



Board of Education Meeting

March 23, 2020
5:00 p.m.

Board Room
Education Service Center
1516 Washington Street
Waterloo, Iowa

Waterloo Schools

Engaged in Learning, Prepared for Success

Mission

The Waterloo Schools community commits to a comprehensive system of education and support to assure that each and every student will graduate prepared for college, career and citizenship as evidenced by continuing education, pursuing a career path and contributing to a community.

Strategic Focus Areas and Objectives

People

Recruit, hire and retain a diverse, high-performing workforce aligned with district values and goals.

- Enhance and clarify hiring protocol to ensure awareness and consistency between buildings.
- Align staff with talent and workforce needs (strengths-based placements with the right people in the right seats).
- Optimize our workforce through professional learning with clear expectations, skill attainment, perfecting practice.
- Improve the organizational health of the district.

Achievement

Increase achievement for all students through rigorous curriculum, high expectations and effective delivery of instruction, with assessment for improved teaching and increased learning.

- Increase the percentage of students proficient in math, literacy and science.
- Accelerate the learning for all students while narrowing the achievement gap for all subgroups.
- Create 21st Century schools that increase personal, emotional, social and academic independence in order to prepare students for college, career and citizenship.

Community

Initiate, strengthen and engage in community partnerships that result in the academic, social and behavioral success of each and every student.

- Communicate frequently and accurately.
- Improve image and confidence in Waterloo Schools.
- Partner with businesses, organizations, people to secure resources and enhance real-world experiences.
- Empower Parents.

Environment

Provide an optimal learning environment that is safe, inspiring and welcoming, where all individuals are respected, valued and engaged. Secure, organize and optimize financial resources for human assets, programs and operations that support student achievement.

- Provide physical environment that allows for a safe learning environment.
- Provide programs that allow students to explore athletic and extra-curricular activities.
- Plan for future facility needs – plan and explore capital expenditures, prepare for future physical needs.
- Align financial resources to the established goals.



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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
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ISSUE: Public Hearing – New Lowell Elementary Construction Project

CONTACT: Michael Coughlin, Chief Financial Officer
Marty Metcalf, Director of Operations

ATTACHMENTS: Notice of Public Hearing

BACKGROUND:

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The Public Hearing for the Lowell Elementary Construction project will be held on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 5:00pm at the Education Service Center, 1516 Washington Street, Waterloo, IA 50702. The Board will be meeting electronically for the March 23 regular session due to the recent Federal guidelines limiting public meeting size to no more than 10 attendees. Persons wishing to address the board during the Public Hearing are asked to register with the board secretary prior to the board meeting and arrangements will be made for electronic participation.

The Notice of Public Hearing regarding the Lowell Elementary Construction project was published in the *WCF Courier*.

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR PROPOSED PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with [Chapter 73A.2 of the Code of Iowa], applicable to the **Board of Directors of the Waterloo Schools**.

This **District** includes all or part of the following Iowa Counties: **Black Hawk**.

The said Board proposes to **Construct a New Lowell Elementary School Building for Waterloo Schools**, to be located at 1628 Washington Street, Waterloo, Iowa.

Proposed Plans, Specifications and copies of said contract documents are on file and available for inspection at the **Education Service Center, Marty Metcalf, Director Of Operations, Waterloo Schools, 1516 Washington Street, Waterloo, IA 50702**.

A public hearing at which any and all interested persons may appear and file objection to said proposed Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract for, or cost of such improvements will be held as provided by law in the **Board Room, Education Service Center, Waterloo Schools, 1516 Washington Street, Waterloo, Iowa 50702**.

The time of the public hearing is hereby set at **5:00 p.m.** (local time) on **March 23, 2020**.

DATED AT: **Waterloo, IA 50702, this 10th day of March, 2020.**

BY ORDER OF: **Waterloo Schools**

BY: **Pam Arndorfer, Board Secretary**

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
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ISSUE: Board Resolution – Pandemic Response and Emergency Suspension of Policy

CONTACT: Kingsley A. Botchway, Chief Officer for Human Resources/Equity
Dr. Jane Lindaman, Superintendent

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution

BACKGROUND:

Across the nation, schools have been called to close for an extended period to address the risk of transmission of COVID-19 during this health emergency. Waterloo Schools has closed all buildings and facilities through April 12, 2020. The attached resolution provides school boards the method to suspend certain policies which may conflict with guidance being issued by state or federal agencies in response to the pandemic, ensuring that the superintendent has the authority to act to comply with public health directives.

The resolution also includes language authorizing continued payment of wages to non-certified employees during the time period of March 23-April 12, 2020. This action ensures stability for employees, morale and employee retention.

THE SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION IS:

“the Board of Education approve the attached resolution – “Pandemic Response and Emergency Suspension of Policy” including the proposed compensation continuation for the period March 23-April 12, 2020.”

Resolution – Pandemic Response and Emergency Suspension of Policy

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Ch. 279.8 authorizes local school boards to govern their respective districts, including adopting policies for their own governance; and

WHEREAS the Board may, by formal, action suspend or rescind board policy as deemed necessary, appropriate or in the best interests of the District; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national state of emergency and on March 15, 2020 Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds recommended closure of all public and private K-12 schools in Iowa until April 13, 2020 to contain the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds declared a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency under the authority granted through Iowa Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 1, 8 and Iowa Code §§ 29C.6(1), 135.140(6), and 135.144 and directed implementation of the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management's Iowa Emergency Response Plan in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, most hourly non-exempt employees will be unable to report to work due to the District's closure and certified contract employees may be asked to work at remote locations to help provide continuity in educational services; and

WHEREAS, it fulfills a public purpose to continue to pay District hourly non-exempt employees during this closure to prevent or contain the spread of COVID-19, to promote morale and to help retain current employees following the closure; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 the Iowa Legislature passed and the Governor signed SF 2408 granting waiver of the instructional time requirements in Iowa Code Ch. 279.10 for all public school districts closing before April 12, 2020 in order to prevent or contain the spread of COVID-19; and granting Governor Reynolds the ability to waive instructional time requirements for any public school district which closes on or after April 12, 2020 to prevent or contain the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Education, which has the authority to establish and interpret graduation requirements, and to oversee other crucial aspects of public education is providing written guidance to Iowa school districts on issues related to COVID -19, including but not limited to student attendance, distance/online learning, high school credit, meal distribution, and other issues; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waterloo School Board hereby suspends provisions of its board policies and/or whole policies, as identified by the District Superintendent or designee, **if such suspension is necessary to implement written guidance from state or federal agencies relating to containing COVID-19** for the duration identified in the Governor's State of Public Health Emergency declaration of March 17, 2020, or as otherwise determined by the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Superintendent will consult with and report to the Board regarding the emergency closure and efforts to implement written guidance from health and government agencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Superintendent is authorized to close any school facility without further action by the Board of Directors. Such closure shall continue during the emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic until such time as the Superintendent, in consultation with appropriate health and government authorities, deems it in the best interests of the District and its students to open schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Superintendent is authorized, based upon the needs of the District and guidance from health and government agencies, to direct staff assignments during District closures, including but not limited to essential employees who must report to work, employees who may be reassigned, and employees whose services are not needed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that access to public school grounds and public school buildings of the District may be limited as directed by the Superintendent during District closures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified, exempt employees will remain employed during the school closure and until the number of days expressed on the contract have been fulfilled, unless otherwise approved by the Board. Days that contracted employees do not report for duty onsite or from a remote location, due to closure, do not constitute a fulfilled contract day except to the extent those days are forgiven by the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District is committed to providing their employees with their regular compensation during the time period that Governor Reynolds has recommended that schools be closed due to the COVID-19 outbreak. It is recommended that all non-certified staff continue to receive their regular straight time pay and benefits according to their employee calendar during the time period of March 23-April 12, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the interest of public health and/or to comply with federal or state health department recommendations or guidance, the Board may limit the number of people who can physically attend Board meetings and may, instead, encourage the public to listen to its open public meetings via video conference, live streaming on facebook and/or the internet and the Board may also limit public comment to written comments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board reserves the right to adjust board meeting dates, times, and locations during the district-wide emergency closure in a manner consistent with the Open Meetings law, and notes that any or all board members may attend board meetings electronically as permitted by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board's approval of this action and of the authority granted herein. The Board warrants that it has, and at the time of this action had, full power and lawful authority to adopt this instrument. This resolution will remain in full force and effect until it is rescinded or amended by subsequent action of the Board.

Adopted and approved this 23rd day of March, 2020.

By: _____
Shanlee McNally, Board President

Attest: _____
Pamela Arndorfer, Board Secretary

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
March 23, 2020

ISSUE: Electronic Board Meetings

CONTACT: Pam Arndorfer, Board Secretary

ATTACHMENTS: None

BACKGROUND:

Iowa Code Chapter 21.8 states, in part:

1. A governmental body may conduct a meeting by electronic means only in circumstances where such a meeting in person is impossible or impractical and only if the governmental body complies with all of the following:
 - a. The governmental body provides public access to the conversation of the meeting to the extent reasonably possible.
 - b. The governmental body complies with section 21.4. For the purpose of this paragraph, the place of the meeting is in the place from which the communication originates or where public access is provided to the conversation.
 - c. Minutes are kept of the meeting. The minutes shall include a statement explaining why a meeting in person was impossible or impractical.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the federal guidelines limiting public gatherings to 10 persons or less, the Board of Education will hold electronic meetings until such time as the limits on meeting size are lifted. Board meetings will be live streamed on our District Facebook page and access to recordings will be provided through the Board Secretary. Persons wishing to make public comment during board meetings should contact the Board Secretary at 319-433-1874 or arndorferp@waterlooschools.org.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

**Minutes of the Board of Education
Waterloo Schools
County of Black Hawk, State of Iowa
March 9, 2020**

The Board of Education of the Waterloo Schools, County of Black Hawk, State of Iowa, was called to meet in regular session at 5:00pm on Monday, March 9, 2020, in the Board Room of the Education Service Center, 1516 Washington Street, Waterloo, Iowa.

Present: Board members: Endya Johnson, Jesse Knight, Sue Flynn, Shanlee McNally, Stacie Mills, Astor Williams and Lyle Schmitt
Superintendent, Dr. Jane Lindaman
Associate Superintendent for Educational Services, Dr. Stephanie Mohorne
Chief Officer of Human Resources/Equity, Kingsley Botchway II
Chief Financial Officer/Board Treasurer, Michael Coughlin
Assistant to the Superintendent/Board Secretary, Pam Arndorfer

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. McNally at 5:00pm.

II. Moment of Silence

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Mission Statement

The Waterloo Schools Mission Statement was read by Ms. Mills.

V. Board Celebration – Irving Elementary Named Healthiest School in Iowa

It was moved by Mr. Knight and seconded by Ms. Johnson that the Board of Education accepts and acknowledges with gratitude the \$5,000 donation to Irving Elementary presented by the Healthiest State Initiative. Tara Thomas, Director of School and Community Relations, introduced Cory Arensdorf, Irving PE teacher, and Zach Zimmerman, Irving principal, who shared information about the award and donation. This is the 2nd consecutive year that Irving has been named the Healthiest School in Iowa. Motion carried 7-0.

VI. Resolution Supporting the Partnership with the 2020 Census

It was moved by Ms. Flynn and seconded by Ms. Johnson that the Board of Education adopt the resolution affirming the Waterloo Schools' support of and partnership with the 2020 Census. Tara Thomas, Director of School and Community Relations, provided information. Motion carried 7-0.

**A Resolution in Support of a Complete Count
in the Decennial U.S. 2020 Census**

WHEREAS, The United States Census, which is mandated by the U.S. Constitution, enumerates every person in the country, regardless of citizenship status, and is fundamental to fair and representative government;

WHEREAS, The 2020 decennial census has critical implications for the state of Iowa, and determines its allocation of seats in the House of Representatives and billions of dollars in federal funding;

WHEREAS, A fair and accurate count on the 2020 U.S. Census will help ensure that Iowa's communities, families and students are represented in our democracy and receive critical services and supports for education, healthcare, transportation and infrastructure, including rural utilities and broadband;

WHEREAS, Census counts of school-aged children and children in poverty at the state and school district levels are used to determine funding for the U.S. Department of Education's two biggest elementary and secondary programs, Title I (compensatory education) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (special education), as well as the National School Lunch Program; and

WHEREAS, Census data are used to calculate the rate at which federal funds match state spending on programs that support the health and well-being of Iowa students, including Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waterloo Schools Board Education pledges to:

- Inform its families, staff and other leaders within the community about the critical importance of a complete count and participation in the 2020 U.S. Census;
- Provide appropriate resources and support to assist in securing a complete count;
- Work in partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau, as well as organizations focused on traditionally undercounted communities to explore other activities and maximize opportunities to ensure a complete count;
- And, further, recognizes that every Iowa child and adult counts.

ADOPTED by ACTION of the BOARD this 9th day of March 2020.

By: Shanlee McNally, Board President

VII. Information from Individuals and Delegations

- Britt Jungck, teacher and parent, urged the District to make sure steps are being taken to ensure the emotional wellbeing of both students and staff.

VIII. Consent Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Flynn and seconded by Ms. Johnson that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as revised. Motion carried 7-0. The following items were approved:

- Minutes of the February 24, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- Bills Due & Payable and Bills Paid Between Board Meetings
- Set Date of Public Hearing – Lowell Elementary Construction Project

Exhibit D: Personnel Appointments and Adjustments

It was moved by Mr. Knight and seconded by Ms. Flynn that the Board of Education approve the personnel items as listed. Kingsley Botchway II, Chief Officer of Human Relations & Equity, provided information. Motion carried 7-0.

Exhibit G: Donation from R.J. McElroy Trust

It was moved by Mr. Knight and seconded by Ms. Johnson that the Board of Education accepts with gratitude this donation in the amount of \$3,900 from the R.J. McElroy Trust for the 2019/20 Youth Emergency Fund as presented. Dr. Jane Lindaman, Superintendent, provided information. Motion carried 6-0-1; Ms. McNally abstained.

IX. Superintendent's Report

- We are closely monitoring Coronavirus; partnering with UnityPoint Health, Black Hawk County Health, State Health Dept. to make sure we stay up to date and prepared for any necessary action
- Saturday had the opportunity to take tickets at NEIBA Jazz Festival, participated in the Academic Decathlon at East High as a question reader, and attended the East High Swing Show – reminder of all the great things activities offered in our District
- ISASP Update
 - 15 instructional days before testing begins (April 6)
 - Parents should look for information coming home from school
 - Practice tests are available online on the ISASP website

XIII. Information from Board Members

Each board member was given the opportunity to comment.

XIV. Adjourn

It was moved by Mr. Knight and seconded by Ms. Flynn that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela G. Arndorfer, Board Secretary

Date Approved by the Board of Education

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION IS:

“the Board of Education approve the minutes of the March 9, 2020, Regular Board meeting.”

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
March 23, 2020

ISSUE: Personnel Appointments and Adjustments

CONTACT: Kingsley Botchway II, Chief Officer of Human Resources/Equity

ATTACHMENTS: Routine Personnel Appointments

BACKGROUND:

Routine personnel matters, as outlined in the attachment, are recommended for approval.

THE SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION IS:

“the Board of Education approve the personnel items as listed.”

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
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ISSUE: Bills Due and Payable and Bills Paid Between Board Meetings

CONTACT: Michael Coughlin, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Jane Lindaman, Superintendent

ATTACHMENTS: Listing of Bills Due and Payable and Bills Paid Between Board Meetings

BACKGROUND:

The Board authorizes the issuance of warrants for payment of claims against the school district for goods and services. The Board will allow the warrants after the goods and services have been received and accepted in compliance with Board policy.

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION IS:

"the Board of Education approve the Bills Due and Payable and the Bills Paid Between Board Meetings."

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ISSUE: West High Trip to Washington, D.C.

CONTACT: Andy Miehe, West High School Principal
 Devon Winters, West High School BPA Advisor
 Dr. Stephanie Mohorne, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services

ATTACHMENTS: Letters of Request and Information Outlining the West High School Trip to the Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference

BACKGROUND:

As provided in the Waterloo Schools Board of Education Policies, Regulations and Administrative Procedures, policies 604.3 and 604.3-R (*Field Trips and Other Off School Site Learning Opportunities*), activities involving any student or student groups which require both out-of-state travel and an overnight stay must be approved by the Board of Education.

Andy Miehe is seeking approval for West High students and Devon Winters, BPA advisor, to travel to Washington, D.C. for the Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference. Students competed at regionals and state to earn the right to attend the National Leadership Conference and will be representing the state of Iowa. They will attend leadership sessions and participate in competition events. Students attending this conference will be fundraising to pay for their costs. Six or seven students and one advisor will attend. Perkins funds will pay for one advisor.

The Conference was originally scheduled from May 4-10, 2020, but has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Discussion is ongoing as to whether the Conference will be rescheduled to a future date, possibly summer 2020. Board approval is being sought to attend the conference if it does get rescheduled.

THE SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION IS:

“the Board of Education approve travel for West High students and one advisor to Washington, D.C. for the Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference at a date to be determined in 2020.”

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
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ISSUE: Contract with West Wind Education Policy Inc.

CONTACT: Dr. Stephanie Mohorne, Associate Superintendent for Educational Services

ATTACHMENTS: Contract between Waterloo Schools and West Wind Education Policy Inc.

BACKGROUND:

Waterloo Schools wishes to contract with West Wind Education Policy Inc. to provide equity-focused professional development services to the District Leadership and Building Administrative Teams.

West Wind Education Policy Inc. proposes to continue providing a multi-pronged set of professional development and coaching opportunities aimed at growing the Equity AgencySM and Systemic Equity LeadershipSM skills of the Waterloo District Leadership Team, principals, assistant principals and lead teachers, and teacher leaders (including instructional coaches, mentor coaches, and those in other TLC roles). Focused squarely in the “Academics” component of the strategic plan, West Wind will train participants to engage in Cycles of Equity-Focused Improvement and will support the district ISASP plan.

Purposeful equity-informed leadership can result in outcomes Waterloo Schools desire for students. To engage in this kind of leadership, administrators and teacher leaders need the capacity and confidence to lead equity-focused school improvement planning, professional development, and instructional coaching.

The total contract cost is \$77,569 to be paid in four installments: March, April, May and June.

THE SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION IS:

“the Board of Education approve the contract with West Wind Education Policy Inc. for the 2019-20 school year at a total cost of \$77,569.”

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ISSUE: New Lowell Elementary Construction Project

CONTACT: Michael Coughlin, Chief Financial Officer
Marty Metcalf, Director of Operations

ATTACHMENTS: None

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The Notice of Public Hearing regarding the New Lowell Elementary Construction project was published in the *WCF Courier*.

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION IS:

"the Board of Education approve the New Lowell Elementary Construction project and publish a Notice to Bidders."

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ISSUE: 2020-21 Budget Estimate and Publication

CONTACT: Michael Coughlin, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Jane Lindaman, Superintendent

ATTACHMENTS: Certified Budget Worksheets (Provided at Meeting)

BACKGROUND:

April 15, 2020 is the last day of each district to certify its budget to the county auditor and to the Department of Education. School districts are required to file a budget estimate with the board secretary for publication at least twenty days prior to the budget certification date. The notice of public hearing for the budget must be published at least ten and not more than twenty days prior to the hearing and must include the proposed budget, time, date and place of the public hearing.

The approved budget will be published in *The Courier* during the week by March 24th and a notice of the hearing will be set for 5:00 PM on April 13, 2020. Following the hearing, at the regular meeting, the Board of Education will approve and certify the 2020-21 budget.

The published budget estimate will serve as the District's maximum certified budget. The certified budget can only be exceeded if there is sufficient spending authority and if the budget has gone through an amendment process, including a public hearing. The budget is established from an Aid & Levy worksheet provided by the Department of Management, which utilizes a state formula to determine the mix of local taxes and state aid. It outlines the parameters for anticipated revenues and an estimate for property tax rates.

The line item budget must be developed within these parameters, along with the additional restrictions of spending authority carried forward from the previous year and the desired spending authority at the close of the new fiscal year.

The Certified Budget is the product of the foundation aid formula furnished by the Iowa Department of Management, as directed by the state legislature. The budget incorporates the renewed Instructional Support Program and a cash reserve levy consistent with the goals for the financial condition of the District as outlined in Board Policy and the Strategic Plan. The main component of the budget is the number of students multiplied by the state-mandated cost allocation per pupil.

Due to the many variables in consideration, preliminary estimates have been reviewed with the Board Finance Committee and budget expenditure estimates and the proposed tax levy rate will be addressed at the Board Meeting.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
Budget Enrollment	10,865.5	10,776.7	10,878.8	10,834.9
State Cost per pupil	\$ 7,048	\$ 6,880	\$ 6,736	\$ 6,664
Assessed Valuation (thousands)	\$3,066,829k	\$3,068,563k	\$2,963,192k	\$2,947,267k
Property tax dollars		\$40,122,582	\$39,669,383	\$40,980,132
Property tax levy rate Per \$1,000 valuation		\$ 14.20694	\$ 14.57188	\$ 14.98155

Property tax rates are calculated by dividing the property tax dollars by the taxable valuation as of January 1, 2019.

THE SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION IS:

“the Board of Education approve the budget expenditure estimate and the tax levy rate for publication and set the public hearing for the 2020-21 Certified Budget at 5:00 PM on April 13, 2020.”



Important Dates and INFORMATION

March 23	Board of Education Meeting	5:00pm
April 13	Board of Education Meeting	5:00pm
April 27	Board of Education Meeting	5:00pm
April 28	“Sparkling Academic Excellence” Breakfast sponsored by WS Foundation Five Sullivan Bros. Convention Center	7:00am