

## Whitehall District Schools – Plan of Action

**Vision: *Pursuit of Harmony. A Vision for Community Learning.*** We provide all learners an opportunity to contribute ideas, solve problems, and create products that make a meaningful impact in our community.

**Mission: *Dream. Design. Do. An Action Strategy.*** To develop an innovative, committed, action-oriented, knowledge building community recognized as a top performing school district in all of Michigan; becoming a place of learning for other school districts.

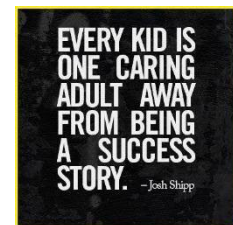
**Theory of Action:** If we design and deliver an optimal learning experience for our students they will demonstrate increased engagement resulting in improved performance.

### Student Learning Objectives

**Measure (Academic):** 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> grade reading/math

**Measure (Non-Academic):** student attendance

**Measure (Community Ready):** 100% of our students graduate with a plan

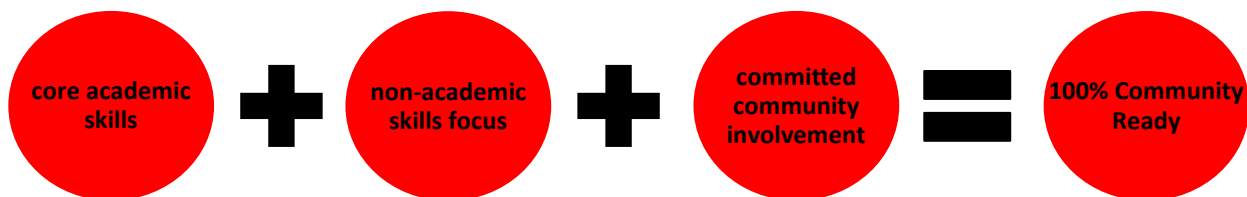


**Task - Design and Deliver Good Instruction**

**Task - Support Teacher Growth and Professional Development**

**Task - Allocate Resources as Good Stewards of Community**

**Task - Build an Action-Minded Learning Community**



**“ALL IN” Four Central Beliefs (Horsford, 2014, ch. 3, p.52)**

1. That all children (except only a very small percentage, e.g., those with pro-found disabilities) are capable of high levels of academic success.
2. That all means all, regardless of a child’s race, social class, gender, sexual orientation, learning differences, culture, language, religion, and so on.
3. That the adults in schools are primarily responsible for student learning.
4. That traditional school practices may work for some students but are not working for all children. Therefore, if we are going to eliminate the achievement gap, it requires a change in our practices (Sklra, McKenzie, & Scheurich, 2009, pp. 82-83).

## Board Election Rotation (6 year terms)

Board Member	Term Expires	Election 2026	Election 2028	Election 2030	Election 2032	Election 2034	Election 2036
<b>Chris Mahoney</b> First Elected Nov. 2007 First took Office: Jan. 2008 cmahoney77@hotmail.com	12/31/28		X				
<b>Jim TenBrink</b> First Elected Nov. 2014 First took Office: Jan. 2015 jimmytenbrink@yahoo.com	12/31/30			X			X
<b>Rachel Fekken</b> First Elected Nov. 2018 First took Office: Jan. 2019 rachelfekken@whitehallschools.net	12/31/30			X			X
<b>Shannon McGoran</b> Appointed July 2019; Elected Nov. 2020 First took Office: July 2019 shannonmcgoran@whitehallschools.net	12/31/26	X			X		
<b>Paula Martin</b> First Elected Nov. 2020 First took Office: Jan. 2021 paulamartin@whitehallschools.net	12/31/26	X			X		
<b>Tim Cross</b> First Elected Nov. 2022 First took Office: Jan. 2023 timcross@whitehallschools.net	12/31/28		X				
<b>Melissa Moore</b> First Elected Nov. 2022 First took Office: Jan. 2023 melissamoore@whitehallschools.net	12/31/28		X				

## Board of Education COMMITTEES

**Personnel Committee** Members: **Fekken, McGoran, Martin** (Fekken Chair)

Goal: To understand teacher salary structure; assist the Superintendent with bargaining/contract; review & understand appropriate & changing resource allocations.

**Policy Committee** Members: **Martin, Cross, Moore** (Martin Chair)

Goal: To be familiar with all policies and ensure compliance.

**Facilities Committee** Members: **Mahoney, Martin, TenBrink** (Mahoney Chair)

Goal: To examine our district's needs; to review projects that fit within the yearly budget or bond proposal.

**Finance Committee** Members: **TenBrink, Mahoney, Cross** (TenBrink Chair)

Goal: To work with the school's leadership team to advise the board; ensure taxpayer dollars are invested properly to support students, staff, facilities, & community.

Other Boards & Involvement:

- ~ Health & Sex Education Advisory Board
- ~ MASB -2 delegates to Annual meeting

- ~ White Lake Community Library Representatives
- ~ MAISD Rep. Muskegon County School Board Association

## **Whitehall District Schools 2025 Meeting Schedule**

**February 10**  
**March 17**  
**April 21**  
**May 19**  
**June 16**  
**July 21**  
**August 18**  
**September 15**  
**October 20**  
**November 17**  
**December 15**  
**January 19, 2026**

Special meetings will be called as required.

All meetings of the Board will begin at 6:30 p.m. Location will be posted on the website and at the district business office entrance.

Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodations for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in these meetings.

Questions may be referred to: CJ Van Wieren, Superintendent  
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