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WADSWORTH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

WADSWORTH, OHIO

SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018, 5:30 P.M.

CHARLES R. PARSONS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 524 BROAD STREET

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Motion for Approval and Signing of Minutes**
- V. Administrative Items**
 - A. PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS
 - 1. Employments
 - a) Lisa Schmidt, Health Aide, eff. 1/22/2018
 - 2. Resignations
 - a) Kimberly Daniels, Secretary
- VI. Board of Education Discussion**
 - A. Review District Employee Climate/Culture Survey Results and Determine Next Steps
 - B. Establish a Process for Shadowing Students and/or Teachers
 - C. Establish a Public Feedback Process on the Central Intermediate School Committee's Recommendation to the Board of Education
- VII. Adjournment**

In accordance with State and Federal law, the District will provide reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities who wish to attend and/or participate in school events. Such individuals should notify the Superintendent if they require a reasonable accommodation.

Agenda Detail

- V. Administrative Items**
 - A. Personnel Consent Items**
 - 1. a) Lisa Schmidt:** Ms. Schmidt is being recommended to fill the health aide position at Valley View Elementary School left open by the resignation of Ms. Kimberlee Wagner.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

WADSWORTH CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Organizational Meeting

Date: January 3, 2018

The Wadsworth City Board of Education met in Organizational Session on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. in the James R. McIlvaine Performing Arts Center at Wadsworth High School, 625 Broad Street.

SWEARING-IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Treasurer Beeman administered the Oath of Office to the newly-elected Board Members: (ATTACHED)

Julie Batey
Amanda Gordon
Gary McComas

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Present	Batey, Gordon, Kramer, McComas, McDougal
Absent	0
Administrators	12
Staff	6
Visitors	78

Student Liaison Adam Darwich

18-1-01 ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT

McDougal was nominated by **Batey** to serve as President of the Board. There were no other nominations. The motion was made by **Kramer**, seconded by **Batey**, to close nominations.

Roll Call – Gordon, Kramer, McComas, Batey
Abstain - McDougal
No vote necessary

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Date: JANUARY 3, 2018

The Wadsworth City Board of Education met in Regular Session on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at 7:08 P.M. at the James R. McIlvaine Performing Arts Center, 625 Broad Street.

Present	Batey, Gordon, Kramer, McComas, McDougal
Absent	0
Administrators	12
Staff	6
Visitors	78

Student Liaison Adam Darwich

STUDENT / STAFF RECOGNITION:

A. January Students of the Month:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>School</u>
Jaiden Gross	04	Franklin Elementary School
Jeremy Espie, Jr. (December)	04	Franklin Elementary School
Ella Brandenburg	04	Isham Elementary School
Aaron Casey	04	Lincoln Elementary School
Cami Ross	04	Overlook Elementary School
Kolten Mellon	04	Valley View Elementary School
Liam Russell	06	Central Intermediate School
Samantha Sager	08	Wadsworth Middle School
Laura Crookston	12	WHS Career-Technical
Collin Libby	12	WHS Career-Technical
Maggie Sonntag	12	Wadsworth High School
Colin Wright	12	Wadsworth High School

ADMINISTRATIVE DISCUSSION ITEMS, PRESENTATIONS AND UPDATES:

A. Discussion: Board of Education Special Meeting request to discuss the 2017-2018 Climate/Culture Survey results:

January 22, 2018

5:30 p.m.

Charles R. Parsons Administration Building

B. Discussion: Revised State of Ohio Gifted Operating Standards and No Service Letters.

C. Discussion: Ohio Green Ribbon School Application Process.

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- D. Discussion: Next Steps with the Central Intermediate School Committee Recommendation.
- E. Discussion: Establish Date for Shadowing Students and/or Teachers.
- F. Multipurpose Facility.
- G. Coach Dave Sladky Court Dedication on January 12, 2018.
- H. Students in Government Day will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, from 7:30-2:30 p.m.
- I. Student Services Department Update and Annual Notice.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

18-01-10 Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hill, the motion was made by **Batey**, seconded by **Kramer**, to adopt the Personnel Consent Items from the January 3, 2018, Regular Meeting, as presented:

A. PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS

1. Resignations:

- | | | | |
|----|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| a) | Bruce Mandate | Cafeteria Helper | (eff. 01/02/18) |
| b) | Heidi Michel | Cafeteria Helper | (eff. 01/03/18) |
| c) | Cara Powell | Girls Cross Country Coach | |

2. Employments:

- | | | |
|----|----------------|----------------------|
| a) | Serra VanZandt | Certified Substitute |
|----|----------------|----------------------|

b) Supplemental Contracts:

- | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Kevin Evans | Vol. WMS Boys' Lacrosse Coach | |
| Kelly Laib | Bear Cub Academy | (eff. 01/03/18) |
| Kristina Nichol | Vol. Boys' Tennis Coach | |
| Austin Hanna | Vol. Boys' Tennis Coach | |

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d) Volunteers:

Ayten Anderson (eff. 12/11/17)
Eric Tilson
Christine Widrig
James Widrig
Dawn Wolf (eff. 12/11/17)

3. Recommendation to grant unpaid child leave under FMLA to Shannon Myer from the end of her allowable sick leave through May 31, 2018.

VOTE: Yea – Gordon, Kramer, McComas, McDougal, Batey
Nay – None Motion Carried,

18-01-11 Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hill, the motion was made by **Gordon**, seconded by **McComas**, to adopt the Action Consent Items for the January 3, 2018, Regular Meeting, as presented:

B. ACTION CONSENT ITEMS

1. Recommendation to declare the following resident students impractical to transport, enabling their parents/guardians to apply for State transportation reimbursement for the 2017/2018 school year:
 - a) Rennick Best
Wadsworth to St. Vincent/St. Mary, Akron
Parents: Martina & Cameron Best
2. Recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Bellefaire JCB for the 2017-2018 academic year. (ATTACHED)
3. Recommendation to approve the Estimated Revenue and Expenses for FY 2019 and submit them to the Medina County Budget Commission. (ATTACHED)

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4. Recommendation to accept a donation from Lowe's for the following items (total estimated value of \$100 each).
 - a) 11 Rubbermaid Commercial Products 500 lb. Capacity Triple Trolley Hand Trucks (approx. value \$100 each).
 - b) 22 Centrex Plastics, LLC Commander 27-Gallon Black Totes with Standard Snap Lids (approx. Value \$9 each).
5. Recommendation to approve the Carpentry Job Site Teacher Assistant job description.

VOTE: Yea – Kramer, McComas, McDougal, Batey, Gordon
Nay – None

Motion Carried,

18-01-12 Upon the recommendation of Treasurer Beeman, the motion was made by **Gordon**, seconded by **Batey**, to adopt the Action Consent Items for the January 3, 2018, Regular Meeting, as presented:

A. ACTION CONSENT ITEMS

1. Recommendation to transfer \$16,780.52 from the General Fund (001) to MHJ Grant: Stem Camp (019-9107).

VOTE: Yea – McComas, McDougal, Batey, Gordon, Kramer
Nay – None

Motion Carried,

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Kramer presented a list of legislative bills related to schools passed by the Legislature during 2017.

FLOOR ITEMS

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Batey wished everyone a happy new year. She also announced that WMS PTO will sponsor Magic Gives Back at OJ Work Auditorium on February 24 and tickets will be for sale beginning January 4.

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Kramer mentioned that winter sports teams are beginning and congratulated the Wrestling Team for their early success. She noted that at the Medina Wrestling Tournament, there were four former Grizzly wrestlers that are currently coaching other schools.

Gordon attended the Believe Round Ball Tournament where the half-time entertainment was provided by the wheelchair basketball teams. She announced Solo and Ensemble contests are starting at WHS. She also mentioned that Sarah Keating (WHS) will be competing in an international softball tournament.

Adam Darwich thanked Dr. Hill for the two (2) calamity days and announced that Senior Swim Night is next week.

McDougal thanked the Board members for electing her President for 2018.

McComas thanked everyone for welcoming him to the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, a public board of education may hold an executive session only after a majority of a quorum of this board determines by a roll call vote to hold such a session and only at a regular or special meeting for the sole purpose of the consideration of any of the following matters:

- A. To consider one or more, as applicable, of the check-marked items with respect to a public employee or official:
 - 1. Appointment
 - 2. Employment**
 - 3. Dismissal
 - 4. Discipline
 - 5. Promotion
 - 6. Demotion
 - 7. Compensation
 - 8. Investigation of charges/complaints (unless public hearing requested).
- B. **To consider the purchase of property for the public purposes or for the sale of property at competitive bidding.**
- C. Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

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- D. Preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.
- E. Matters required to be kept confidential by Federal law or rules or State statutes.
- F. Regularized details of security arrangements where disclosure of the matters discussed might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing or avoid prosecution for a violation of the law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wadsworth City Board of Education, by a majority of the quorum present at this meeting, does hereby declare its intention to hold an executive session on **A2 and B** as listed above.

18-01-13 EXECUTIVE SESSION

The motion was made by **Batey**, seconded by **McComas**, to enter Executive Session at **8:16** p.m.

VOTE: Yea – McDougal, Batey, Gordon, Kramer, McComas
 Nay – None

Motion Carried,

EXECUTIVE SESSION recessed at **9:40** p.m.

18-01-14 ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by **Gordon**, seconded by **Batey**, to adjourn at **9:41** p.m.

VOTE: Yea – Batey, Gordon, Kramer, McComas, McDougal
 Nay – None

Motion Carried,

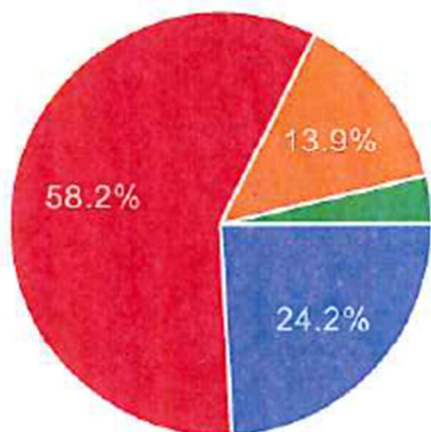
(Signed) _____
 Jody McDougal, President

(Attested) _____
 Douglas D. Beeman, Treasurer

What follows is a summary of the 2017-2018 district climate/culture survey responses. For extended response questions, a thematic content analysis was completed where responses were categorized into key words or phrases. Categories where there were more than one (1) respondent are included on this summary document. The Wadsworth City School District Board of Education has full access to all responses, and building principals/supervisors/directors will be given access to responses within their direct area of supervision.

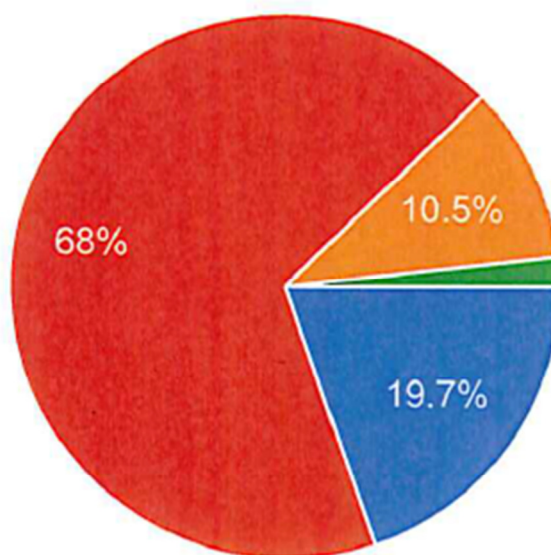
Interrelationships among staff at Wadsworth are:

2016-2017 (197 responses):



Excellent: 24.2%
 Good: 58.2%
 Neutral: 13.9%
 Poor: 3.6%
 Very Poor: 0.0%

2017-2018 (229 responses):



Excellent: 19.7%
 Good: 68.0%
 Neutral: 10.5%
 Poor: 1.8%
 Very Poor: 0.0%

You just stated that interrelationships among staff are _____. Please describe why you feel this way.

Response Theme:

Colleagues are supportive
 Colleagues are professional
 Strong Communication
 Colleagues are respectful
 Colleagues are not respectful
 There are cliques
 The size of the high school negatively impacts interrelationships between staff members

Number of Responses:

46
 44
 9
 6
 6
 5
 4

There is room for improvement	4
Everyone is treated as equal	3
Professionalism is compromised due to friendships	2

What is the Wadsworth City School District doing well to promote interrelationships among staff?

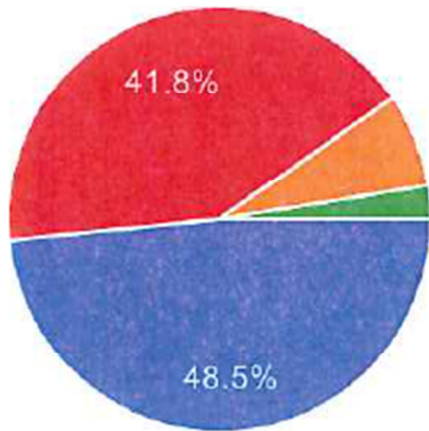
<u>Response Theme:</u>	<u>Number of Responses:</u>
Offering staff collaboration time	30
Offering events outside of school	28
Offering staff lunches	27
Offering professional development	21
Communicating with employees	11
The opening day sessions for all district staff	7
Hiring good people	5
The district wellness committee	5
Offering district committee opportunities	4
Sunshine Committees	3
Staff Spotlight	2

What could the Wadsworth City School District do better to promote interrelationships among staff?

<u>Response Theme:</u>	<u>Number of Responses:</u>
Provide more collaboration time for staff (in particular, middle school teaming and opportunities for building to building collaboration)	27
Offer more professional development	12
Offer more events inclusive of all employees	10
Offer more outside of work hours social events	5
Continue to promote there will be no retaliation for sharing thoughts/opinions/concerns	4
Treat all staff with respect	2
Provide open, honest communication	2

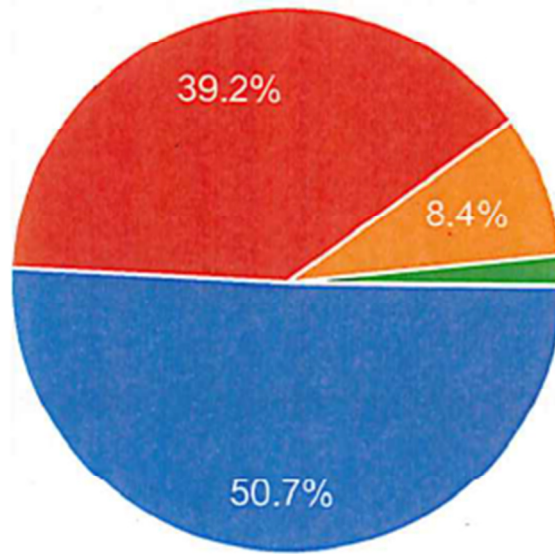
Staff at my building/area of operation take pride in our building/area of operation.

2016-2017:



Strongly Agree:	48.5%
Agree:	41.8%
Neutral:	7.1%
Disagree:	2.6%
Strongly Disagree:	0.0%

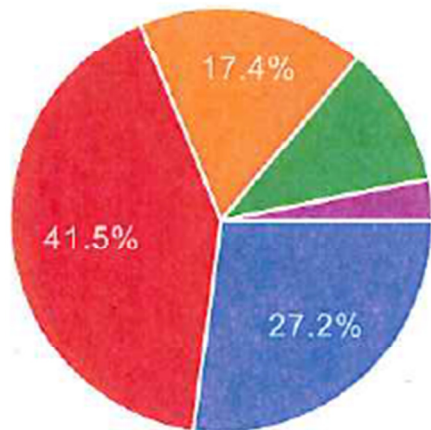
2017-2018:



Strongly Agree:	50.7%
Agree:	39.2%
Neutral:	8.4%
Disagree:	1.8%
Strongly Disagree:	0.0%

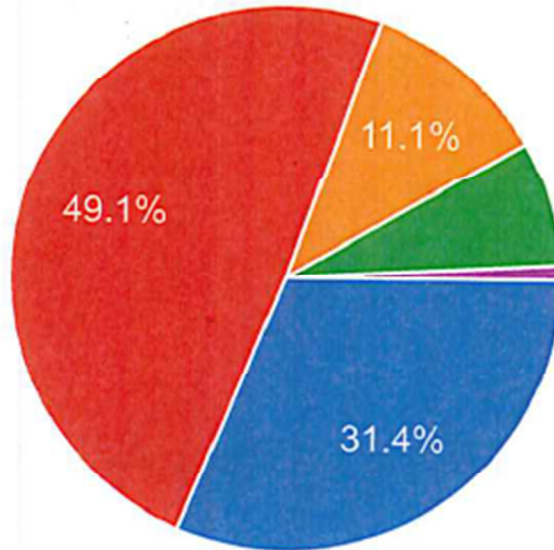
There is a positive energy in my building/area of operation.

2016-2017:



Strongly Agree: 27.2%
Agree: 41.5%
Neutral: 17.4%
Disagree: 10.8%
Strongly Disagree: 3.1%

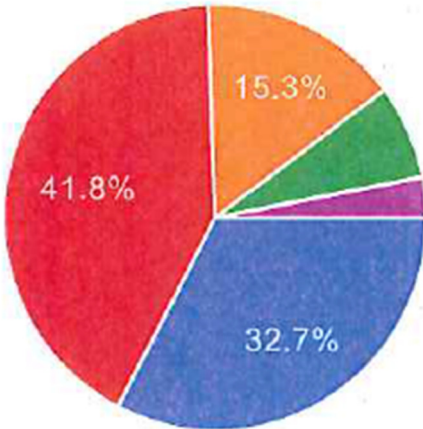
2017-2018:



Strongly Agree: 31.4%
Agree: 49.1%
Neutral: 11.1%
Disagree: 7.5%
Strongly Disagree: 0.9%

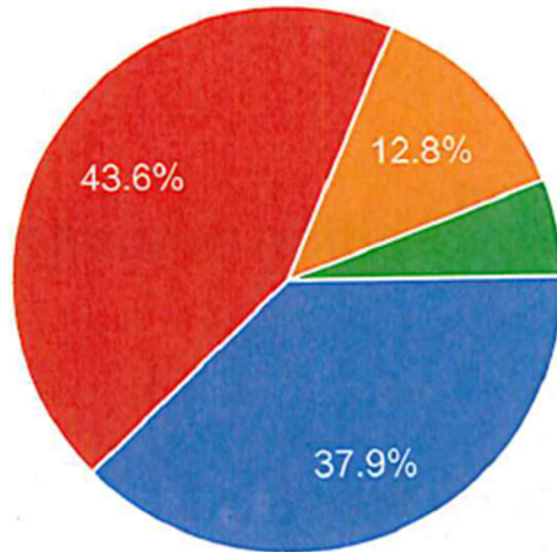
There is a good team spirit at my building/area of operation (overall spirit within the building/area of operation).

2016-2017:



Strongly Agree:	32.7%
Agree:	41.8%
Neutral:	15.3%
Disagree:	7.1%
Strongly Disagree:	3.1%

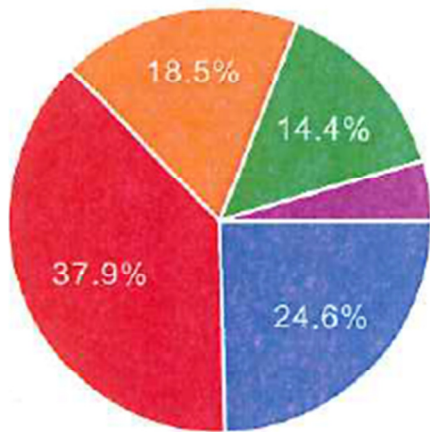
2017-2018:



Strongly Agree:	37.9%
Agree:	43.6%
Neutral:	12.8%
Disagree:	5.7%
Strongly Disagree:	0.0%

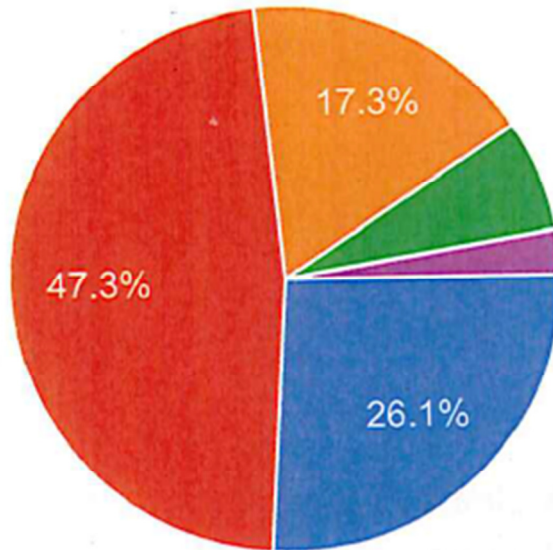
Staff morale in my building/area of operation is high.

2016-2017:



Strongly Agree:	24.6%
Agree:	37.9%
Neutral:	18.5%
Disagree:	14.4%
Strongly Disagree:	4.6%

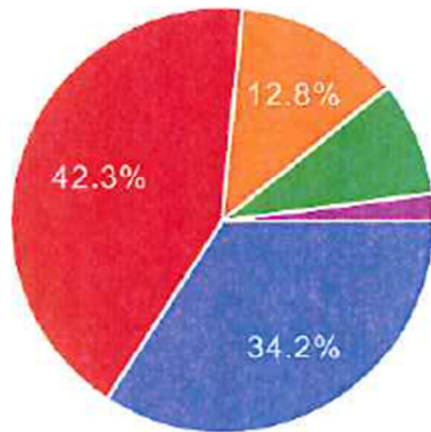
2017-2018:



Strongly Agree:	26.1%
Agree:	47.3%
Neutral:	17.3%
Disagree:	6.6%
Strongly Disagree:	2.7%

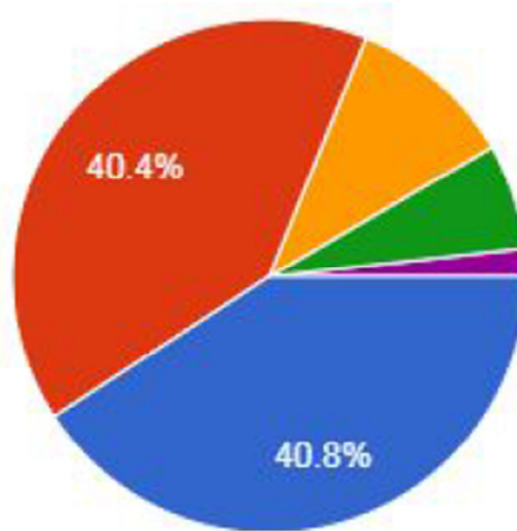
My building/area of operation is a supportive and inviting place for staff to work.

2016-2017:



Strongly Agree: 34.2%
Agree: 42.3%
Neutral: 12.8%
Disagree: 8.7%
Strongly Disagree: 2.0%

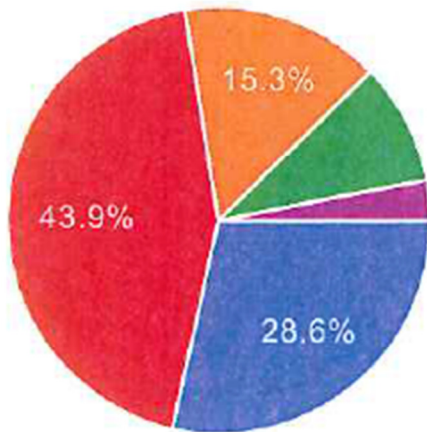
2017-2018:



Strongly Agree: 40.8%
Agree: 40.4%
Neutral: 10.5%
Disagree: 6.6%
Strongly Disagree: 1.8%

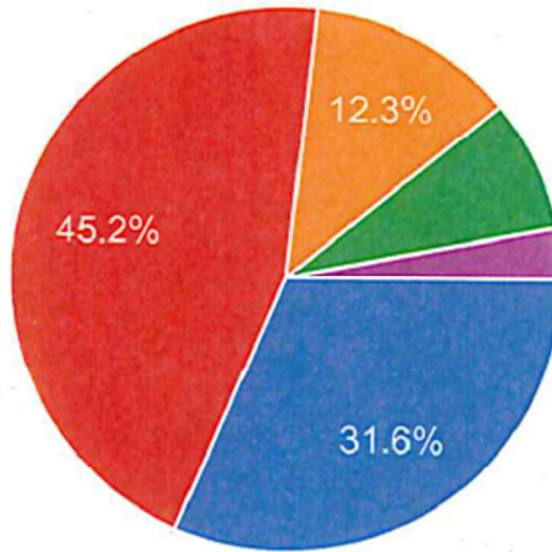
My building/area of operation promotes trust and collaboration among staff.

2016-2017:



Strongly Agree: 28.6%
Agree: 43.9%
Neutral: 15.3%
Disagree: 9.2%
Strongly Disagree: 3.1%

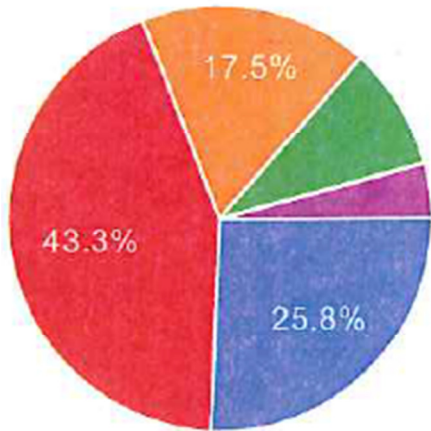
2017-2018:



Strongly Agree: 31.6%
Agree: 45.2%
Neutral: 12.3%
Disagree: 7.9%
Strongly Disagree: 3.1%

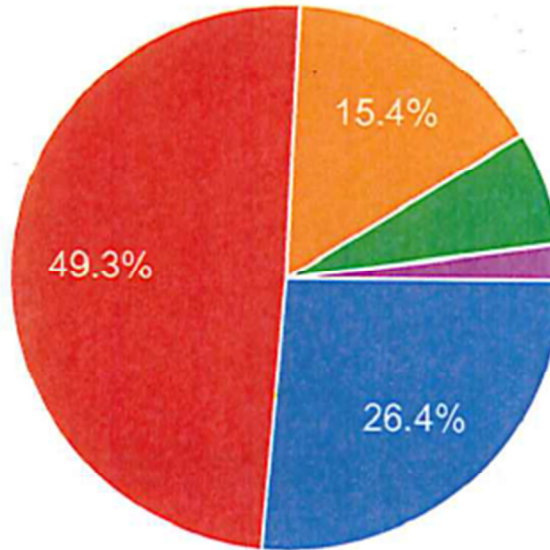
Staff and administrator goals align.

2016-2017:



Strongly Agree:	25.8%
Agree:	43.3%
Neutral:	17.5%
Disagree:	9.3%
Strongly Disagree:	4.1%

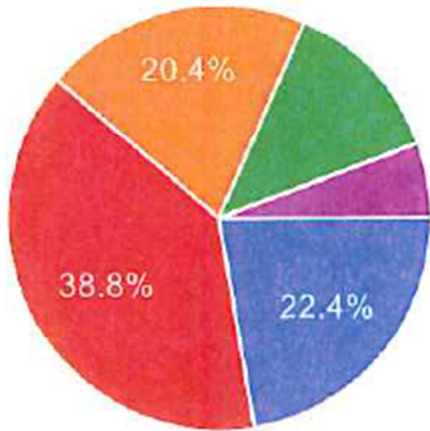
2017-2018:



Strongly Agree:	26.4%
Agree:	49.3%
Neutral:	15.4%
Disagree:	6.6%
Strongly Disagree:	2.2%

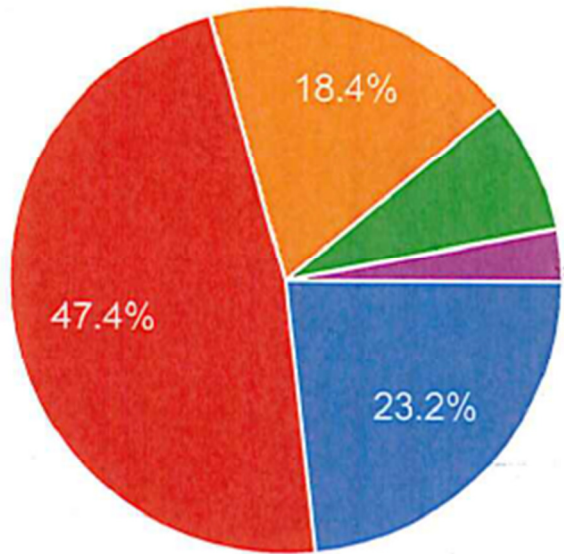
There is clear communication between staff and administrators.

2016-2017:



Strongly Agree:	22.4%
Agree:	38.8%
Neutral:	20.4%
Disagree:	12.8%
Strongly Disagree:	5.6%

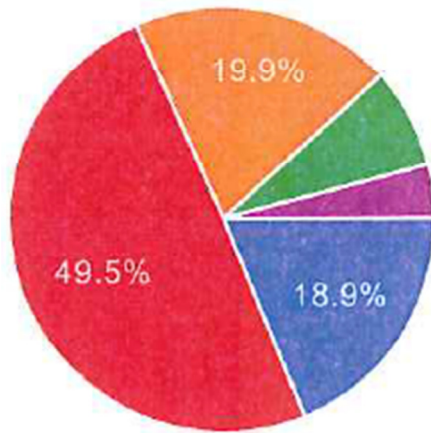
2017-2018:



Strongly Agree:	23.2%
Agree:	47.4%
Neutral:	18.4%
Disagree:	7.9%
Strongly Disagree:	3.1%

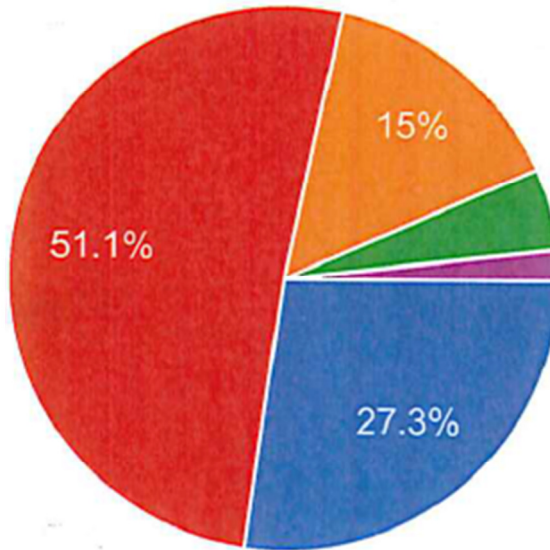
There are opportunities to communicate and collaborate with each other.

2016-2017:



Strongly Agree:	18.9%
Agree:	49.5%
Neutral:	19.9%
Disagree:	7.7%
Strongly Disagree:	4.1%

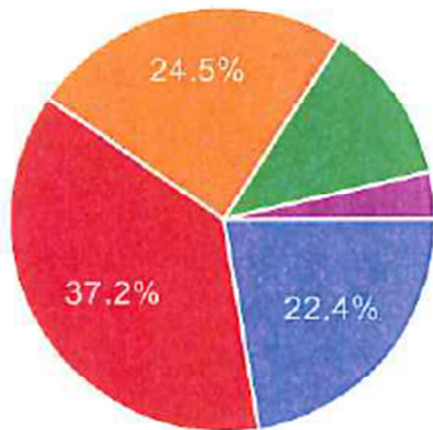
2017-2018:



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Agree:	51.1%
Neutral:	15.0%
Disagree:	4.8%
Strongly Disagree:	1.8%

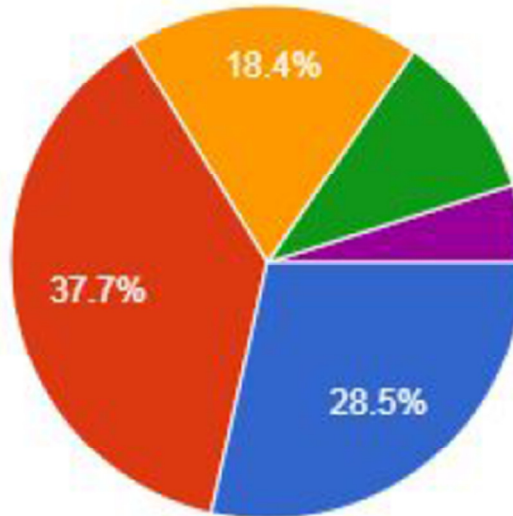
I feel my input on situations in my building/area of operation and/or district is valued.

2016-2017:



Strongly Agree:	22.4%
Agree:	37.2%
Neutral:	24.5%
Disagree:	12.2%
Strongly Disagree:	3.6%

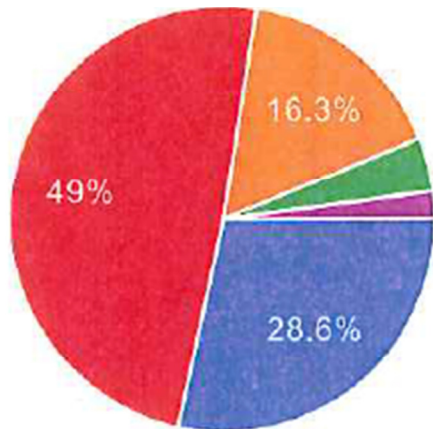
2017-2018:



Strongly Agree:	28.5%
Agree:	37.7%
Neutral:	18.4%
Disagree:	10.5%
Strongly Disagree:	4.8%

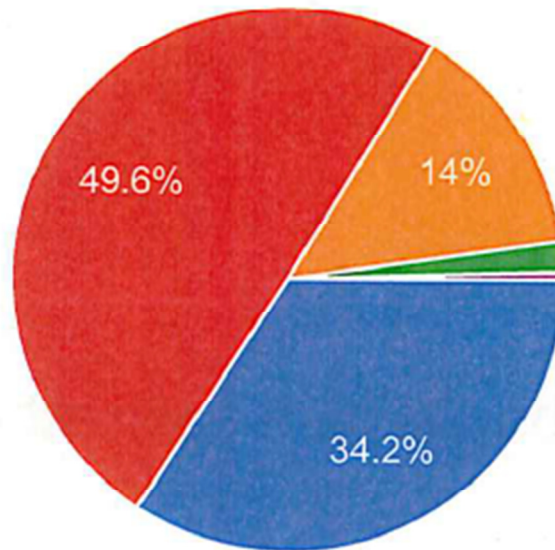
The relationship with central office staff is positive.

2016-2017:



Strongly Agree: 28.6%
Agree: 49.0%
Neutral: 16.3%
Disagree: 4.1%
Strongly Disagree: 2.0%

2017-2018:



Strongly Agree: 34.2%
Agree: 49.6%
Neutral: 14.0%
Disagree: 1.8%
Strongly Disagree: 0.4%

You just answered the relationship with central office staff is _____. Please describe why you feel this way.

Response Theme:

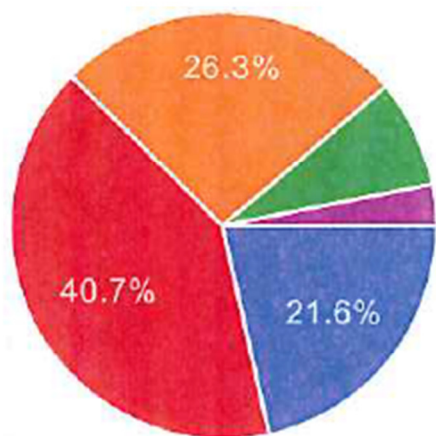
They are helpful
They provide timely responses
They are friendly
They are positive
They are not friendly
I do not have much interaction with them
They are approachable, honest and sincere
They provide great communication

Number of Responses:

53
25
18
11
10
2
2
2

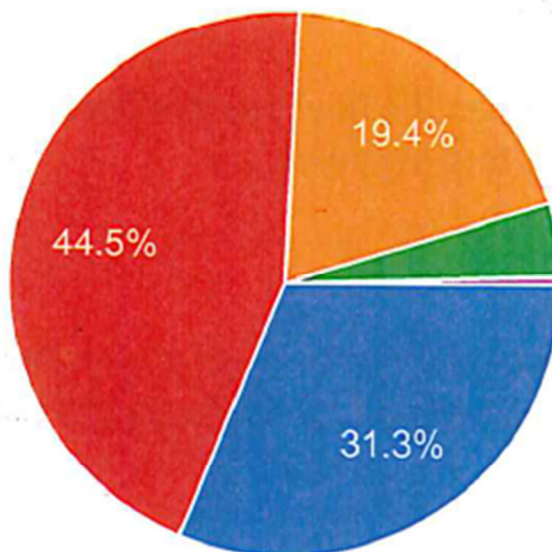
Decisions are made in and information is shared in a transparent way in our district.

2016-2017:



Strongly Agree: 21.6%
 Agree: 40.7%
 Neutral: 26.3%
 Disagree: 8.2%
 Strongly Disagree: 3.1%

2017-2018:



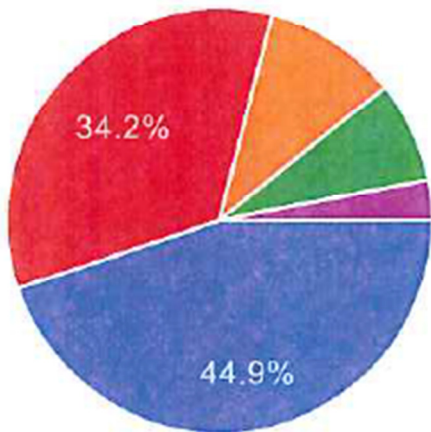
Strongly Agree: 31.3%
 Agree: 44.5%
 Neutral: 19.4%
 Disagree: 4.4%
 Strongly Disagree: 0.4%

You just answered that you ____ with the statement, “decisions are made and information is shared in a transparent way in our district.” Please describe why you feel this way.

<u>Response Theme:</u>	<u>Number of Responses:</u>
Staff is provided with a lot of information	41
Emails are used to communicate information	15
Reasons for decisions are explained, most of the time	10
Board agendas and minutes are insightful	8
More transparency/communication is needed at the building level	8
Decisions are transparent	7
Phone calls are used to communicate information	6
Employees are not informed	5
Transparency is sometimes lacking	4
More collaboration needs to occur before decisions are made	3
District leadership is open to ideas	3
Pertinent information is shared	2

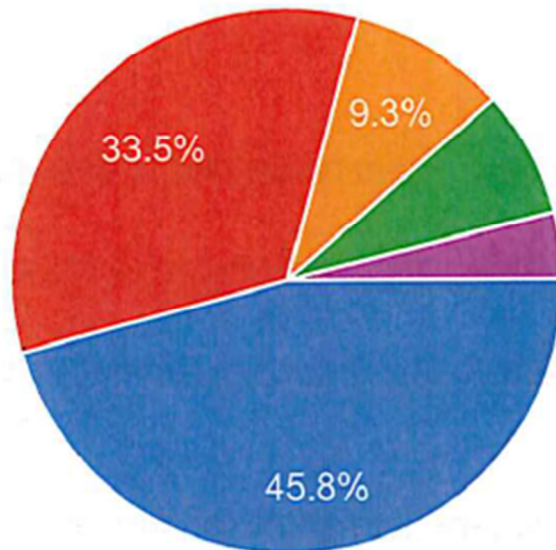
I trust my building administrator(s) and/or immediate supervisor.

2016-2017:



Strongly Agree: 44.9%
Agree: 34.2%
Neutral: 10.2%
Disagree: 7.7%
Strongly Disagree: 3.1%

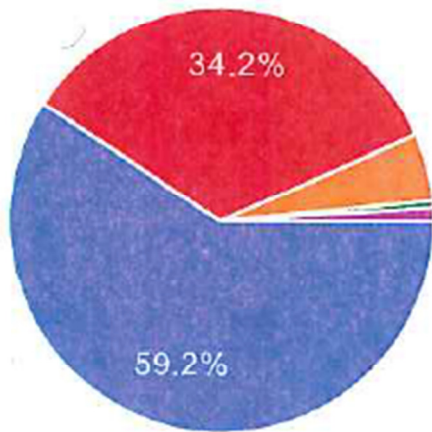
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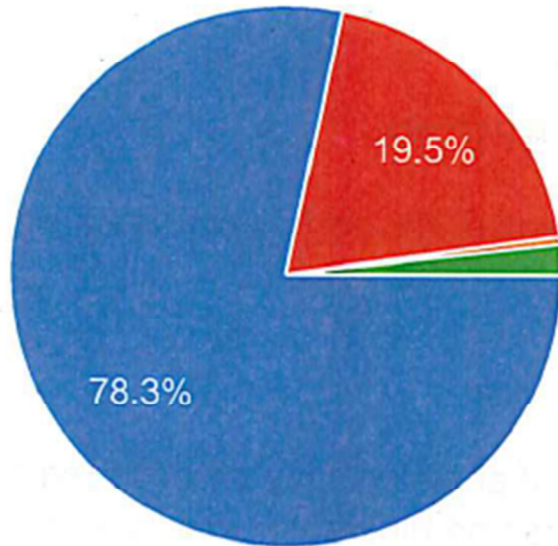
I trust the Superintendent.

2016-2017:



Strongly Agree:	59.2%
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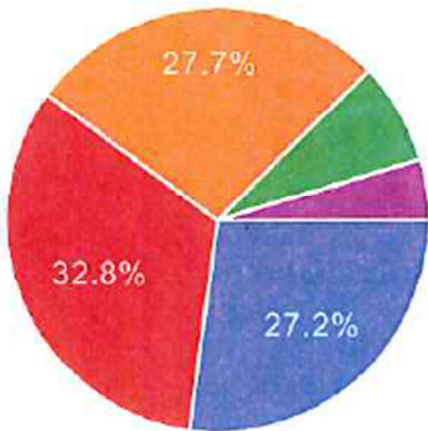
2017-2018:



Strongly Agree:	78.3%
Agree:	19.5%
Neutral:	0.4%
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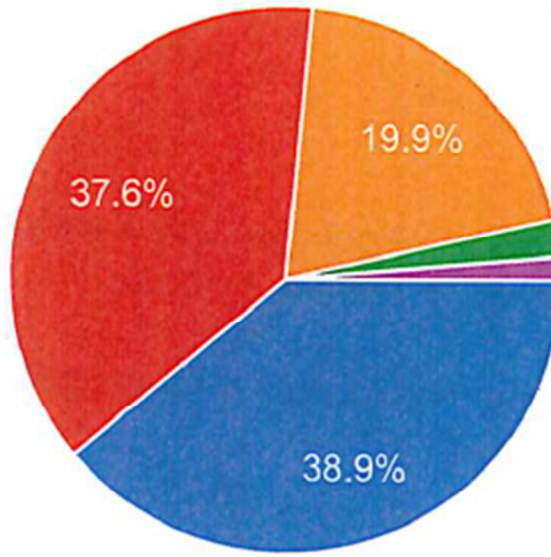
I trust the Treasurer.

2016-2017:



Strongly Agree: 27.2%
Agree: 32.8%
Neutral: 27.7%
Disagree: 7.7%
Strongly Disagree: 4.6%

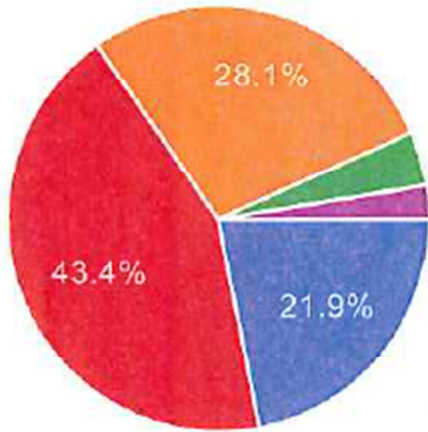
2017-2018:



Strongly Agree: 38.9%
Agree: 37.6%
Neutral: 19.9%
Disagree: 2.2%
Strongly Disagree: 1.3%

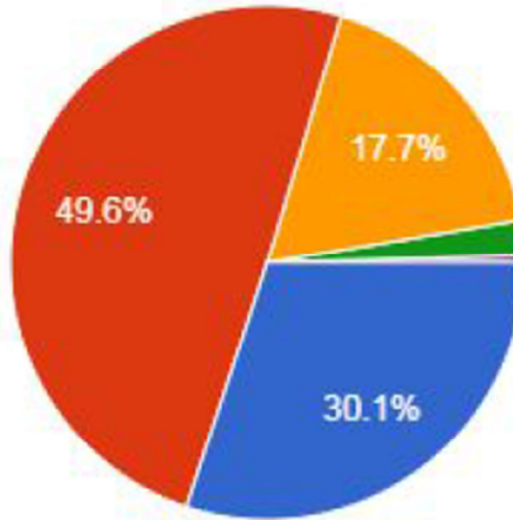
I trust the Board of Education.

2016-2017:



Strongly Agree:	21.9%
Agree:	43.4%
Neutral:	28.1%
Disagree:	4.1%
Strongly Disagree:	2.6%

2017-2018:



Strongly Agree:	30.1%
Agree:	49.6%
Neutral:	17.7%
Disagree:	2.2%
Strongly Disagree:	0.4%

Please provide any additional comments you have in relation to our efforts of creating a work environment that is built upon open communication, mutual respect and trust.

Response Theme:

Number of Responses:

There is too much emphasis on STEM

5

There needs to be more focus on ELA curriculum

2

Lack of infighting is wonderful

2

Central Intermediate School Committee

Recommendation to the
Wadsworth City School
District Board of Education

November, 2017

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Committee Membership

Membership on the Central Intermediate School Committee was open to anyone who was willing to join. Efforts were made by district personnel to disseminate information to the community at large through the following mediums: email, the district website, Wadsworth Community Radio, Facebook, Twitter, and board of education meetings shown on WCTV.

The following are members of the Central Intermediate School Committee:

Adrianne Krauss	Joanne Gahan	Patti Back
Amy Shank	Joe Mendel	Rebecca Tetlow
Andrew Hill	Joseph Magnacca	Rusty Kuse
Anthony Day	Julie Batey	Shirley Casey
Barb Ott	Kyle Obendorf	Stephen Gill
Chris King	Laura Maslyk	Sue Heideman
Dan Dietz	Mark Casalinova	Tom Stugmyer
Daniel Slife	Michael Gahan	Sandy Solaro
Douglas Beeman	Michelle Boni	Tony Solaro
Dr. Caesar Carrino	Mike Deiwert	Michael Wagar
Eric Jackson	Mike Foore	Zachary Ockunzzi
Felicity Wilson	Mike Madachik	
Greg Stoner		
James Lawrence		

Purpose of the Committee

The Wadsworth City School District [Strategic Plan 2016-2020](#) outlined the creation of the Central Intermediate School Committee. The committee was charged with the following:

GOALS	ACTION STEPS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	TIMELINE
1. Create a plan for the future of Central Intermediate School	1. (A) Form a committee to explore options as they relate to the future of the Central Intermediate School building	1. (A) Superintendent and Board of Education	1. (A) September 2016
	1. (B) Evaluate the physical building structure, required needs, timeline of the needs and alternative solutions	1. (B) Central Intermediate School Committee and outside professionals (as required)	1. (B) September 2016 through December 2017
	1. (C) Make recommendation(s) to the Board of Education on how to proceed with Central Intermediate School	1. (C) Central Intermediate School Committee	1. (C) No later than June 2018
	1. (D) Board of Education and community discussion on committee's recommendation	1. (D) Board of Education	1. (D) July 2018 to a date determined by the Board of Education
	1. (E) Board of Education decision and creation of plan and timeline for the implementation of the plan	1. (E) Board of Education	1. (E) No later than June 2019

Executive Summary

The committee met four (4) times, spanning from November of 2016 through October of 2017 (see the “Supporting Documentation” section below for an overview of each meeting). After a review of the 2008 Central Intermediate School Facility Assessment report, completed by the Ohio Schools Facilities Commission, and a tour of the facility, the committee decided the first step would be to have an updated facility assessment completed. Schorr Architects, Inc. was selected to complete the facility assessment, and the committee was provided with the new report in May. The report detailed a total cost of over \$21,500,000.00 to renovate the existing building. The committee was informed that it would cost, at minimum, an estimated \$24,000,000.00 to build a new facility (exact numbers may be higher depending on the design selected, extra options, etc.).

In addition, it was shared with the committee that the district segmented their original building project in 2008 with the Ohio Schools Facilities Commission (now called the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission). Segmenting the project means that the district may be able to leverage state funding if it chooses to do something with Central Intermediate School. The district is locked in with the state paying thirty-seven percent (37%) of the project, provided the community approves funding for the project and the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission agrees with the plans of the district. There is a strong belief, based upon the 2017 facility assessment report, that the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission would not fund the renovation of Central Intermediate School due to the cost to renovate versus building new. (The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission has thresholds they adhere to when deciding if the funds can be used for renovation; it is believed the renovations necessary for Central Intermediate School exceed the said thresholds. This would have to be confirmed by the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission once the district actively engaged them in the process.)

With this information in mind, and after a discussion on the grade 5/6 model of education, the committee quickly came to a recommendation on how to proceed with the future education of our students in mind. While the finances involved made the recommendations that follow easier, the committee struggled with how to proceed with the existing Central Intermediate School building. The building has a community significance shared by few structures in the City of Wadsworth and a location in downtown Wadsworth that is key to revitalization efforts that the City of Wadsworth and other organizations are actively engaged in. In addition, the Wadsworth City Schools Performing Arts Foundation has invested millions of private dollars into the renovation and upkeep of OJ Work Auditorium.

What follows is the recommendation of the committee on how to proceed with the current Central Intermediate School building and the supporting documentation that was reviewed by the committee as they formulated the said recommendation.

It is important to note that the committee understands that this recommendation is not binding on the board of education. Rather, it is understood that the board of education will decide how to proceed with this recommendation in a process they will establish at a future date, according to the district's strategic plan.

Recommendation

After careful review of the current state of the Central Intermediate School building, the estimated cost to renovate as compared to build new, the ability to leverage partial state funding for a new facility as opposed to what is believed to be exclusively local funding for renovations, and discussion on what type of education best benefits fifth and sixth grade students, the committee recommends the following:

- A new school should be built instead of investing over \$21,500,000 in renovations;
- The new school should be a building that houses grades 5-6;
- The new school should be built on a different, yet to be determined site; and
- In accordance with the provisions outlined in Ohio Revised Code pertaining to the disposal of real property by public school districts, the board of education should identify a plan that preserves the current building, in some capacity, with a priority on the preservation of the OJ Work Auditorium, as a community landmark for the City of Wadsworth while permanently relieving the board of education of the costs and liability associated with the building.

The committee has discussed that the board of education should consider doing the following if they choose to move forward with this recommendation:

- Identify a location for the new school;
- Identify a potential partner(s) to make the preservation of the current building, in some capacity, with a priority on the preservation of OJ Work Auditorium, occur;
- Determine a timeline for construction that will involve asking the community for financial support for the project; and
- Establish a process that involves large-scale community feedback on the recommendation of this committee prior to a final decision being made (e.g. survey, public forums).

Supporting Documentation

A. November 29, 2016 Meeting

[Committee Meeting Follow-up](#)

[Committee Presentation](#)

[CIS Analysis - FY 2016](#)

[CIS Electric Analysis - FY 2016](#)

[Expenses for 5+ Years \(Estimated\)](#)

[Rental Funds - O.J. Work Auditorium \(2014 & 2015\)](#)

[Wadsworth Central Intermediate Assessment \(referenced in follow-up document\)](#)

[2008 Report \(Part 1\)](#)

[2008 Report \(Part 2\)](#)

[2008 Report \(Part 3\)](#)

B. May 23, 2017 Meeting

[Meeting Follow-Up](#)

[2017 Report](#)

[2017 Financial Report](#)

[Joe Magnacca Options Document](#)

C. September 20, 2017 Meeting

[Meeting Follow-Up](#)

D. October 16, 2017 Meeting

[Meeting Follow-Up](#)