Home & School
Washington Junior High School

WJHS H&S Approved meeting minutes
March 4, 2026 at 11:30am

1. **Call to Order- 11:47 am**
    a. **In attendance:** Claire Merryweather, Ashley Crawford, Sharon Velkovich, Alicia Mulvihill, Ashley Workman, Beth Auer, Emily Kozlowski, Jon Vogel, Anne Hughes (via Zoom)

2. **President's Report: Emily Kozlowski**
    a. General Home & School Updates
        i. Youth Mental Health First Aid Training
            1. Offered with KidsMatter
            2. 5/5 during the day
            3. 204 will offer on on 4/25
            4. Open to all parents/guardians
            5. Sign up and updated flyer to follow –look for it in the Wildcat Weekly
            6. YMHFA One Pager[16][1].pdf

        ii. NEF Breakfast
            1. April 16th 7-9am at Bobak's.
            2. Purchase tickets at nef203.org
        iii. Fall Fundraiser
            1. Scene 75 has frozen their price for next year, and will not have a 20% increase.
        iv. Treasurer
            1. General H&S is looking to move to a tiered system for General H&S dues in the 27-28 school year.
            2. Looking to move all H&S accounts to one bank, will make it easier for the General Treasurer to help with the audit.
                a. Also may look into having H&S incorporate
                i. Now we are registered as a charity with the attorney general but are not incorporated with the state.

ii. Incorporating may make it easier to do banking, obtain liability insurance and “do business as” formally.

v. Cabinet Announcements

1. 4th annual mental health symposium on 3/8 at Matea Valley High School
2. Draft calendar has been approved by the BOE
    a. https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1771429684/naperville203org/gg2ytgppuo3akohhp4m4/SY28Calendar.pdf
3. Core Connections series
    a. 3/19: Balancing Screen time with Student Wellness
        i. Register here:https://www.naperville203.org/p/~board/whats-happening-naperville-community-unit-school-district-203-21969/post/core-connections-helping-families-navigate-the-digital-world
    b. The presentation on 3/19 will not be recorded but the first and third will be and will be available here:
        i. https://www.naperville203.org/departments-services/strategy-engagement/community-engagement/spring-2026-parent-tech-series-core-connections

4. Budget Deficit:
    a. March 16th BOE meeting–action on the proposed admin and certified staff reduction proposed at the 3/3 BOE meeting.
    b. No program eliminations due to the budget deficit and cost cutting.
    c. Capital Improvements come out of the Funds Balance account not the Operating Balance. Funds Balances is funded by any surplus money from the Operating balance at the end of the fiscal year.
        i. The Funds Balance account pays for one time items, not part of the yearly operating budget.
            - [ ] If we took the money from the Funds balance to cover the operating deficit we bd

would still have a budget issue the next year. So the goal is to balance a budget to move forward.

d. Allison Boutet–Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools
    i. Sports Physicals
        1. Intramurals that are sports will now need a sports physical starting this spring.
        2. 6th graders will have had a physical to start the school year so they should be good this spring.
    ii. District 203 Art Open House
        1. April 14th
            - [ ] Middle/HIgh school starting from 6:30pm
        2. 5 school competition week
            - [ ] Athletic race, attendance, school spirit wear participation, collecting food for Loaves & Fishes.
            - [ ] The prize may be a 3D printed trophy and field day for that school. The students may reach out to H&S for help with chaperoning the field day.
e. Charles Cush, BOE President and Marc Willensky, BOE member
    i. Seek accurate information regarding the budget deficit, District website:
        1. https://www.naperville203.org/budget-reductions
    ii. Best way to contact the BOE
        1. Contact your board liaison first (Joe Kozminski at jkozminski@naperville203.org

b. WJHS H&S Updates
    i. Thank you
        1. Staff Appreciation for desserts for staff for Valentine's day.

2. Lost & Found: On going management of the never ending selection.

ii. Vote on the updated bylaws

1. Unapproved Updated 2026-27 Bylaws.docx
2. 1st Ashley
3. 2nd Beth
4. Approved

iii. Slate for Executive Committee for 2026-27 school year.

1. Looking for President still
2. Beth Auer has put her name forward for Secretary.
3. Looking to approve a slate at the April 8th meeting.
    a. The proposed slate will need to be posted for 2 weeks in Wildcat Weekly so it will need to be in place by March 22nd due to spring break.

iv. Open Board Member positions for 2026-27

1. Fall Fundraiser
2. 6th Grade Meet & Greet
    a. Jon–Do we still want to do this?
3. Nominations (Prairie)--filled by Tia Claffy
4. Nominations (Naper)--
5. Hospitality–filled by Erica Bennett
6. Staff Gift Cards (co-chair)

c. Upcoming Dates

3/5: No school, Institute Day, Parent-Teacher Conferences
3/6: No school, Parent- Teacher Conferences
3/16: Kindergarten Preview
3/17: Election Day, E-learning day for all students.
3/30-4/3: No School, Spring Break
4/8: (Last) Home & School Meeting at 11:30am
4/9: Open House from 6:30-8pm
4/24: 8th Grade Gala
5/18: 8th Grade Breakfast and Boat Trip
5/21: Moving on Ceremony at 9:30am

3. Vice President's Report: Ashley Workman

a. No updates

4. Treasurer's Report: Anne Hughes

a. Approval of February Financials
   i. 1st motion- Ashley W.
   ii. 2nd motion- Beth A.
   iii. Approved
b. Current Bank Balance $51,731.85
   i. No expenses in February
   ii. 3/1/26 cut ~$12K
c. Proposed budget for 2026-27 school year.
   i. Vote at the April meeting.

5. Secretary's Report: Sharon Velkovich

a. Approval of February unapproved minutes
   2/20/26 H&S Meeting Minutes
   i. 1st motion- Emily K.
   ii. 2nd motion- Beth A.
   iii. Approved
b. Correspondence (none)

6. Principal's Report: Jon Vogel

a. IAR testing was this week
b. Discussed rationale for invite only parent/teacher conferences
c. Reminder to do 5 Essentials survey
d. Overview of Spring sports

7. New Business (none)

8. Committee Reports

a. Written- none
b. Verbal- Eighth Grade Celebrations committee: on track (has gifts secured and is pursuing decor options)

9. Adjournment

a. 12:47 pm

~Next Meeting April 8th at 11:30 am (last of school year)