Agenda of Committee of the Whole

The Board of Trustees
West Jefferson Hills School District

A Committee of the Whole of the Board of Trustees of West Jefferson Hills School District will be held Tuesday, October 27, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM Large Group Instruction Room, 830 Old Clairton Rd., Jefferson Hills, PA 15025.

1. **PRESENTATIONS**

2. **ATHLETIC REPRESENTATIVES REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**
Mr. Zacur, Mr. Rice, and Mrs. Shoemaker
Description:

- There was no representative meeting held this month. A meeting will be held at the end of the fall sports season
- Additional Items for Discussion

3. **ED-TECH REPRESENTATIVES REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**
Mrs. Kahler, Mr. Dominick, Mrs. Downer, and Mrs. Noel
Description:

- The Keystone and PSSA Scores are currently delayed at the state level. The final release of scores will not occur until after the holiday season. We will present a formal update to the school board at that time.
- The district has started the process of the Portrait of a Graduate. A survey went out to all community stakeholders and staff to garner input on characteristics they believe are important for our students to have upon graduation. To date, there are 375 responses to the survey. The district is also starting a committee to work through the process over the remainder of the 2026–2027 school year.
- The WJHSD and TJHS will be partnering with the Center for Leadership and Opportunity to participate in a pilot program to gather information on how students experience school, engagement and belonging. We are one of a few schools that will be involved in the benchmarking across the nation. The district will receive an honorarium of $2,000 for participation.
- Congratulations to Mr. Cenna and the 7th and 8th grade band who were selected to participate in the PMEA State Conference on Friday, April 16, 2027, at the Bayside Conference Center in Erie, Pennsylvania. The concert is only open to conference attendees.
- Additional Items for Discussion

4. **FACILITIES REPRESENTATIVES REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**
Mr. Zacur (Chair), Mr. Rice, Mr. Rash, and Mrs. Downer
Description:

- The district has submitted the land application to Jefferson Borough for approval. Mr. Shafer is attending the meeting this evening on behalf of the school district.
- The district held the Act 34 hearing on Thursday, October 22, 2026, at 6:00 pm. The public has a 30-day window to submit additional comments prior to the finalization of bid documents.
- The HVAC issues are being reviewed by the engineer for both JHIS and PHMS to determine the best steps forward to begin repairs in the Spring of 2027.
- The NOT permit for the Thomas Jefferson High School Project has been closed. The closure of this permit will allow the district to apply for the necessary permits for the new middle school building project.
- There is a new Trane Agreement for the next three years for maintenance and service on the agenda for approval this month.
- The SALT contract for this winter is on the agenda for approval this month.
- Additional Items for Discussion

5. **PERSONNEL REPRESENTATIVES REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**
Mrs. Downer (Chair), Mrs. Finnerty, and Mrs. Kahler
Description:

- The Director of Finance contract is on the agenda for renewal this month for a period of five years from July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2032.
- Additional Items for Discussion

6. **FINANCE REPRESENTATIVES REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**
Mrs. Finnerty, Mrs. Downer, and Mr. Rash
Description:

- The Budget Performance Report for revenues has the district ahead of budget by $13,000,000 for the three-month period.
- The Budget Performance Report for expenditures has the district under budget by $119,000 for the three-month period.
- The PCCD grant for $249,000 was submitted. The grant will cover AED machines, cameras, open gates for the athletic stadium, Genetec servers, dating violence programming, and new rapid radios for the district.
- Other Items for Discussion

7. **POLICY REPRESENTATIVES REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**
REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Mrs. Shoemaker (Chair), Mrs. Kahler, Mr. Rice, and

Mrs. Noel

Description:

- The following policies were reviewed in the representative meetings and will be presented for first reading in December. The majority of the policy updates are mandated and incorporate new language required by state law.
    - Policy #102 Academic Standards
    - Policy 204.1 Virtual Attendance and Wellness Checks
    - Policy #209 Health Examinations/Screenings
    - Policy #249 Bullying/Cyberbullying
    - Policy #704 Maintenance
    - Policy #803 School Calendar
    - Policy #805.2 School Security Personnel
    - Policy #822 Automated External (AED/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation)
- The following policies are on the agenda this month for second reading:
    - Policy #212 Reporting of Student Progress
    - Policy #627 Commercial Activities and Partnership
- Other Items for Discussion

8. **SECURITY REPRESENTATIVES REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**
Mrs. Finnerty, Mr. Rash, and Mr. Rice
Description:

- TJHS , PHMS and McC had lockdown drills this month. JHIS drill is scheduled for November.
- The Act 34 public hearing was held on October 22. The district is currently awaiting public feedback. Feedback is due to the district by Mid-November.
- Transportation has been running smoothly over the past few weeks. Thank you to Dr. Henderson and Mrs. Harris for their continued efforts in addressing and resolving any issues.
- Building walkthroughs were conducted last month, and identified items are being addressed. Ongoing door issues, and alarm issues continue to be investigated and resolved.
- PHMS parking lot lights are scheduled to be rewired this week. A lift will be on-site to complete the necessary work.
- A follow-up meeting with Navigate 360 is scheduled for this week to review recent drills and address any concerns.
- Other Items for Discussion

9. **TRANSPORTATION REPRESENTATIVES REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**
Mr. Dominick (Chair), Mrs. Shoemaker, and Mr. Rice
Description:

- There are currently approximately 500 parents who have signed up for Bus Zone.

- The district continues to tweak the buses to make sure they are running efficiently. There continues to be construction throughout the district that is slowing the buses down from their normal schedules.
- Other Items for Discussion

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
