

October 6, 2025
Changes in Bold

Greetings All,

I hope you all are enjoying the flashback to summer weather. Enjoy the MEA break.

Please note that the Board meeting has been moved to October 20th due to the normal meeting date landing on Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day.

Our audit will be presented at this meeting. The presentation will be virtual.

The policies are all as a result of the last legislative session. The changes are substantive and require a vote. I have included a brief note with each to summarize the effective change.

We formally approve the seniority lists every year. The groups have had their opportunity to review them.

Laporte has asked to join our wrestling Co-op. Our coaches, A.D. and the Nevis A.D. support this move.

We are asking that the district approve the purchase of the robot field painter. It is proving itself as successful and efficient.

The Interquest contract is to renew with our drug sniffing dog service.

Our building and grounds Supervisor contract is ready for your approval.

I hope we will have the Class A para and dietary aids agreement ready for you. We are trying to work out one piece of language. **This has been completed and ready for Board approval.**

The legislature is allowing districts to start before Labor Day for the next two school years. We have built a calendar showing that option. The Board should decide if we want to exercise this option and get the message out soon so people can plan either way.

The presentation I made at MREA and MASA last year on improving teacher starting pay and benefits has been approved by the American Association of School administrators to present at their national conference in February in Nashville, TN. I am requesting to attend and represent WHA on a national stage. Sourcewell will cover the registration fee.

I am unable to attend the MREA conference this year. I booked a trip prior to them selecting their date and will not be back until Monday evening.

Our health insurance low bid came in at a reduction in premiums by more than 17%. I have heard of a reduction of more than a couple of percent and those are rare.

I would like to close the meeting for the purpose of discussing real estate purchases. This will be the last item on the agenda.

We are required to canvas the vote at future meeting. The November regular meeting will fall in the window of time. I recommend we add it to that agenda.

We have a \$45,000 cyber grant from MDE that will pay more than half of the cost of the camera upgrade.

As always, reach out if you have questions.

Kevin Wellen, Superintendent