



Board Briefs

Regular Board Meeting on Monday, March 14, 2016

BOARD MEETING

- **Next Board Meeting Location Change:** The next Regular Board Meeting will be held in the Woodland Middle School Library on Monday, March 28, 2016 beginning at 5:30 p.m.
- **Reports to the Board:**
 - Woodland High School Principal John Shoup gave a presentation to the Board covering the student demographics and operations of the high school with particular focus on the shared commitment of the staff to ensure all students learn, graduate, and are challenged. Shoup discussed graduation credit requirements increasing to 24 from 22 for the current Freshmen class and beyond. He discussed the Culminating Project and the Common Core. Shoup also discussed challenges facing the school and staff as well as the techniques and strategies practiced by the staff to improve learning for all students. Following the meeting, Principal Shoup gave a tour of the new high school to meeting attendees. The presentation can be viewed online at: <http://www.woodlandschools.org/node/4704>
 - Board President Janice Watts enquired about Woodland Middle School's PRIDE Night. Principal Jake Hall commended teacher Tara Eilts for organizing an excellent event. Both Directors Steve Madsen and Matt Donald commented on attending the event, and expressed appreciation for such an excellent event with a lot of interactive opportunities for the community.
 - Director Sarah Stuart asked Woodland Intermediate School Principal Steven Carney about the recent Playworks Training for improved recess and physical education techniques. Carney stated that the training was incredibly useful, offering strategies to create inclusive and educational play for students.
- **Discussion Items:**
 - Making Rational Decisions Discussion: The Board of Directors continues to read a book entitled "Effective School Boards: Strategies for Improving Board Performance" to help unify board members. Director Watts pointed to two positive common norms held by the Board of Directors: (1) to settle decisions with discussion prior to votes and (2) to honor confidentiality.
- **Action Items:**
 - The Board reviewed revisions to Procedure 2410P which permits the high school administration to grant or waive certain graduation requirements depending on student circumstances. No vote was required.
 - Marnie Allen from Educational Service District 112 presented the district's Capital Facilities Plan including changes to impact fees for new construction. The Board voted to recommend impact fees of \$5,000 per single-family unit and \$2,500 per multi-family unit to the Woodland City Council who will review the recommendations in their meeting on Monday, March 21.
 - The Board of Directors approved six (6) novels for use in high school literature classes. Woodland High School English Teacher Heather Gordon was present to answer questions the Board might have regarding the selection of the books presented.

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