

Woodland Park School District

'Elevate Your Education'



Board of Education Meeting Highlights

November 10, 2017

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Directors Sworn in and Board of Education Reorganization of Officers

Beth Huber, Nancy Lecky, and Corbin Graber were sworn in by the Honorable Judge Lin Billings-Vela.

Beth Huber was re-elected as Director of District B (At Large); Nancy Lecky was newly elected as Director of District D (Gateway Elementary Boundaries) after being appointed in February of 2014; and Corbin Graber was newly elected as Director of District E (Summit Elementary Boundaries) after being appointed in May of 2015.

Board of Education officers are as follows: Board President - Beth Huber, Board Vice President - Gwynne Dawdy, Board Secretary - Carol Greenstreet.

The Board appointed Kelley Havin to continue to serve as Secretary to the Board of Education and appointed Brian Gustafson to continue to serve as Treasurer to the Board of Education.

As per law, all members of the Board of Education signed confidentiality affidavits.

Message

It is our focus to improve communication with our parents and community. Please do not hesitate to

leave any feedback you have that would help us reach our goal of improved communication.

We would love to have you come to our next board meeting . The next meeting will be held Wednesday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the large conference room at the District Administration Office located at 155 Panther Way.

Thank you and enjoy the Board Meeting Highlights.

Sincerely,
Woodland Park School District
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Board of Education



STUCO Update

STUCO representatives Kourtney Cox and Abby Ludwick shared Homecoming was a great success; the 'Drive Smart' campaign is underway this week and shared the planned activities.



High School Activities & Athletics Highlights

Assistant Principal Cindy Gannon updated the Board of Education on the activities and athletics happenings:

Activities

- Fall Musical, "Hello! My Baby", will be held November 16, 17, and 18
- Forensics - hosted a meet last weekend where 26 different schools participated and 10 students from WPHS competed and 3 of them made it into the final round
- Marching Band - earned a 1st place trophy in the Colorado Springs Veterans Day parade last weekend.

Athletics

Winter Sports

Boys and Girls Basketball, Hockey, and Wrestling will officially start on Friday, November 10.

First Competitions:

- Wrestling vs. TCA on November 30
- Hockey @ Castle View on November 30
- Girls BB vs. Conifer on December 1
- Boys BB vs. Lamar on December 1

Student Talent Showcase

This month the Woodland Park Middle School shared the student talents of their Odyssey Choir. This choir is directed by Ms. Cherese Bennett and they performed several songs for the Board of Education.



Newmont Cripple Creek/Victor Mine Grant Presentation

Public Relations/Communications/Grant Writing Specialist Stacy Schubloom thanked Newmont for their continued support of our school district and introduced Lorna Shaw, the new External Relations Manager at Newmont. Ms. Shaw provided her background information and shared her excitement to be with Newmont and a new member of the Woodland Park community.

Ms. Schubloom shared in previous years we provided recommendations on the grant applications and Newmont made the final decision regarding amounts; however this year Newmont wanted the District to make the decision regarding amounts. We formed a Grant Review Committee who represented our five schools while remaining professional and unbiased as possible. Members of the Grant Review Committee were: Karen Hamlow - High School Instructional Resource Teacher; Erin Street - Middle School Instructional Resource Teacher; Miles Tuttle - Gateway Elementary Instructional Resource Teacher; Scott Thorpe - parent of kids in 3 of our schools; Claudia Miller - a retired WPSD teacher; Brian Gustafson - Director of Business Services; and Ms. Schubloom. The Grant Review Committee received 32 very deserving applications requesting a total of over \$102,000.00 vying for \$20,000.00.

Congratulations to the following 2017 grant recipients:

- Catherine Briggs-Hale - \$2,500 to Columbine Retired Teachers Program
- Cindy Gannon - \$750 to WPHS Safety
- Judith Meyer - \$1,000 to Columbine Link-Up Program
- Nicole Vergenz - \$2,000 to WPMS Fitness Room Revamp
- Gary Adamson - \$1,840 to WPHS Engineering Manufacturing process class curriculum upgrade
- Sandy Struble - \$1,199 to Homeschool Enrichment Academy Sphero Robotics
- Kathy Rhodus - \$1,500 to STEM - Elementary Coding and Robotics
- Laurie Hatton Gutierrez - \$1,700 to WPMS 8th Grade Challenger Learning Center Field Trip
- Amy Battin & Wanda Bingham - \$460 to Gateway Read Live License
- Lacey Boggs-Elliott - \$1,800 to WPHS Audiobooks Speak Volumes
- Daniel Read - \$385 to WPHS Buzzer System for Knowledge Bowl Team
- Ann-Marie Friesema - \$500 to Gateway Snoezelen Room
- Bill Brown - \$940 to WPHS Forensic Team
- Kelly Schmidt & Charles Gerszeski - \$1,225 to WPHS Class Set of TI-84 Calculators.

Public Relations Update

Public Relations/Communications/Grant Writing Specialist Stacy Schubloom shared:

- Veterans Day Assembly will be held this Friday - ran ads the past two weeks and sent invitations to media
- Fall Musical "Hello! My Baby" will be held November 16, 17, and 18
- Choice Campaign - beginning the planning and design of our messaging as well as filming a new commercial.



Strategic Planning

Superintendent Dr. Jed Bowman shared the Leadership Team has revisited the architecture plan that was developed in unison with the Board of Education.

District Leaders reported on the high level metrics within the four Strategic Plan Objectives: Educator Talent, Academic Success, Social Emotional Growth, and Communication as well as any new developments since last month's report.

Next month the plan is to share information on timelines.



Legislative Update

Dr. Bowman shared PERA reform will be a big topic this legislative session and the governor has released his proposed 2018-19 state budget.

Dr. Bowman highlighted key points:

- Reduce the Budget Stabilization Factor (formerly the Negative Factor) by \$70 million
- Full funding for inflation and growth
- Additional \$10 million for rural dollars
- The governor is proposing his own changes to PERA, which include: no change to public employer contributions; 2 percentage point increase in employee contributions; 1.25 percent annual increase cap (from the current 2 percent). The regular session of the Colorado General Assembly will commence on January 10, 2018.

Administration Policy Update

High School Principal Del Garrick shared policy IKA-R2 Class Rank/Grade Point Averages has been updated.

Beginning with the 2017-2018 freshman class, students scheduled to graduate in 2021 and thereafter the traditional valedictorian and salutatorian honors will be replaced by the Latin Honors System, which grants students summa cum laude, magna cum laude and cum laude titles based on their grade point average. This change allows students who earn at or above a clearly defined cumulative GPA recognition for their academic achievement.



Fiscal Year 2017 Audit

Tom Sistare of Hoelting and Company, Inc. presented the 2017 audit and their findings to the Board of Education and shared the District is financially sound. The Board accepted the audit as presented.

Woodland Park Education Association

WPEA Representative Anna Thompson shared WPEA has ratified the Meet & Confer Agreements with 100% yes votes. She thanked the District for the collaborative process, inclusion, and also for the facilitator.



Monthly Recognition

Superintendent Bowman thanked those that participated in the Meet and Confer process and how fortunate we are to have this collaborative process every year.

Upcoming Events

No school the week of November 20 - 24.

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Please take a moment to give us your comments and feedback on our e-newsletter.
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