

Board of Education

MEETING RECAP

January 9, 2025

Moment of Excellence

Taylor Price Williamsburg High School

We are honored to recognize Taylor Price this month! Taylor recently participated in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. He was one of 200 high school students in the country who were given the honor to perform. Taylor is grateful for the experience, stating the following, "It was cool being a part of something that was a once-in-a-life time opportunity. Sharing space with other people who have a passion for music was a great experience!" Great work, Taylor!



Superintendent's Celebrations

- Since we last met, students at the High School had their Final Exams, and the Elementary School wrapped up the semester with celebrations before break.
- Athletics are still going well - we will have more to report at the next Board Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- State Audit: There's a flurry of activity now that Winter Break is over. The audit is progressing at a strong pace with completion targeted for the end of February.
- TIF / PILOT: We received our TIF payment from the county for Design Within Reach totaling \$105, 451. We also received notice from Purina's tax firm, EY, for the TY2024 PILOT payment of \$1,191,551. We should receive payment by end of January. We will have a motion at the next business meeting to transfer the proceeds to the 003-9644 Special Projects account to service the debt for the new Elementary School, Wildcat Athletic Center, and Middle/High School roof.
- Retainage: For large capital projects ORC requires the district and our general contractor to retain 8% of the first 50% of labor billings in an escrow account.. Those funds sit in retainage until all parties agree to substantial completion of the project. Breaking ground on the new Wildcat Athletic Center (and STEM renovation on the same contract), we need to set-up retainage. Moving forward, we will do system transfers of the retainage amounts from the 004-9105 LFI account to our existing 003-9999 Retainage account (started in 2023 for ESSER Media Center project), until which time we attain substantial completion and pay out those funds.

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Organizational Meeting

- Jeff Cummins was nominated and approved as the Board President for calendar year 2025
- Brandon Lindsey was nominated and approved as the Board Vice President for calendar year 2025
- Daniel Knapke was nominated and appointed as Legislative Liaison for calendar year 2025
- R. Josh Clifton was nominated and appointed as Student Achievement Liaison for calendar year 2025
- The Board established a limit of 24 paid meetings for 2025
- The meeting dates for 2025 were set and can be found at [this link](#) on our website.
- The following groups were acknowledged as approved district organizations: Williamsburg PTA, Williamsburg Music Boosters, Inc., and Williamsburg Wildcat Athletic Boosters
- The Board authorized the Treasurer to secure advances from the Clermont County Auditor's Office, to invest inactive/interim funds when available to achieve the greatest possible yield by law, to pay vendors, and to transfer or advance funds within the appropriations of the operating fund as necessary.
- The Board approved the recommendation of the records commission and to properly dispose of the necessary records.
- Greg Wells was appointed as the Board's public records policy designee for calendar year 2025
- The Board resolved to waive the requirement to adopt a Tax Budget according to ORC 5705.21 for the current and future years.
- The Board authorized the Superintendent to accept resignations and offer employment subject to ratification by the Board of Education at their next scheduled meeting.



Discussion Items/Major Items of Business

- Student Life - Discussed branding with the Wildcat Athletic Center and STEM Lab. Ms. Alisha Rader shared a presentation regarding Marching Band Uniforms.
- Student Achievement - Looked at data from principals around the 2024 Report Card
- Facilities - Met regarding the Elementary School. We spoke with the Garden Club about relocating the Veterans Garden to be more prominent and tie in with educational space. We were also alerted that the retention pond near the Middle/High School needs some work.

Donations

The Williamsburg Local School District would like to extend a special thank you to the following organizations and people for their extreme generosity to our schools and students.

- Greg and Karen Wells - Scoreboard Project
- Kroger Community Rewards - Split between Elementary and High School 018



Next Meeting Date

February 10, 2025



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