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# BOARD MEETING REPORT



July 16, 2020 Board of Education Meeting



This month's Board of Education meeting was held at Liberty High School to ensure appropriate social distancing. Open Session was live-streamed via the District's YouTube channel and you can view the recording by visiting the [WSD on YouTube](#). The full agenda and supporting documents can be viewed on the website under [Public Access to BoardDocs](#).

## Personnel

**Dr. Amanda Shelmire**

**Principal at  
New High School**

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



**The Board approved the hiring of Dr. Amanda Shelmire as the Principal of the new high school effective July 1, 2021.** Dr. Shelmire has worked for the WSD as an Assistant Principal at Holt High School for the past eight years. Prior to that, she taught Mathematics at Fort Zumwalt West High School. In 2015, Dr. Shelmire was nominated for the St. Louis Association of Secondary School Principals Assistant Principal of the Year. She won the Peabody Logos Leader in Education Award in 2012, was the Teacher of the Year for Fort Zumwalt West High School in 2011, and was the Walmart Teacher of the Year in 2009. Dr. Shelmire earned her bachelor's, master's,

and doctoral degrees from Lindenwood University, and she taught as an Adjunct Professor there in the School of Education. The new high school is scheduled to open in the Fall of next year (2021).

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**The Board approved the resignation of Christy Cameron, Operations Manager in the Transportation Department.** Christy has accepted a new position outside of the District.

## Consent



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

TRANE - Presenting level (\$10,000)  
Borello Orthodontics - Gold level (\$5,000)

For more information about the District's Marketing/Sponsorship Program, visit the [WSD website](#).

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**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER PAY...** The Board approved increasing substitute teacher pay in an effort to attract substitutes given the current pandemic. Pay was increased to the following rates per day:

60-hours of college credit with Substitute Certificate, \$105  
Teacher certified, \$115  
Long-term substitutes, \$125

If you are interested in applying to be a substitute, visit [Work for the WSD](#) on the District website.

## New Business





**New Middle School...** The Board approved the contract with Wright Construction to build the District's fourth middle school. The new middle school was part of Proposition C passed by voters on June 2. It will be built on the same campus where the new high school is currently under construction at the corner of West Meyer and North Point Prairie in Wentzville and is scheduled to open for the 2022-2023 school year.

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**Board Commitment to All Students...** The Board approved a motion to engage a committee of the Board to create a statement that reflects the Board's commitment to all students as well as their commitment to engage in continued professional development and grow in their work. "In recent months board members have received numerous emails, calls, and other communication from our community and stakeholders regarding one of our board member's social media postings," read President Bates in a statement prior to the motion. "I would like you to know that we hear you. The Wentzville Board of Education believes all children can and will learn; that equity and access to rigorous curriculum is every student's right; that diversity is one of our strengths; and that building strong relationships increases trust and positively impacts learning. Additionally, the board resolves to engage in continued professional development on the topics of equity and inclusion for all students." Director Abbott and Secretary Buchanan were appointed to the committee.

***Next Special Board Meeting ~ Monday, July 20, 2020***  
***Next Regular Board Meeting ~ Thursday, August 20, 2020***