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November 21, 2019 ~ Recognition



**Missouri School Counselor of the Year...**Timberland's Tammy Braun was recognized for having been named the 2019-2020 Secondary School Counselor of the Year by the Missouri School Counselor Association. Tammy has worked for the WSD since 2007 and serves as secretary of the MSCA, co-sponsor of Timberland's NHS and serves on her school's PBIS Committee and Trauma Team.



**PAEMST Winners...** Terri Politte and Stacey Wade were recognized for having won the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The award is the highest recognition that a K-12 math or science teacher can receive for outstanding teaching in the United States. Stacey won the 2017 award for her work as a math teacher at Frontier Middle School, where she has worked since the school opened in 2005. Terri won for 2018 based on her work as a sixth grade math teacher at Duello Elementary, where she worked prior to being named an assistant principal at Boone Trail last year. Mrs. Politte and Mrs. Wade represent the third and fourth WSD educator to win the prestigious presidential award since 2012.



**TRANE AWARD...** Scott Hardwick from TRANE was on hand this evening to present a




Leadership and Energy Efficiency Award to the WSD for updating our legacy buildings with state-of-the-art HVAC systems and lighting that will save the District \$ over time. The District worked with TRANE over the past year and a half through a guaranteed performance contract to upgrade heating and cooling units and light fixtures at South Middle, Wentzville Middle and Holt. The energy savings over a period of 15 years will fund repayment of the financing through guaranteed energy savings, stipulated operational savings and capital cost avoidance. The agreement is being partially financed over a period of ten years with bonds and a loan secured through the Missouri Department of Economic Development, Division of Energy. Mr. Hardwick praised the District for its commitment to energy efficiency and [shared this video](#) TRANE had produced highlighting the improvements made in the WSD.




## Personnel

**Terri Politte**

**Assistant Principal at  
New Elementary School**

 **WENTZVILLE**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
LEARNING TODAY, LEADING TOMORROW



The Board approved hiring Terri Politte as the Assistant Principal at the new elementary school scheduled to open next fall. Mrs. Politte is currently serving as the Assistant Principal at Boone Trail Elementary and will officially start her new position on July 1.



The Board approved hiring Gwen Doyle as the new Director of Child Nutrition beginning January 2. Ms. Doyle is currently the Assistant Director of Child Nutrition and replaces Susan Raster, who is retiring at the end of December.



The Board approved the retirement of Cheri Thurman, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, effective June 30. Ms. Thurman has worked for the WSD for 34 years and has worked in education for 45 years. Dr. Cain shared that her contributions to the District have helped to move this District forward for decades and that she is a fierce advocate for kids. "The Wentzville School District has been a leader in all areas of educating all children," said Thurman in her retirement letter. "Our District, through the development of our new CSIP, embraces all that we know about the importance of providing a safe, secure and thriving culture for our students. There are no words to express my gratitude to Cabinet, my team and the Board of Education for your support and the opportunities to grow professionally and to create innovative, outstanding programs for all students and their unique needs. It has been a privilege to work with exceptional administrators, teachers and support staff all my years in the District. Thank you and please always ask 'How are the children?'"

## Consent Items



**2019-20 MARKETING PARTNERS...** The Board approved Advertising and Sponsorship Agreements with the following partners for one year:

Central Methodist University - Gold level (\$5,000)

Kokomo Joe's Family Fun Center - Silver level (\$2,500)

For more information about the District's Marketing/Sponsorship Program, visit the [WSD website](https://mailings.marketvolt.com/401404/GexGohr.html).

## Superintendent Reports





**TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM UPDATE...** Director of Technology Greg Lawrence presented an [update on technology use](#) across the District.

**SAFETY UPDATE...** Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services John Schulte presented a [safety update](#) to the Board.

**HEALTH SERVICES UPDATE...** Director of Health Services Laurie Castiaux presented an [update about Health Services](#) in the District.

## New Business



**CLEAN AUDIT...** Corey Roper, Senior Accountant from Daniel Jones & Associates, shared with the Board that the District had received an "unmodified" or [clean audit](#) of its financial records, accounting practices and compliance with state and federal requirements during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2019. The audit team spent several weeks reviewing information from the WSD Finance & Facilities Department, and there were no findings to report or questioned cost. The audit was all inclusive, reviewing everything from how a purchase order becomes a check, tracing a check to

ensure all checks originated with a purchase order that followed proper procedures, reviewing bids and contracts, verifying attendance and payroll records, as well as confirming correct receipt of revenue at the local, county, state and federal level.

**NEW SCHOOL AND NEW BUILDING NAMING...**The Board voted to have students and families who will be attending the new elementary school (once boundaries are finalized) make suggestions for school names. Those suggestions will be narrowed by the principal, Dr. Candice Belton and assistant principal, Terri Politte before being presented to the Board in February for a vote. The Board also voted to allow employees who will be working in the new warehouse, as well as employees who work at the Administrative Center, to submit suggestions that will be narrowed by Dr. Cain and members of his Cabinet before being presented to the Board for a vote. The new building is scheduled to be completed in February and the new elementary school is scheduled to be completed in time for the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

**CHANGE ORDERS...**The Board approved change orders for the new elementary school, the new high school, the warehouse behind the Administrative Center, Pearce Hall, and the new gym at Holt High School. For details about each of the change orders and all documents related to the open session of the Board meeting, visit [public access to Boarddocs](#) on the WSD website and click on the Agenda for the November 21, 2019 meeting.

**COMMUNITY SURVEY...** The Board approved hiring Patron Insight to conduct a random sample phone survey, as well as an online survey, to gauge support for potential ballot issues in April. The Board held a worksession on November 7 and will hold another worksession on December 4 to help determine what may be placed on the ballot to address the need for competitive pay, as well as additional staffing and additional classrooms in order to accommodate continued enrollment growth.

***Next Board Work Session (planning for growth) ~ December 4***  
***Next regular Board meeting ~ December 19, 2019***