

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE DISTRICT LIBRARY ON AUGUST 21, 2013.

The meeting was called to order by President Robbins at 7:00 pm in the District Library. The following board members answered roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Robbins, aye; White, aye. President Robbins declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Grimm, J. Nichols, M. Frakes, S. Richard, J. Farnoik, K. Lafary, R. Frakes, R. Kerfoot and C. Conlee.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE

PUBLIC HEARING FOR INTENT TO SELL BONDS

The board conducted a public hearing concerning the intent of the board to sell \$2,300,000 of school fire prevention and safety bonds. There were no comments offered by members of the board regarding the proposed sell of the bonds, nor was there any written testimony presented to the board regarding this sell of bonds. District resident Barry Bigger did ask several questions regarding the proposed sell of the bonds during the hearing. Dr. Robbins closed the public hearing at approximately 7:09 pm. These official minutes are attached hereto.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR BOND SALE

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

Under good news items the following items were highlighted:

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

- The board recognized 11 high school students as Academic Excellence Award recipients for the 2012-13 school year. Those students who were recognized for having a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale were Brad Bavery, Sydney Bigger, Somer Hill, Mallory Lafary, Andrew Lewis, Thomas Lewis, Dakota Parks, Taylor Rice, Katie Robertson, Anna Stevenson, and Audry Vice. Of this group, Brad Bavery, Andrew Lewis, Thomas Lewis, Taylor Rice and Katie Robertson had earned this recognition previously. The members of the Class of 2013 who earned this recognition were presented their award during their graduation ceremony last May.
- Flatt's Tire from Stronghurst was thanked for removing the old tires sitting between the buildings free of charge.
- The Village of Stronghurst was thanked for the street pavement work that was completed in front of the middle school circle drive.
- Zach Bundy was the featured picture on the NFHS.org website. NFHS is the National Federation of State High School Associations.
- It was highlighted that all three buildings hosted wonderful "Back to School Nights" before school started.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade "Jumpstart Programs" were quite successful with very good attendance.
- The custodial and maintenance staff were thanked for their work over the summer making the buildings look wonderful for the start of school.
- Alexis Ensminger is currently being showcased on the Western Illinois University website for her softball achievements.

- The Henderson County Sheriff’s Office was thanked for their assistance with traffic flow with the road construction that is going on at the north campus.
- The High School was recognized for making AYP.
- The Turning Page book club has made a cash donation for supplies for our homeless students.
- It was reported by the Henderson County Library that over 300 students participated in the summer reading program.
- The West Central Pre K program held a screening last week where they screened 20 students and there is now a waiting list for that program,
- Matt Vancil was recognized for placing 10<sup>th</sup> in the World in trap shooting down in St. Louis.
- The board was thanked for preparing and serving the luncheon on teacher’s institute day.
- Elementary student Jordan Kane was recognized for his winning of the “Tough Enough Miniature Rodeo Association” bull riding last weekend.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Arnold to approve the agenda with the following change:

- XVI(D-5): Employ Millie Bundy as WCHS Dance Sponsor
- XVI(D-6): Approve Adam Burrell as a WCMS assistant football coach.

Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Robbins, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE  
AGENDA

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUEST FOR PRESENTATION

There was no one in attendance to address the board on any of the agenda items during the audience request for presentation.

AUDIENCE  
REQUEST

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Buss, seconded by Anderson to approve the consent agenda (Minutes of the June 19, 2013 Regular Meeting; Minutes of the August 1, 2013 special meeting; Minutes of the closed sessions from June 19, 2013 and August 1, 2013). Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Robbins, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

CONSENT  
AGENDA

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

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

FINANCIAL  
ACTIVITY

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to approve the activity account summaries for June and July 2013 for WCES, WCMS and WCHS as presented. Roll call: John, absent; Robbins, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Arnold to approve the June and July 2013 treasurer's report as presented. Roll call: John, absent; Robbins, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent Grimm reported to the board that there were not any percentages in the monthly financial report as the budget has not yet been approved. He also reported that as of August 21, 2013 the State of Illinois owes District #235 an amount of \$98,015. Of that total, \$3732 is carry over from FY13.

### ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss to approve the resolution authorizing the loan of \$250,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund as requested. Roll call: Robbins, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent. Motion carried.

WC LOAN TO  
TRANS

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to approve the proposal from McDonough District Hospital for a ten panel student drug test at \$35 per student per test for the 2013-2014 school year as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; White, aye; Brent, aye; Robbins, aye; Arnold, aye; John, absent; Buss, aye. Motion carried.

DRUG  
TESTING

Motion by Buss, seconded by Anderson to approve the contract for Speech Language Therapist services for the 2013-2014 school year with Onward Health Care of Wilton Connecticut at the rate of \$59 per hour plus mileage for 5.5 hours per day for approximately 161 school days as presented. Roll call: John, absent; White, aye; Brent, aye; Robbins, aye; Arnold, aye; Buss, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

SLT SERVICES

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Brent to approve the use of Stifel Nicolaus of St. Louis, MO as bond underwriters for sale of the 2013 Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Robbins, aye; Arnold, aye; John, absent; Buss, aye; Anderson, aye; White, aye. Motion failed.

BOND  
UNDERWRITER

Motion by Buss, seconded by Arnold to approve the Resolutions Regarding Reduction in Force of Two Shuttle Trips Resulting in Reduction of Hours for Two Bus Drivers as presented. Roll call: Robbins, aye; Arnold, aye; John, absent; Buss, aye; Anderson, aye; White, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

RIF BUS  
DRIVERS

### REPORTS

Under reports, the board heard summaries from their written reports from Mrs. Lafary, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Schneider. The board briefly reviewed Mr. Grimm's curriculum report, the district technology report as submitted by Mrs. Frakes and the district special education report as submitted by Mrs. Farniok.

REPORTS

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

The board briefly discussed the summer work and the life safety work that has taken place over the summer. Mr. Grimm also updated the board on the road construction that is taking place as part of the Biggsville by-pass that is taking place at this time.

SUMMER  
WORK

The board heard a report from Superintendent Grimm on the opening of the 2013-14 school year. He thanked the board for providing lunch for the staff on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

OPENING OF SCHOOL

The board received a written summary of the 2012-13 ISAT, PSAT and ACT scores for District #235. It was noted during this portion of the agenda that West Central High School did make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for 2013. It was noted that this is a significant accomplishment for the high school and the high school staff and administration were complimented for their success. Also noted was that the district, the middle school and the elementary did not make AYP for 2013. A brief discussion was held concerning the change in the cut scores that ISBE enacted in January 2013.

TEST SCORES

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items identified by the board.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

#### CLOSED SESSION

The board decided that there was no reason to enter closed session.

NO CLOSED

#### PERSONNEL ACTION

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to accept the resignation of Rachel Ford as a WCES Title I Associate as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Robbins, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

RESIG - R. FORD

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss to accept the resignation of Tiffany Spiker as a district cook as presented. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, absent; Robbins, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

RESIG - T. SPIKER

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to accept the resignation of April Hill as a part time Title I Associate as presented. Roll call: John, absent; Robbins, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye. Motion carried

RESIG - HILL

Motion by Buss, seconded by Brent to approve the employment of April Hill as a district associate as presented effective August 14, 2013 at the hourly pay rate of \$12.26 as presented. Roll call: Robbins, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent. Motion carried.

EMPLOY - HILL

Motion by Buss, seconded by Arnold to employ Kris Peterson, Cindy Boyd and Mindy Armentrout as Title I part time associates at the pay rate of \$11.76 per hour for 5 hours per day as presented. Roll call: White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOY - TITLE ASSOC

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to employ Donna Link as a district cook at the hourly rate of \$10.15 as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Robbins, aye; White, aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOY D. LINK

<p>Motion by Buss, seconded by Arnold to accept the letter of resignation from Barb Scott as WCHS Dance Team Sponsor effective immediately as presented. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Robbins, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.</p>	<p>RESIG – B. SCOTT</p>
<p>Motion by Arnold, seconded by White to accept the resignation of Ron and Sue Rothzen as volunteer WCHS Bowling Team coaches as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Robbins, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.</p>	<p>RESIG – ROTHZEN</p>
<p>Motion by Buss, seconded by Arnold to employ Mike Lenahan as WCMS Head Football Coach as presented. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, absent; Robbins, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.</p>	<p>EMPLOY – M. LENAHAN</p>
<p>Motion by Brent, seconded by Buss to employ Tyler Klossing as WCMS assistant football coach as presented. Roll call: John, absent; Robbins, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye. Motion carried.</p>	<p>EMPLOY – T. KLOSSING</p>
<p>Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to employ Millie Bundy as WCHS dance coach as presented. Roll call: Robbins, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent. Motion carried.</p>	<p>EMPLOY – M. BUNDY</p>
<p>Motion by Anderson, seconded by Brent to approve Adam Burrell as a WCMS volunteer football coach as presented. Roll call: White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.</p>	<p>BURRELL – VOLUNTEER</p>
<p>Motion by Buss, seconded by Anderson to approve the resolution to release closed session minutes as per exhibit “A” and “B” as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; White, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Robbins, aye; Motion carried.</p>	<p>CLOSED MINUTES RELEASED</p>
<p><u>FUTURE MEETINGS</u> The board was reminded that their next meeting is Wednesday, September 18, 2013 and that meeting will be held in the elementary cafeteria. It was pointed out that the board will convene at 6:30 pm to conduct a hearing on the FY14 budget. The board will then meet and greet the teachers new to District #235.</p>	<p>FUTURE MTG</p>
<p><u>BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION</u> Dr. Robbins announced to the board that she has appointed Amy John to the District finance sub-committee.</p>	<p>ROBBINS RESIG.</p>
<p>Dr. Robbins informed the board that she was submitting a letter of resignation from her position as a board member to the board effective Thursday, August 22, 2013. Dr. Robbins thanked the board for the opportunity to serve on the board and indicated she was resigning her position due to her and her family moving to Abingdon, Illinois.</p>	

The board briefly discussed how they will proceed to fill Dr. Robbins' vacant position. It was decided that the board will put a notification in the local newspapers informing the community of the vacancy and that interested parties should submit a letter of interest to Dr. Brent and those letters should be mailed to the Unit Office. The deadline for submitting the letter of interest will be 3 pm on Thursday, September 5, 2013. The board will then meet to review those letters of interest received and then determine the next step in the process.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brent, seconded by White to adjourn at 8:31 pm. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2013.

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Lonnie Brent, Board President

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Amy John, Board Secretary