

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
(MINUTES)

**SPRINGFIELD, KY JANUARY 8, 2024 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING/REGULAR  
SESSION**

The Washington County Board of Education met in an Organizational Meeting at the WC TEL Center at 6:00 p.m. on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 2024 with the following members present:

- (1) Curtis Hamilton (2) Jeremy Thompson (3) Carissa Harley (4) Sherri Cheser  
(5) Ray Canterbury

Board chair Mr. Hamilton called the meeting order.

**Bd. #24-001** – Upon motion of Ray Canterbury and seconded by Jeremy Thompson, the board approved by a vote of 5-0 to re-appoint Curtis Hamilton as chairman.

**Bd. #24-002** – Upon motion of Sherri Cheser and seconded by Ray Canterbury, the board approved by a vote of 5-0 to re-appoint Judy Spalding as Board Treasurer.

**Bd. #24-003** – Upon motion of Sherri Cheser and seconded by Ray Canterbury, the board approved by a vote of 5-0 to re-appoint Jeremy Thompson as Legislative Liaison Board Member.

**Bd. #24-004** – Upon motion of Sherri Cheser and seconded by Jeremy Thompson, the board approved by a vote of 5-0 to re-appoint Superintendent Dr. J. Robin Cochran as Board Secretary.

**Bd. #24-005** – Upon motion of Sherri Cheser and seconded by Ray Canterbury, the board approved by a vote of 5-0 payment of salaries of school employees for FY 2024.

January 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>  
February 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>  
March 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>  
April 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>  
May 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>  
June 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>  
July 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>  
August 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>  
September 13<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>  
October 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>  
November 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>  
December 13<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>

**Bd. #24-006** – Upon motion of Sherri Cheser and seconded by Carissa Harley, the board approved by a vote of 5-0 Regular Board Meeting dates and times for FY 2024 and first board meeting of 2025 (tentatively) per KRS 160.270:

Dates & Times:

January 8, 2024	6:00 p.m.
February 19, 2024	6:00 p.m.
March 18, 2024	6:00 p.m.
April 15, 2024	6:00 p.m.
May 20, 2024	6:00 p.m.
June 17, 2024	6:00 p.m.
July 15, 2024	6:00 p.m.
August 19, 2024	6:00 p.m.
September 16, 2024	6:00 p.m.
October 21, 2024	6:00 p.m.
November 18, 2024	6:00 p.m.
December 9, 2024	6:00 p.m.
January 10, 2025	6:00 p.m.

The Washington County Board of Education met in a Regular Session at the WC TEL Center at approximately 6:08 p.m. on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 2024 with all members present. The roll call, pledge of allegiance and the reading of the mission statement were dispensed with.

**Board Member Appreciation Month**

Superintendent Dr. Cochran acknowledged that January is School Board Member Appreciation Month and thanked the board members for their service and dedication.

**Nutrition & Physical Activity Findings Report**

Dr. Cochran presented a brief physical activity and nutrition report and asked if the board had any questions or concerns.

**Legislative Liaison Report**

Mr. Thompson reported that there have been no 2024 regular session committee meetings on education thus far. The session just began last week. The governor did release his proposed budget in December of 2023 which includes a request for 11% raises across the board for all school personnel, increasing seek by 18%, fully funding teacher retirement, and granting all four-year-olds access to pre-k. The legislators have not filed their budget yet which will most likely be HB1. It would be unlikely for the legislature to accept the governor's budget as proposed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Board Meeting Date: 1/8/24

Balance Sheet as of 12/31/23

General Fund \$6,741,414.65  
Special Revenue \$1,527,992.14  
District Activity \$172,708.64  
Student Activity \$165,574.72  
Capital Outlay \$313,975.76  
Building \$151,770.31  
Construction \$133,252.94  
Debt Service \$0.00  
Food Service \$1,205,414.16  
Day Care \$571,112.78  
Scholarship \$3,055.33

Note: We haven't received our bond bank statement. We will revise and add next month.

General Fund:

General fund received \$7,507,404.07 in revenue and spent \$5,457,123.06 in expenditures.

Special Revenue Fund:

Year-to-date expenditures for salaries and fringe are \$1,136,717.18 and operational expenditures were \$835,180.60.

District Activity Fund:

Year-to-date expenditures are \$62,825.59.

Student Activity Fund:

Year-to-date expenditures are \$107,398.36.

Capital Outlay Fund & Building (FSPK) Fund:

We received \$77,600 in capital outlay funding and \$323,452 in state match FSPK funding along with \$944,656 in property tax from our nickel taxes. This will be used to offset the debt service.

Construction Fund:

Year to date we spent \$929,621.68 in construction funds.

Debt Service Fund:

Year-to-date principal and interest paid on debt is \$1,116,337.69.

Food Service Fund:

Total year-to-date receipts are \$996,041.74 and expenditures are \$892,426.90.

Day Care Fund:

Total year-to-date receipts are \$96,785.63 and expenditures are \$40,381.08.

Scholarship Fund:

No scholarships have been paid out this fiscal year.



### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Cochran brought the anticipated April 8, 2024 solar eclipse to the attention of the board members, raising concerns as to whether the district should open that day or not, and looking at closure and makeup day options. She also addressed concerns raised by community members about storm water drainage on property owned by the district connected to property owned by the City of Springfield. She also received an email from the legislators regarding the possibility of funding for WCHS athletic fields.

### **Student Learning and Support Services – Action by Consent**

**Bd. #24-007** – Upon motion of Carissa Harley and seconded by Ray Canterbury, the board approved by a vote of 5-0 the following consent items:

- Approved minutes from December 11, 2023 Regular Session/Executive Session.
- Approved payment of bills as presented.
- Approved budget amendments as presented.
- Approved submitted donations made to Washington County Schools to date as presented:
  - Donation to NWES from NWES PTO; \$1,503.00
  - Donation to WCHS from Charities Aid Foundation of America; \$5.00
  - Donation to WCES from Michter's Distillery; \$2,000.00
- Approved the following Leave Affidavits for unpaid days as presented.
  - Melissa Mason – December 13-15, 2023 (3 days)
  - Whitney Bowen – January 24-25, 2024 (2 days)
  - Sarah Burns – March 20-22, 2024 (3 days)
- Approved permission to apply for WHAS Crusade for Children Grant as presented.
- Approved corrected change order for WCHS wall repairs as presented.
- Approved clinical experience agreement for student teaching with Western Governors University as presented.
- Approved Trip Request for WCHS Commander Basketball team to attend All State Band in Louisville on February 7-10, 2024 as presented.
- Approved Application and Agreement for Use of District Property for Child Evangelism Fellowship of Kentucky to host Good News Club at NWES as presented.
- Approved WCES, WCMS, NWES and WCHS Comprehensive School Improvement Plans and WCS Comprehensive District Improvement Plan as presented.

**Student Learning and Support Services – Action, Potential Discussion**

**Bd. #24-008** – Upon motion of Ray Canterbury and seconded by Jeremy Thompson, the board approved by a vote of 5-0 FY25 Draft Budget.

**The Board was notified of the following personnel actions:**

**January Personnel Actions**

**Certified Employment:**

Taylor Fields – Teacher (WCHS)

**Classified Employment:**

Holly Whiteaker – District Wide Food Service Cook/Baker

Jennifer Calhoun – Attendance Clerk (WCHS)

Vivian Cook – Guidance Secretary (WCHS)

**Coaches Employment:**

Robert Prewitt – Boys Basketball Developmental Coach (NWES)

Adam Smith – Football Head Coach (WCHS)

**Extra Services Employment:**

Madeline Gash - ESS Teacher (WCHS)

Nichole Midgett - ESS Teacher (WCHS)

Shanna Letner - ESS Teacher (WCHS)

Jason Webb – Technology – Evening Events

**Resignation:**

Kayleen Taylor – Substitute Teacher

Donna Lashley – Teacher (WCHS)

Adam Smith – Varsity Football Assistant Coach

Vivian Cook – Attendance Clerk (WCHS)

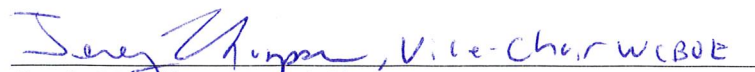
**Bd. #24-009**– Upon motion of Sherri Cheser and seconded by Jeremy Thompson, the board approved by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



J. Robin Filiatreau Cochran, Ed.D. Board Secretary

Approved:

  
Curtis Hamilton, Board Chair