A work session of the Western School District Board of Education was held in the Conference Room of the Administration Office Building on Monday, October 14, 2019. The meeting was called to order by President John Sheets at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:

President: John Sheets
Vice President: Jason Herrington
Treasurer: Ray Pape
Secretary: Gale Easton
Trustee: Blaine Goodrich
Trustee: Noah Nagy
Trustee: Brent Oliver

Members Absent:

None

Also Present:

Michael Smajda, Amber Smith, Ryan Tripp, Cathy Walker, Steve Mills, Brenda Smith, Sarah Rudland, Brian Vanblarcum, Nate Balderman

Hearing of Citizens:

There was No Hearing of Citizens.

Committee of the Whole:

Finance –

Audit Presentation - Nate Balderman from Rehmann Robson presented the 2018-2019 Audit to the board. The board will take action on audit acceptance at the regular October meeting.

Financial Reports – Finance director Amber Smith presented the bills for payment and budgets to date. There are no financial reports for the month of October.

Foundation Creation – WEF members gave an update. More conversation will be forthcoming.

Summer Tax Resolution – The summer tax resolution was presented for review. Action will be taken at the October 28, 2019 meeting to adopt the resolution.

Student Count Preliminary Update - Mr. Smajda presented a 5 year summary for student count and a preliminary, unaudited count number for Fall 2019.
403(b) Third Party Administrator – Mr. Smajda and Ms. Smith discussed the possibility of utilizing a 3rd party administrator for 403(b) programs for employees. This topic will be revisited at the November work session.

Foundation Allowance – Ms. Smith presented a document explaining the basics of Foundation Allowance funding.

Facilities –

Solar Project - Mr. Smajda presented an update on the solar project. Decisions will need to be made by the board regarding a fixed or variable rate. We are also awaiting approval from Consumers.

Fuel Tank/Purchasing – Mr. Mills and Mr. Smajda discussed future fueling options for transportation.

Security Grant Update – SmartBoot hardware installation is complete. Staff training to begin this week and continue through the next few weeks. Secured entrances are completed at Woodville, Bean and Parma. Warner is in progress.

Athletic Grounds – Information is being gathered for a future discussion regarding athletic grounds.

Personnel –

1) Resignations
   a. Debra Stoddard – MS Track
   b. Bob Magiera – MS Basketball Coach

2) Appointments:
   a. Brandon Baum – Woodville Community Director
   b. Natalie Learned – Freshman Girls Basketball
   c. Kevin Bristol – Girls Varsity Soccer

Athletic Trainer Services - Current and prospective athletic trainer services were discussed.

Curriculum –

Upcoming Curriculum Refresh Proposal – Science and Elementary Math curriculum refresh was discussed.

Governor Line Item Veto – School Aid budget cuts in the most recent Line Item Veto were discussed. $132 million in cuts were cut from the school aid budget.
Policy – The following policy was presented for a first reading.

a. NEOLA First Reading
   1) 0100 Definitions
   2) 0167.2 Closed Session
   3) 1422.01 Drug-Free Workplace
   4) 2210 Curriculum Development
   5) 3120 Employment of Professional Staff
   6) 3120.04 Employment of Substitutes
   7) 5113.01 Schools of Choice (Intra-District)
   8) 5113.02 School Choice Options Provided by Federal Law
   9) 5200 Attendance
   10) 6321 New School Construction Renovation
   11) 6325 Procurement - Federal Grant/Funds
   12) 6605 Crowdfunding
   13) 8400 School Safety Information
   14) 8402 Emergency Operations Plan
   15) 8500 Food Services
   16) 8640 Transportation for Field and Other District Sponsored Trips

Other Business:

1. Upcoming events through December 2019 were discussed.
   The Parma Days Parade will be at 11:00 a.m. on September 21.
2. Trunk or Treat – A reminder about the upcoming Trunk or Treat on October 31, 2019 was given.
3. Social Media – Mr. Smajda shared a presentation given at the Jackson County School Board Association annual meeting about schools and social media.
4. National Principal Month – October 2019

Closed Session: Closed session took place for the purpose of negotiations discussion.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Gale Easton, Secretary
Board of Education