



# Woodland Park School District

'Elevate Your Education'



## Board of Education Meeting Highlights

February 16, 2018

### HIGHLIGHTS...

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### Message

Welcome back to our monthly newsletter!

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, March 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the large conference room at the District Administration Office located at 155 Panther Way.

Sincerely,

### RESOLUTION APPROVED - DECLARING FINALISTS FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Board President Beth Huber read the resolution declaring three finalists for Superintendent of Schools:

- K. Kevin Aten, Ed.D., Director of Innovation, Instruction and Technology, Estes Park Schools, CO
- Kym LeBlanc-Esparza, Ed.D., Superintendent, Newberg School District, Oregon
- Steve Woolf, ABD (all but dissertation), Superintendent, Erie-Galesburg, Kansas

Interviews will be held Feb. 23 by committees to include: Parent/Community members, WPSD Administration, and staff.

BOE will hold final interviews Feb. 24.

Plans are to name the new WPSD Superintendent in March.



## HIGH SCHOOL STUCO REPORT

STUCO representatives Samantha Lecky and Emily Hopfe shared after polling the student body the decision is to have a winter formal dance with the theme 'Luau' and will be held March 17; shared at the Drive Smart awards ceremony WPHS received the award for the 'Best Distracted' driving campaign; elections for the 2018-19 school year will be held the first two weeks in March.



## HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & ATHLETICS

High School Athletic Director Michael DeWall updated the Board of Education on the activities and athletics happenings:

Activities:

- Forensics
  - Participating in the National Qualifiers Congress March 2-3, 2018
- Drama
  - The winter play *Our Town* will be February 23 and 24 at 7 pm in the auditorium
- Knowledge Bowl
  - Congratulations to our Knowledge Bowl Team as

they are State Tournament bound again this year due to a regional qualifying score!

- Honor Band
  - Based on their auditions at the Festival of Winds on January 22, the following students qualified to participate: Malina Kirtley, Miranda Melson, Tyler Bunge, Jacob Patterson, Ezzi Langenfeld, Carter Hill, Noah Selvin, Lauren Greiner, Bella Carver.

Athletics:

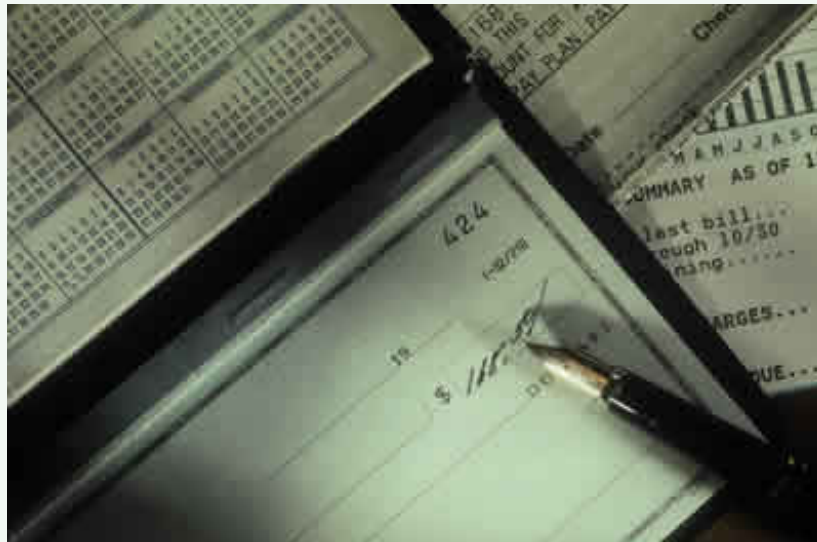
Winter Sports are nearing their final weeks of competition:

- Wrestling -
  - Cole Gray, Jacob Garner, Brad Conlin, and Zach Dooley qualified for State and Zach is Regional Champ!
  - State Tournament will be February 15-17 at the Pepsi Center
- Girls Basketball -
  - 5 wins overall, 2 in conference
  - Senior night was held 2/14 at final home game
  - Played Harrison on Friday which completed their season
- Boys Basketball -
  - 10 wins overall
  - Played Elizabeth last Tuesday
  - Currently ranked 47 in the RPI - top 48 make post season and will learn their fate on Sunday
- Hockey
  - Inaugural season wraps up with a match at Honnen Ice Arena against Chaparral at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Spring Sports begins Monday, February 28 with first contests on March 8.

## **STUDENT TALENT SHOWCASE**

This month Summit Elementary's Art teacher Emily Sundstrom, who teaches the Grade 4-5 Summit Art Studio, shared this year they completed various art projects for local community organizations - animal shelter and homeless shelter. The students showed their final products, explained the process of how they were made, and the most challenging aspect of their projects. The Board of Education thanked them for their selfless contributions.



## **FOUNDATION GRANT PRESENTATION**

Chris Cosgriff of the Woodland Park Re-2 School District Foundation thanked those who turned in their requests for grants and introduced Foundation board members Sheila Silfvenius and Patty Schad. \$9,008.64 was awarded for various projects intended to positively impact students.

Congratulations to the following:

### Columbine

- Nicole Melby/Caroline Gallup - Audio Books Library Phase II \$842.79
- Katie Dornan - Alternative Seating \$475.00

### Gateway

- Clarissa Daghita - Ukeleles' Will Strike a Chord with Students \$450.00
- Caron Smerkonich - Alternative Seating \$768.04
- Lauren Lehman/Ashley Lawson - Beyond School: Think Tank Program Support \$1,000.00
- Anne Marie Fichter - Flexible Seating for Young Learners \$650.00
- Ashley Lawson & Gateway SEL Team - Sensory Processing Interventions: Noise Cancelling Headphones and Weighted Lap Pads \$899.85
- Eve Owen - Alternative Flexible Seating \$750.00
- Miles Tuttle/Ashley Lawson - ADD/ADHD Intervention: Function Cushions and Fitball Seated Discs \$700.00

### Middle School

- Elizabeth Barry - Panther News Network and Video Production Classes \$95.00
- Laurie Naples - Comfy Chairs for Group \$180.00
- Mindy Wiley - Girls STEM Club \$150.00
- Erin Street - Tweens Together Table \$500.00
- Chereese Bennett - Hand Chime Mallets \$375.00

#### High School

- Stacia Ray Adamson - Woodland Park Art Student Show \$1,000.00

#### District

- Kathy Rhodus - STEAM: Computational Thinking (Grades 3-5) \$940.00

Funds supporting these and other foundation projects come from people in our community interested in enhancing educational opportunities for our students. To date the Foundation has raised and dispersed \$86,407.00 to our schools!

Mrs. Cosgriff announced the next fundraising activity will be the annual dinner at the Swiss Chalet restaurant on Sunday, March 4, 2018.



### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Superintendent Dr. Jed Bowman shared nothing much since the last meeting to report on.

- 171 of 178 Superintendents created and submitted a proposed modernization formula for school funding
- The tone of the session is definitely election year politics.



## **STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE**

Assistant Superintendent Linda Murray updated the Board of Education on the *Academic Success* category of the district strategic plan and reviewed the progress monitoring of what has been happening along with timelines.

## **WPEA REPORT**

WPEA Representative Anna Thompson shared WPEA recognizes all staff supporting becoming healthy: Staff are leading exercise classes, mindfulness, and supporting others in making healthy choices.

It has been a rough year with sickness and would like to recognize the effort it takes students, staff, and families, to get back on track after being sick.



## **MONTHLY RECOGNITION**

Dr. Bowman recognized our WELCO Committee under the leadership of Misty Leafers and appreciates the emphasis of improving the health of our staff and students and knows that their efforts are making a positive difference.

He also thanked our Education Foundation for their ongoing support of students through their support through grants is impressive!

## **Upcoming Events**

Monday, February 19 - Presidents Day - No School

Tuesday, February 20 - Collaboration Day - No School

## **We Value Your Opinion!**

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