

TO: WC CUSD #235 Employees
FROM: Ralph Grimm, Superintendent
DATE: October 20, 2011
RE: October 19, 2011 Regular Meeting of the WC CUSD #235 Board of Education

On Wednesday, October 19, 2011 the West Central CUSD #235 Board of Education conducted their regular meeting. As a result of this meeting the following items took place.

1. At 7:00 pm, Board President Brent called the regular meeting of the West Central CUSD #235 to order. Present at roll call were J. Arnold, Brent, John and Robbins. Board member Goff entered the meeting at approximately 7:35 pm and Board member Brad Arnold entered at approximately 9 pm.
2. President Brent then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. Under good news items, the following items were highlighted:
 - Principal Buss complimented the FFA group for providing an outstanding Ag Day for the elementary students;
 - Principal Buss thanked the Henderson Co First Responders for providing their annual fire safety program to the entire elementary;
 - Principal Nichols reported that Courtney Christensen, Emily Davis, Karyn Furnald, Rebecca Gall, Emilee Landers, Sara Shrum and Kristen Sumpter were selected to participate in the JEM all state music festival on November 5th at Dunlap;
 - Principal Nichols reported that Courtney Edwards, Megan Cochran, Alyssa Harpin, Cassie Harpin, Rebekah Harpin, JoBeth Jones, Hannah Shrum, Audrey Vice, and Makenzie Wilson were chosen to participate in Junior level All State music festival at Augustana College;
 - Principal Bradburn reported that the High School will be recognizing a large number of students at the PRIDE assembly being held on Friday;
 - Board President Brent complimented all buildings on the amount and quality of student work that is displayed throughout all of the buildings.
4. Superintendent Grimm asked to add agenda item X(H). Consider Approval to move the December board meeting to Tuesday, December 20, 2011 from Wednesday, December 21, 2011. The board then approved the agenda with the above addition.
5. Under recognition of audience for request for presentation, the board heard from Marty Lafary concerning softball. Mr. Lafary asked the board to reconsider their decision to not offer a middle school girls' softball program in the fall of each year. Mr. Lafary asked the board to consider further the possibility of converting the old ag building on the south campus into a facility that would house a batting cage that could be used by softball and baseball players on a year round basis. Mr. Lafary also talked to the board about the possibility of the county securing some funds to build a safe shelter that could be used during a natural disaster. Mr. Lafary suggested to the board that perhaps that facility could be in the form of a gymnasium that could possibly be attached to the north campus building.
6. The board approved the consent agenda. Items approved under the consent agenda included:
 - Minutes of the September 21, 2011 regular board meeting;
 - Minutes of the September 21, 2011 budget hearing;
 - Minutes of the closed session of September 21, 2011;

- The proposed revisions of Policy 1:10 School District Organization – School District Legal Status, Policy 2:10 Board of Education – School District Governance, Policy 3:10 General School Administration – Goals and Objectives, Policy 3:70 General School Administration – Succession of Authority, Policy 2:125 Board of Education – Board Member Expenses and Policy 5:125 General Personnel – Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct as presented on second reading and adoption;
 - The request for art work in the elementary cafeteria and elementary gymnasium;
 - The quote from Mark Muhleman for snow removal services for the 2011-12 for snowfall that exceeds two inches for the Media and Stronghurst facilities at the rate of \$60 and \$240 respectively.
7. Under financial activity, the board approved the payment of all bills as presented. There was one additional bill to the district auditor that was presented to the board at the board meeting. That bill was approved for payment as well. The board also approved the activity accounts for each building and the September 2011 treasurer's report as presented. Also during this portion of the meeting, Supt. Grimm informed the board that at the end of September we should have realized 25% of our budgeted revenue and expenditures. The board was informed that at the end of September the board had received approximately 32.6% of their budgeted revenue and had expended approximately 23.1% of budgeted expenditures. Supt. Grimm informed the board that as of October 19, 2011 the State of Illinois owed the district approximately \$310,000 in money that ISBE has vouchered to the Comptroller's Office but the district has not yet received.
 8. The board briefly discussed a request by the WCHS FBLA club to attend an out-of-state conference in Milwaukee, WI. The board gave approval for the FBLA club to attend this out-of-state conference. The board also affirmed that Superintendent Grimm has the authority to authorize such trips based on board policy and that the board would like to be informed when such a decision is made.
 9. The board heard a report from Supt. Grimm concerning the FY 11 district audit report. Supt. Grimm pointed out to the board the two audit findings and the three items that the management letter addressed. It was also noted that the district had received for the 3rd year in a row the perfect 4.0 rating on the district's financial profile. A 4.0 rating is the highest rating a district can earn on this measure of the district's financial strength. It was also noted that the audited expenditures for FY06 were \$9,267,483 and the audited expenditures for FY11 were \$9,167,429 which is a decrease of \$100,054. Following a brief question and answer period, the board approved the FY11 district audit as presented.
 10. The board approved the 2011 district and school report cards as presented. These report cards will be placed on the district's web page.
 11. The board heard an update from Supt. Grimm and district technology coordinator Melinda Frakes on the status of building out the EBS network. Supt. Grimm informed the board that as late as the afternoon of Wednesday, October 19th there were several changes that were being made to the build out proposal and no final decisions could be given to the board as to how that build out will continue due to some of the changes that came to light late in the process. The board authorized Supt. Grimm to proceed with the build out of the network at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.
 12. The board reviewed reports from the building Administrators Mr. Buss, Mrs. Hanson, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Bradburn, a curriculum report from Mr. Grimm, a technology report from Mrs. Frakes and

Special Education report from Mrs. Farniok and the board reviewed a discipline report as submitted from Mr. Dwyer.

13. The board heard a report from the WCHS SIP team regarding the progress that they have made since May 2010 on the high school restructuring plan. During this presentation, the HS SIP team presented the board with factual information with regards to student progress that has been made and updated the board on the variety of programs that have been instituted at the high school to assist our students in achieving at a higher level. The HS SIP team did a wonderful job with the presentation and the board was appreciative of receiving the information. The board congratulated the SIP team on the progress that has been made to date and encouraged them to continue the excellent job that has been done so far.
14. The board discussed the possibility of bringing the SAFE school and the Alternative school into the district in the event that the Regional Office of Education is no longer able to support those programs at some point in time in the future. The board approved a request from Supt. Grimm to begin a contingency plan to bring those programs back into the district to be housed in the outer building on the Media campus. Supt. Grimm informed the board that he would update them on the progress on the development of that plan and whether or not such a plan would need to be implemented.
15. Supt. Grimm pointed out to the board a requirement of Senate Bill 7 that outlines some mandatory board member training. Board members were directed to go to the Illinois Attorney General's website and take the training on the Illinois Open Meetings Act that is found on that website. The other two programs that are required as a result of this legislation were briefly discussed and ideas were generated as to how board members can receive that required training.
16. The board heard a brief presentation from Supt. Grimm on the 2011 district tax levy. A power point presentation on the levy process was shared with the board. At the end of the presentation, the board asked Supt. Grimm to return in November with two different levy scenarios. One indicating no increase in the extension amount and the second with an increase in the extension amount that would be something less than 5%.
17. There were no future agenda items identified by the board.
18. The board did not convene to closed session as the board felt there was no need to do so.
19. With regard to personnel, the board took the following action:
 - Approved paying Chris Wright, Kathy Lafary, and Amanda Hennenfent a stipend of \$1000 for serving on the WECS RtI team;
 - Accepted the resignation of Brandon Rothzen as WCHS assistant boys' basketball coach;
 - Accepted the resignation of Jon Waterman as WCMS 6th grade boys' basketball coach;
 - Employed Dick Goff as WCHS assistant boys' basketball coach;
 - Employed Jenna Crouch as WCMS 6th grade girls' volleyball coach;
20. The board was reminded that the next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2011. This meeting will be held in the elementary cafeteria and will begin at **6 pm**.
21. There being no other business to come before the board, the board adjourned their meeting at 9:49 pm.