

**WHITEHALL DISTRICT SCHOOLS**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Monday, January 19, 2026 - VAC 6:30 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Election of Annual Officer Positions
3. Approval of Agenda  
*Suggested motion: "I move to approve the agenda as presented."*
4. Public Comment  
*Communication from the audience for anything on or off the agenda. Limited to 3 minutes.*
5. Board Appreciation Month Building Presentations
6. Consent Action Agenda  
Minutes of meetings dated [December 15](#)  
Disbursements for the Month of [December 2025](#)  
*Suggested motion: "I move to approve the consent agenda as presented."*
7. Student Representatives Update
8. 2026 Meeting Schedule  
*Suggested motion: "I move to approve the 2026 board meeting schedule as presented."*
9. Committee Reports  
Policy – Martin will give an update from the policy committee meeting
10. Unfinished Business
11. [First Reading Policy Update](#)
12. District Library Board Representative  
*Suggested motion: "I move to reappoint Brian Hosticka as a Whitehall District Schools representative on the White Lake Library Board."*
13. [Monthly Financials](#)
14. Superintendent Report
15. Public Comment  
*Communication from the audience for anything on or off the agenda. Limited to 3 minutes.*
16. Adjourn  
*Suggested motion: "I move to adjourn."*

## Item 2

### Election of Board Officers

Information/Discussion

Action

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Board Bylaw #1001 establishes the selection of officers as an important function of the Annual Organizational Portion of the January Board Meeting. Election of officers shall be by majority of the Board.

Results of the Board survey:

Board Survey Results 2026				
(Y) Would LIKE to serve				
(N) Would rather NOT serve				
(W) Is WILLING to serve				
Board Member	President	Vice President	Treasurer	Secretary
Cross	N	W	N	N
Mahoney	W	Y	W	W
Martin	N	N	N	Y
McGoran	N	N	N	N
Fekken	Y	N	N	N
Moore	N	N	N	W
TenBrink	N	N	Y	N
<b>Rachel Fekken – January 2026 Interest Statement</b>				
I am interested in President for 2026 school year. I maintain an interest in remaining board president for the 2026 school year. I continue to learn in this role and feel as though I have more to offer the board and community in this role. I have appreciated each board member's perspective and believe that all voices should be heard with a focus on understanding. Thank you.				
<b>Jimmy TenBrink – January 2026 Interest Statement</b>				
I am willing to serve as an officer or trustee, whatever is best for our community.				
<b>Paula Martin – January 2026 Interest Statement</b>				
I am interested in continuing to be Secretary. I was able to fulfill all of the duties with no problem. As you know I am totally dedicated to the district. This will be my 32nd year with WDS. I would love to continue serving and feel that I would continue to do a great job. Thanks so much.				

## Item 6

### Consent Action Agenda

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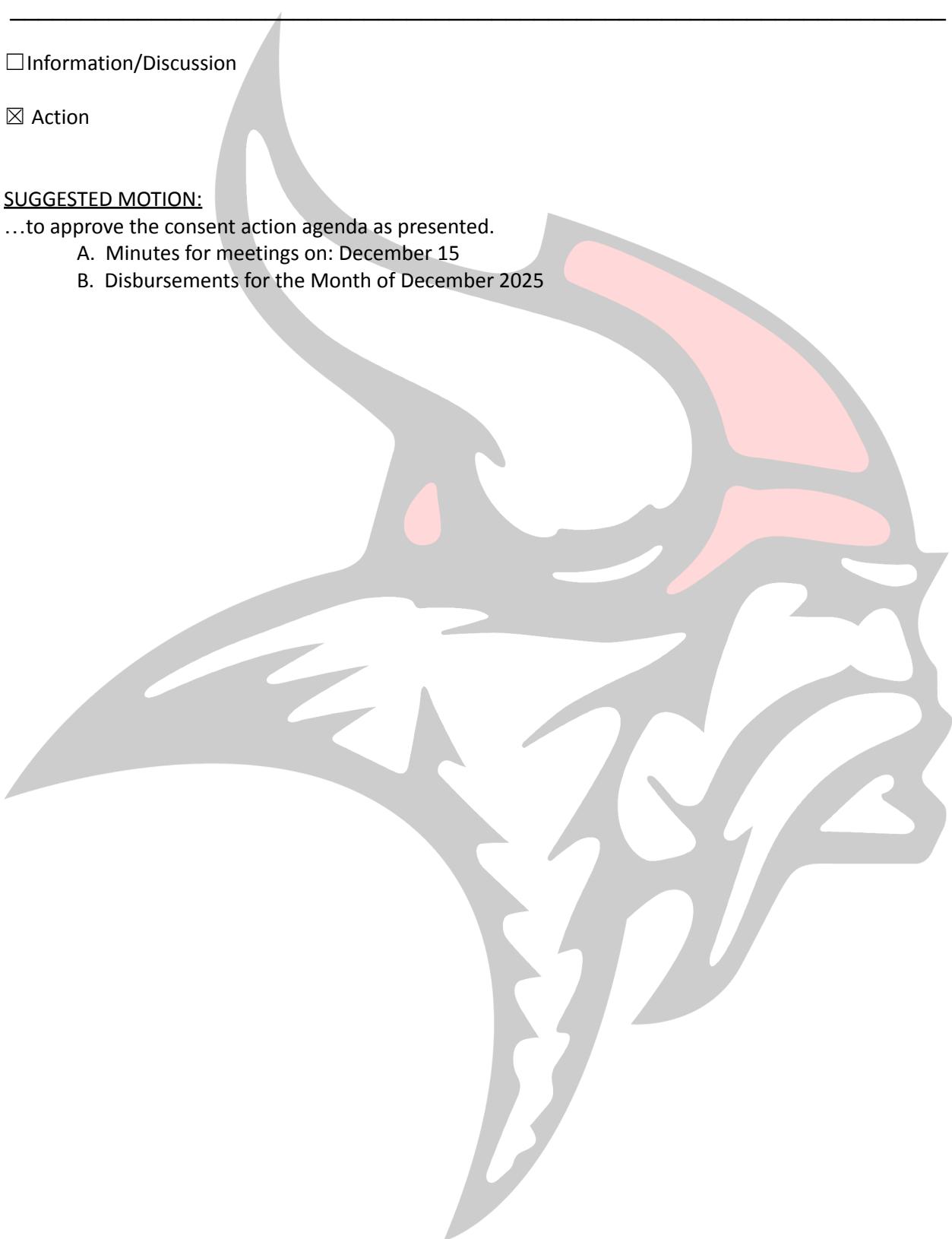
Information/Discussion

Action

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

...to approve the consent action agenda as presented.

- A. Minutes for meetings on: December 15
- B. Disbursements for the Month of December 2025



## Item 8

### 2026 Meeting Schedule

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Information/Discussion

Action

**BACKGROUND:**

Pursuant to Bylaw #1002, the Board shall approve dates of the regular monthly board meetings at the Annual Organizational Meeting in January. Meeting dates, time and place will be posted in accordance with law. Additional meetings of the Board may be called as needed.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

...to approve the 2026 board meeting schedule as presented.

**February 9, 2026 (second Monday, due to no school on Feb. 16)**

**March 16**

**April 20**

**May 18**

**June 15**

**July 20**

**August 17**

**September 21**

**October 19**

**November 16**

**December 21**

**January 18, 2027**

## Item 11

### First Reading of Policy Updates

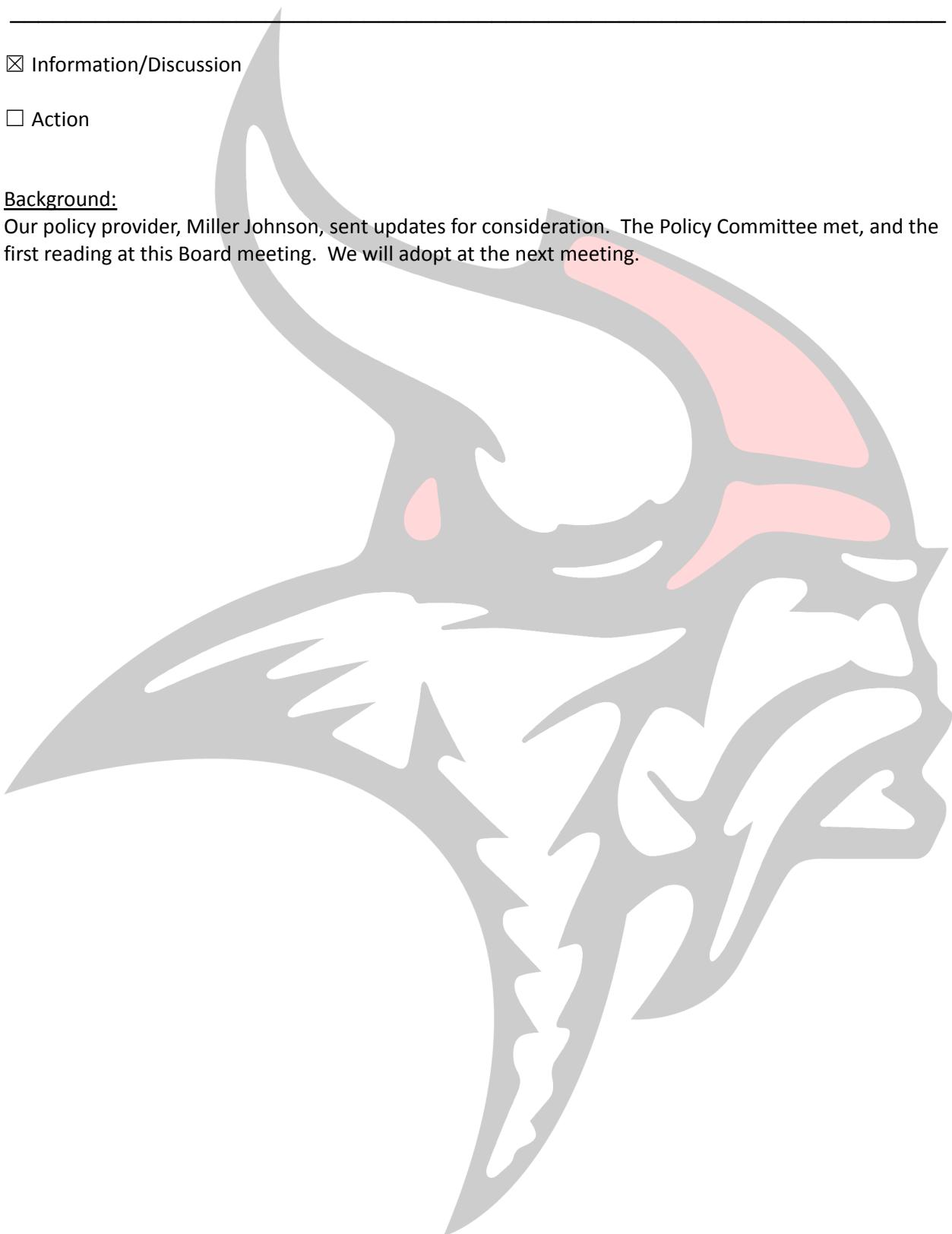
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Information/Discussion

Action

Background:

Our policy provider, Miller Johnson, sent updates for consideration. The Policy Committee met, and the first reading at this Board meeting. We will adopt at the next meeting.



## Item 12

### District Library Board Representative

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Information/Discussion

Action

#### BACKGROUND:

Brian Hosticka's term was up in December as Whitehall District Schools Representative on the White Lake Library Board. Brian has expressed interest to continue his work on the Board (per email below). We are grateful for his interest in continuing as our representative.

#### **Expiring Library Board Appointment**

4 messages

**SW Virginia DeMumbrum <vdemumbrum@wlclib.org>** Wed, Dec 17, 2025 at 4:04 PM  
To: CJ Van Wieren <cjvanwieren@whitehallschools.net>, Kirsten Bolles <kirstenbolles@whitehallschools.net>

Happy Wednesday!

I dropped the ball. Brian Hosticka's library board appointment expires at the end of this year, and you already had the school board meeting this month. He is happy to serve another term, if you would like to reappoint him at your January meeting. Would you like something more formal, or will this email suffice?

Thanks, and have a great holiday break!

Virginia DeMumbrum, Director  
White Lake Community Library  
3900 White Lake Drive  
Whitehall Michigan 49461  
231-894-9531, ext. 102  
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#### SUGGESTED MOTION:

...to reappoint Brian Hosticks to continue as a Whitehall District Schools Representative on the White Lake Library Board.

## Item 13

### Monthly Financial Reports

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Information/Discussion

Action

**BACKGROUND:**

Taylor Zweigle has prepared the monthly financial reports and year-to-date financial comparison.

