

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON NOVEMBER 16, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Arnold at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria. The following board members answered roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Vice President Arnold declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Grimm, S. Richard, D. Buss, J. Nichols, J. Bradburn, T. Hanson, J. Farniok, and 11 other staff, parents and students.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Arnold then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PLEDGE

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

Under good news items, the following items were highlighted:

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

- The board heard presentations from three members of the WCMS speech team. Presenting their speech routines were: Nathan Wetzel, Mallory Lafary and Curtis Nichols. It was also noted that 4 groups received “Judges Choice” awards. There were 45 students on the speech team this year.
- Gretchen Higgins was named to the LTC First Team and Taylor Meldrum was named honorable mention.
- Named to the LTC All-Academic Team were Gretchen Higgins and Hannah Brueck.
- WCHS Bowling Coach Sue Rothzen has been named IHSA Bowling Coach of the Year.
- The WCMS 7th grade girls’ basketball team placed first in the SVC tourney.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Anderson, seconded by John to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE AGENDA

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUEST FOR PRESENTATION

There was no one present who wished to address the board on any agenda item.

AUDIENCE REQUEST

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Robbins, seconded by J. Arnold to approve the consent agenda (Minutes of the October 19, 2011 regular meeting; The service agreement for the water management program as provided by America’s Best Water Treaters, Inc. for a period of one year beginning November 23, 2011 at a cost of \$3,150; The following proposed policy revisions on first reading: Policy 2:250 Board of Education – Access to Public Records, Policy 3:60 General School Administration – Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal, Policy 4:80 Operational Services – Accounting and Audits, Policy 5:90 General Personnel – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting, Policy 5:100 General Personnel – Staff Development Program, Policy 5:200 Professional Personnel – Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal, Policy 5:240 Professional Personnel – Suspension, Policy 6:60 Instruction – Curriculum Content, Policy 6:150

CONSENT AGENDA

Instruction – Home and Hospital Instruction, Policy 6:320 Instruction – High School Credit for Proficiency, and Policy 7:305 Students – Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries (New). Roll call: J. Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

Motion by Anderson seconded by Robbins to approve the payment of all bills as presented. Roll call: Brent, absent; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL
ACTIVITY

Motion by Anderson, seconded by John to approve the activity account summaries for October 2011 for WCE, WCMS and WCHS as presented. Roll call: Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Robbins to approve the October 2011 treasurer's report as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Goff, absent. Motion carried.

The board heard a brief update on the district's financial report. Supt. Grimm noted that actual figures to budget should be at 33% as of the end of October. It was noted that actual expenditures were 30.88% of budget and actual revenue received was 37.19% of budget as of the end of October 2011.

ACTION ITEMS

The board reviewed three possible tentative levy scenarios that were presented by Supt. Grimm. The first levy scenario called for nominal (\$1056) increase in the 2010 levy extension amount to cover a slightly higher bond payment. The second scenario called for a 4.8% increase in the 2010 levy extension amount and the third scenario presented showed the board what the increase would be if levy were increased to the maximum rates approved by the voters in 2005. Following the presentation of the various levy scenarios, the board discussed each of the scenarios. Opportunities were given to ask questions and those questions were answered by Supt. Grimm.

Motion by Robbins, seconded by John to approve the tentative 2011 tax levy with an extension of \$4,007,208 as Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

TENTATIVE
2011 TAX
LEVY

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Robbins to approve the lease proposal from Midwest Bus Sales for 18 – 2013, 71 passenger Thomas Saf-T-Liner C2 busses at the cost of \$12,500 each as presented. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

2012-13 BUS
LEASE

Motion by Anderson, seconded by John to approve the three year audit proposal beginning with the FY12 audit from Cavanaugh, Davies, Blackman & Cramblet in the amounts of \$12,000, \$12,500 and \$13,000 respectively as presented. Roll call: B.

3 YEAR AUDIT
PROPOSAL

Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Robbins, seconded by J. Arnold to approve the 2011-12 West Central High School electronic school improvement plan as presented. Roll call: J. Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

WCHS
ELECTRONIC
SIP

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Robbins to approve the sale of approximately 1.02 acres of ground on the north campus that runs along Route 94 to the Illinois Department of Transportation for the amount of \$9,000 as presented. Roll call: Brent, absent; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

LAND SALE TO
IDOT

Motion by Anderson, seconded by J. Arnold to approve the temporary construction easement to IDOT in the amount of \$1000 for the creation of a temporary road during the construction of the Route 34 Biggsville by-pass as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Goff, absent. Motion carried.

CONST.
EASEMENT TO
IDOT

Motion by John, seconded by Anderson to approve the WCMS artwork as presented. Roll call: Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Goff, absent; John, aye. Motion carried.

WCMS
ARTWORK

REPORTS

The board heard reports from the building Principals Mr. Buss, Mrs. Hanson, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Bradburn.

REPORTS

Supt. Grimm briefly updated the board on a couple of items that he has been dealing with relative to the district's curriculum. The board also reviewed the reports submitted by Mrs. Farniok, district special education coordinator on her activities this past month.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The board heard a report from the district's building committee on a meeting that was held with representatives of the Henderson County Board regarding the construction of a Safe Facility. As a result of the conversation, the board directed Supt. Grimm and members of the building committee to meet again with representatives from the Henderson County Board to continue discussion about his project. Supt. Grimm is to report back to the board in December on this topic.

SAFE BLDG

The board set a tentative date of January 21, 2012 to conduct an all-day strategic planning retreat.

BOARD
RETREAT

The board briefly discussed the possibility of adding a texting feature to the Skyward Student Management System as another means of communicating with district

TEXTING
FEATURE

stakeholders. Following a brief discussion, the board agreed that it was not necessary to pursue this item at this time.

The board heard a report from Supt. Grimm and the district's building committee on the architect's report on the south campus building. This agenda item came as a result of a request from District resident Marty Lafary and WCHS Softball Coach John Morrison to consider transforming one of the out buildings on the south campus into a batting cage. It was reported that district architect Bill Phillips has conducted a thorough review of these buildings and has concluded that the buildings were simply not safe for student occupancy under any circumstance. Therefore, the board, by consensus, indicated that no further action relative to this request will be taken. It was also suggested that the buildings will be cleaned out, weather permitting, sometime over the course of the next several months and that at least one, if not both, of the buildings be torn down. It was also noted that if the softball program wishes, they may continue to use the Media facility for an indoor batting and pitching facility during the winter months.

SO CAMPUS
POLE BLDGS

The board discussed the possibility of putting security cameras on district buses. As part of the discussion, the board was updated on the concerns that have been raised by several bus drivers to the administration over the course of the last several weeks regarding the conduct of some students on some buses. Supt. Grimm reported that the bus drivers have formally requested that the board consider putting cameras on the buses as a way to help control behavior. As a result of this discussion, the board indicated that at this time they are not interested in putting cameras on our school buses, but they did direct Supt. Grimm to collect some additional information about some other possible alternatives.

SECURITY
CAMERAS FOR
BUSES

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Under future agenda items, Board member Robbins requested that "deer hunting day" be put on the December board meeting agenda as a discussion item.

FUTURE
AGENDA
ITEMS

CLOSED SESSION

The board did not convene to closed session as the board felt there was no need to do so.

CLOSED
SESSION

PERSONNEL ACTION

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Robbins to approve a six week maternity leave for Jessica Burrell beginning December 21, 2011 as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Goff, absent. Motion carried.

J. BURRELL –
MAT LEAVE

Motion by Anderson, seconded by John to employ Jamie Hennings as a long term sub for Jessica Burrell at a daily rate of \$120 per day as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

J. HENNINGS –
LONG TERM
SUB

Motion by Anderson, seconded by J. Arnold to employ Brendon Freeman as WCMS 6th grade boys' basketball coach as presented. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

B. FREEMAN –
6TH BBB

FUTURE MEETINGS

The board was reminded that the next regular board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 20, 2011**. This meeting will be held in the elementary cafeteria and will begin at **6 pm**.

FUTURE
MEETINGS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Anderson, seconded by J. Arnold to adjourn at 8:47 pm. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 20TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2011.

Lonnie Brent, Board President

Paul Anderson, Board Secretary