

Board of Education MEETING RECAP

December 18, 2023

Moment of Excellence

**Kaili Moffitt, Arayia Stewart, Kaylie Cooper
Williamsburg Middle School**

The Inaugural Williamsburg Middle School Spelling Bee was held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023. After several grueling rounds, 8th Grader Kaili Moffitt was pronounced the winner! Her teacher, Mrs. Nickolette, says that she is a perfect example of what it means to be a Wildcat. Kaylie Cooper and Arayia Stewart (not pictured) were runners up. Congratulations to all participants!



Superintendent's Celebrations

- We held a formal kickoff meeting with OFCC for the construction of the new elementary school. More details will come as we continue this process.
- We have held Elementary and Middle/High School Choir and Band Concerts. We have two great musical leaders and many talented young musicians, who were able to showcase their talents at those concerts. Thanks to all involved to host those events.
- Thanks to the Williamsburg EMS for providing CPR classes to our Freshmen students.
- We hosted OKI Supply Chain Night in concurrence with Parent/Teacher Conferences at the Middle/High School. This provided another opportunity to bring in local businesses, and give students the chance to pursue opportunities with those businesses.
- Grant Career Center hosted our Middle Schoolers with the "Girls with Goggles" and "Guys and Gears" programs.
- Our Winter Athletics are off to a great start. Our Wrestling team finished in 2nd Place in the Bob Guy Invitational. Varsity Boys Basketball is 4-0, and Varsity Girls Basketball is 4-2, with a perfect record in league play. The Bowling and Swim Teams are also doing very well. We also had four football athletes who were elected to All-Ohio teams.

Treasurer's Report

- The Board passed a Resolution to Proceed, placing a five-year renewal of the current Emergency Operating Levy on the March 19, 2024, primary ballot. The current Emergency Operating Levy expires at the end of tax year 2023 (collected in 2024). If passed the renewal will generate \$997,000 annually, avoiding an operating deficit. Property owners would pay the same amount they currently pay on the Emergency Operating Levy (no increase).
- The Board also passed a resolution to pay off the district's House Bill 264 Bonds. These bonds funded our Energy Conservation project in 2012, substantially reducing the district's energy costs each year since. Paying off early reduces the district's debt, potentially improving our interest rate on the new elementary school financing.

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Middle/High Report Card Presentation from Mr. Tackett

Williamsburg Middle/High School earned a 4.5 star overall rating on the most recent local report card. Schools receive an overall rating of 1 to 5 stars in half-star increments.

- WMHS earned 4 stars on the *Achievement component* rating, which means WMHS exceeds state standards in academic achievement.
- WMHS earned 5 stars on the *Gap Closing component* rating, which means WMHS significantly exceeds state standards in closing educational gaps.
- WMHS earned 5 stars on the *Graduation component* rating, which means WMHS significantly exceeds state standards in graduation rates.
- WMHS earned 3 stars on the *Progress component* rating, which means there's evidence that WMHS met student growth expectations.

Overall, Williamsburg Middle/High School was at or near the top in the county with regards to most state test scores and local report card ratings for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Tackett greatly attributed these accomplishments to the dedicated teachers and staff, as well as the culture that has been built.

Donations

The Board of Education would like to thank the following groups for their donations:

- SHP - Scholarship to be given May 2024
- Dave Hollins Sr. - Elementary Clothing, Coats, and Shoes
- Hugs & Kids - School Lunch
- Curtis & Terry Barger - School Lunch

Classified Staff Positions

- Tabitha Chirco - Educational Aide
- Aiden Hess - Educational Aide

Volunteer Positions

- Liz Duncanson - Girls Basketball
- Griffin Stith - Track
- Jeremy Garza - Track
- Ian Kline - Track
- Scott Lefker - Track
- Jake Patterson - Track
- Darrin Moore
- Troy Brandon - Softball
- Kennedy Clark - Softball
- Megan Lunsford - Softball
- Mark Herren - Softball

January Meetings Set

The Organizational Meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 3 at 6:00pm.

The January Regular Business Meeting will take place on Monday, January 15 at 6:00pm. Both meetings will be held in the Media Center at the Middle/High School.

Supplemental Positions

- Jacob Simpson - MS Boys Track Coach
- Matt Watson - Reserve Softball Coach

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