

A work session of the Western School District Board of Education was held in the Conference Room of the Administration Office Building on Monday, March 9, 2020. The meeting was called to order by President John Sheets at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:

President: John Sheets
Treasurer: Ray Pape
Secretary: Gale Easton
Trustee: Blaine Goodrich
Trustee: Brent Oliver

Members Absent:

Vice President: Jason Herrington
Trustee: Noah Nagy

Also Present:

Michael Smajda, Amber Moore, Ryan Tripp, Steve Mills, Ben Gilpin, Cathy Walker, Lucas Sponsler, Suzanne Gibbs

Hearing of Citizens:

There was No Hearing of Citizens.

Committee of the Whole:

Finance –

Financial Reports – Finance director Amber Moore presented the financial reports, bills for payment and budgets to date. She answered questions from the board regarding several line items.

Facilities –

Athletic Field Discussion - Mr. Smajda presented an update on the research process being led by the Athletic Director.

Facilities Assessment – Mr. Smajda gave an update on the facilities assessment taking place.

Personnel –

- 1) Resignations
None
- 2) Appointments
 - a. Mark Good – MS Track
 - b. Bill Hartshorn – MS Track

- c. Benjamin Learned – Varsity Baseball Assistant
- d. Donna Farmer – Varsity Softball Assistant

3) WEA Letter of Agreement – Child Care - Mr. Smajda presented a letter of agreement to the board with the WEA regarding WEA childcare rates.

Curriculum –

MDE Letter Grade – Mr. Tripp discussed the new accountability system for schools from the Michigan Department of Education.

3rd Grade Reading Law Update – Mr Smajda updated the board regarding the new 3rd grade reading law.

New Social Studies Standards Update – Mr. Tripp discussed the new social studies standards that have been adopted and will be assessed for the first time in spring 2025.

Curriculum Material Refresh – This has been adjusted to reflect the changes in social studies standards implementation timeline.

Policy

NEOLA Second Reading

Policy 3320 – District Green Revolving Fund

Other Business:

1. Board Self Evaluation - Strengths and priorities were identified.
2. Upcoming notable events were discussed.

Closed Session:

A closed session was held for the purpose of discussing a property purchase.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Gale Easton, Secretary
Board of Education