 - ii. **Lost & Found**
 - 1. Going great with the new system. Stuff is there for 2 weeks, then donated to Base Camp, an organization in Chicago that serves 700 kids on the west side, grades K-8.
- 8. New Business
 - a. Ashley proposed the idea of a parent volunteer for recess similar to other schools doing lunch & play or Watch Dogs. The parents could supervise games, flag football. Also a request for flags for football, maybe a net for volleyball.
 - i. Mr. Decker will bring this up to Mr Vogel.
 - b. Emily Kozlowski requested an additional \$500 for the Staff Appreciation budget for this year to go towards food for Teacher Appreciation Week. This extra amount is already accounted for in next year's budget.
 - i. Vote to approve the \$500 additional.
 - 1. 1st motion: Ashley Workman
 - 2. 2nd motion: Kathryn Pegorsch
 - 3. Approved
- 9. Adjournment 10:45am

NO OFFICIAL MAY MEETING: SEE YOU FALL 2025!

(Get together to celebrate the year TBD)