



Washington Junior High School

H&S Meeting 2/20/26

Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order: 1:03 pm

a. In attendance: Sharon Velkovich, Anne Hughes, Emily Kozlowski, Ashley Workman, Jon Vogel, Kelly Kirch, Beth Auer

2. President's Report: Emily Kozlowski

a. General Home & School Updates

- i. Fall Fundraiser meeting before the end of the year. Need committee chairs.
- ii. Considering restructuring H&S dues, maybe a sliding scale based on budget.
- iii. NEF 33rd Annual Breakfast Benefit: "Where Potential Takes Flight"

1. 4/16/26 @ Bobak's in Woodridge (7-9 am)

iv. Core Connections: Navigating the Digital World for Families

1. 3 part series (the 1st and 3rd will be recorded- see link below)

a. <https://www.naperville203.org/departments-services/strategy-engagement/community-engagement/spring-2026-parent-tech-series-core-connections>

b. 2/11: The Intelligence Core: Understanding AI in Education

c. 3/19: Connected Living: Balancing Screens & Wellness

d. 4/23: Secure Bonds: Protecting Your Child's Digital Footprint

v. Alison Boutet, Assistant Superintendent of Middle Schools

1. IAR testing begins the first week of March

2. 8th graders will take the state science test after spring break

3. LJHS will start a dual language program next school year (starting with 6th graders)

a. Dual language students going to NCHS attend LJHS

b. Dual language students going to NNHS attend JJHS

iv. District Budget Deficit

1. Projected deficit of \$12.4 million

a. Looking at 3 areas to make cuts

i. Discretionary spending

ii. Reduction in staffing to pre-pandemic levels

iii. Maximize resources & revenue

2. District will present staffing recommendations to BOE in March plus a draft of the budget in May

b. WJHS Home & School Updates

i. The budget will be presented at the March meeting and voted on at the April meeting.

ii. Bylaws:

1. Need updating/reviewing every (2) years per General H&S
2. Working document:
[W Update Bylaws--Comments.docx](#)
3. Review changes
4. Vote on changes at March meeting

iii. Electronic voting for Mr. Gorey's book budget

1. Proposal at last meeting to increase the budget for purchase of Rebecca Caudill books by \$500
2. Electronic vote form sent via Google and approved by majority of Board members
3. Mr. Gorey was informed about the increase in funds

iv. Nominations

1. Fill out form to indicate if you will return as committee chair for 2026/27 school year
 - a. [Committee Directory Responses for 2...](#)
2. WJHS Executive Board Openings
 - a. President & Secretary (VP & Treasurer will keep roles)
 - b. Will present the slate at March meeting and vote on it at the April meeting

v. Upcoming dates:

1. 2/27: No school, County Institute Day
2. 3/4: Home & School Meeting at 11:30am
3. 3/5: No school, Institute Day, Parent-Teacher Conferences
4. 3/6: No school, Parent- Teacher Conferences
5. 3/17: Election Day, E-learning day for all students.
6. 3/30-4/3: No School, Spring Break
7. 4/8: Home & School Meeting at 11:30am
8. 4/24: 8th Grade Gala
9. 5/18: 8th Grade Breakfast and Boat Trip
10. 5/21: Moving on Ceremony at 9:30am

3. Vice President's Report: Ashley Workman

- a. Zareen & Jess J. will chair 8th Grade celebrations for 2026/27 school year

4. Treasurer's Report: Anne Hughes

- a. 2026.01 January Financials
 - i. 1st motion to approve- Ashley W.
 - ii. 2nd motion to approve- Kelly K.
 - iii. Approved
- b. Current Bank Balance: \$51,731.08

5. Secretary's Report: Sharon Velkovich

- a. Approval of unapproved minutes (January 2025)
 - Home & School Board Meeting Minutes 1.14.26 (unapproved)
 - i. 1st motion to approve- Beth A.
 - ii. 2nd motion to approve- Ashley W.
 - b. Correspondence
 - a. From NNHS Nominations Committee:
 - " NNHS's H&S is looking to fill the Vice President and Treasurer positions on our Executive Board for the 2026-27 school year. As well as the following open committee chair positions:
- Fundraising (1-2 people): most of the work can be done from home
 - Social Media
 - Summer Mailings co-chair: availability end of June/early July
 - Registration co-chair: availability during August registration dates
 - Family Connections co-chair
 - Nominations
 - Directory
 - Staff Appreciation & Staff Breakfast
- *If anyone is interested in a position or wants more info, please contact Kelly at kellyomalley73@hotmail.com or nnhsnominations@gmail.com

6. Principal's Report: Jon Vogel

- a. Block schedule was voted down and won't be revisited until next cycle
- b. Multimedia class could be offered in the future
- c. Open House moved to April

7. New Business

- a. School Musical- "Mean Girls" for 2026 (general discussion of types of musicals that could be used in the future)

8. Committee Reports

- a. Written- none
- b. Verbal- 8th Grade celebrations committee is on track and doesn't need any additional help at this time

9. Adjournment- adjourned at 2:06 pm by Emily Kozlowski

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 4th at 11:30 am