

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON MARCH 20, 2013.

The meeting was called to order by President Brent at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria. The following board members answered roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye. President Brent declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Grimm, S. Richard, J. Nichols, J. Farniok, M. Frakes, K. Lafary, S. Schneider, R. Frakes, D. Buss and the elementary, middle school and high school School Improvement Teams.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE

PUBLIC HEARING

The board conducted a public hearing concerning the intent of West Central CUSD #235, Henderson, Warren and McDonough Counties, Illinois to sell \$3,000,000 working cash fund bonds for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the district. Please see attached official minutes of this hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

Under good news items the following items were highlighted:

- West Central was well represented at the 3 on 3 basketball tournament hosted by ICS;
- The High School play was very good;
- Congratulated Alexis Ensminger for qualifying for the indoor state track meet;
- The IESA music contest was held this past weekend and West Central Middle School did very well with a total of 20 – first place and 10 – second place standings.
- West Central Elementary had 8 students who were recognized at the OSF nutrition poster contest;
- The Pre K thanked Jay Ragar and Rabeka Link for their generous donations of bicycles, Tupperware for the kitchen and a variety of treasure box and Heat store prizes.
- The Pre K also thanked Matt and John Link for their extra attention to snow removal and parking lot repairs needed due to the plowing;
- West Central High School had a drug sweep this morning and is proud to announce that there were no findings.
- Mr. Gittings reported that the West Central High School FFA has several students who advanced in competition.

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

APPROVED AGENDA

Motion by Robbins, seconded by J. Arnold to approve the agenda with the following addition: XVI(A-6). Retirement: Lynn Ragar. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE AGENDA

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUEST FOR PRESENTATION

The board heard presentation from the building School Improvement Plan teams regarding their 2013-14 school improvement plans. Each team presented the board a presentation on the highlights of the plans that have been submitted. Each presentation was followed by a question/answer session. After the final presentation, the board thanked the teams for their work over the course of the last year in developing these plans and for their presentation on Wednesday.

SIP TEAM
PRESENTATIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Robbins, seconded by Anderson to approved the consent agenda including the following items: (The minutes of the February 20, 2013 regular meeting; The minutes of the March 7, 2013 special meeting; The minutes of the closed session from November 19, 2012, December 19, 2012, January 16, 2013, February 20, 2013 and March 7, 2013; Membership in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) for the West Central High School for the 2013-14 school year; Membership in the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) for West Central Middle School for the 2013-14 school year; Direct Superintendent Grimm to begin working on the FY14 district budget for West Central CUSD #235; The 2013-2014 West Central CUSD #235 school calendar). Roll call: J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

CONSENT
AGENDA

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

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

FINANCIAL
ACTIVITY

Motion by Anderson, seconded by B. Arnold to approve the activity account summaries for February 2013 for WCES, WCMS, and WCHS as presented. Roll call: Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Goff to approve the treasurer's reports for November and December 2012 and January and February 2013 as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye. Motion carried.

The board heard that as of the end of February actual expenditures and revenue to budget should be 66.67%. It was noted that actual expenditures were 61.32% of budget and actual revenue received was 69% of budget as of the end of February 2013. Supt. Grimm also reported that as of March 20, 2013, the State has vouchered but not yet paid District #235 \$283,908.94.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by Goff to approve summer driver education opportunities at \$20 per hour not to exceed \$2960. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

SUMMER
DRIVER ED

The board also briefly discussed whether or not the current \$50 fee that is charged to district students for the driver education class is sufficient. It was suggested that this issue be reviewed by the board's finance committee.

REPORTS

The board heard reports from the building principals concerning the activities that they have been involved with since the February 20th meeting.

REPORTS

The board briefly reviewed the curriculum report as submitted by Supt. Grimm.

During the technology report, Mrs. Frakes and Supt. Grimm discussed with the board a potential fiber optic installation project that is under consideration by the administrative team. As part of this discussion, it was noted that the impending PARCC assessment will be done entirely on line beginning in 2016 and currently we do not feel we have the necessary band width to comply with this mandate from the State of Illinois. Also as part of this discussion, the board heard some very preliminary plans concerning a 1:1 initiative that Mrs. Frakes and the administrative team would like to pursue on a going forward basis. Specifically the board was told that the 1:1 initiative would be implemented and piloted on a limited basis during the 2013-14 school year and that the upcoming school year would be used to gather additional information about this project. After a somewhat lengthy discussion of these two topics, the board gave Mrs. Frakes and Supt. Grimm permission to move forward on these two projects and to gather additional information and then report back to the board when available.

TECH REPORT

The board heard a report from district special education coordinator, Jamie Farniok about the items that she has been involved with since the February board meeting.

The board was informed that the board's policy committee has been given some information from Supt. Grimm relative to a couple of issues that arose at the February 20, 2013 meeting. Dr. Robbins on behalf of the policy committee informed the board quite a bit of information has been gathered but the policy committee had not had time to review it and they would do so prior to the April meeting; therefore, Dr. Robbins requested that this be placed on the April 2013 board meeting agenda as a discussion item.

POLCY
UPDATE

The board heard a brief report from district athletic director Roger Kerfoot on the possible merger of the Lincoln Trail and Prairieland Conferences for high school football only. Mr. Kerfoot reported that there has been a series of talks between the two conferences and he expected a decision on what this possible merger may look like and whether or not it will take place within the next month or so.

CONFERENCE
UPDATE

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no additional comments made about the 2013-14 school improvement plans.

SIP PLANS

The board was updated on the talks that Supt. Grimm has had with a couple of different organizations concerning the use of the Media facility now that this facility will be

MEDIA
FACILITY

vacant due to the movement of the West Central Early Childhood Program to the north campus. The board by consensus gave Supt. Grimm permission to continue talking with these groups about possibly renting part or all of the Media facility.

The board heard a presentation from WCHS math teacher Megan Smith regarding the addition of a trigonometry class. Ms. Smith highlighted the reasons for making the request to add this course. In addition, she informed the board that this class could be implemented without significantly impacting the current teaching schedule, there would be no need for an additional teaching slot and the cost of material to implement this course would be minimal. The board agreed that this would be a good addition to the high school curriculum and indicated to Supt. Grimm and Mr. Schneider that they would formally approve this request at the April board meeting and that it would be appropriate to go ahead and schedule the high school students with the thought that this class would be added to the curriculum.

HS MATH
CURRICULUM

Supt. Grimm reviewed with the board the potential impact of the Governor's proposed cut to transportation reimbursement to local school districts. Supt. Grimm informed the board if the Governor's cut is put into effect, West Central CUSD #235 could stand to lose approximately \$252,000 in reimbursement for transportation expenses. He offered the board a list of possible options to consider should this happen.

TRANSPORATION
REIMBURSEMENT

Those options included:

- Eliminate all shuttles between the buildings;
- Eliminate all extra curricular transportation;
- Transfer part or all of working cash fund to transportation;
- Deposit GSA to the transportation fund;
- Deposit Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax money into the transportation fund;
- Abolish the working cash fund and distribute the proceeds to the operating funds and sell new working cash fund bonds;
- Seek a transportation fund referendum to raise the transportation fund rate;
- Other

Those in attendance were encouraged to contact their legislators and let them know that there should be no cuts to the transportation reimbursement formula.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Under future agenda items, there was a request to have on the next agenda a discussion about the school farm lease.

FUTURE
AGENDA
ITEMS

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by J. Arnold, seconded by John to adjourn to closed meeting to discuss matters pertaining to personnel at 8:28 pm. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED
SESSION

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by Robbins that the board return to open session at 10:18 pm. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Robbins, seconded by Goff to approve the retirement of Karen Rima as WCMS assistant principal at the end of her 2012-13 work year as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

K. RIMA
RETIREMENT

Motion by Robbins, seconded by John to adjust Mrs. Rima's FY13 salary to include the early retirement incentive not to exceed \$4200 as found in the WCATS contract. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

RIMA SALARY
ADJ

Motion by John, seconded by J. Arnold to approve the resignation of Sara Ryan as West Central High School English teacher effective at the end of the 2012-13 school year as presented. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION
S. RYAN

Motion by Anderson, seconded by B. Arnold to approve the resignation of Melissa Bittner as a WCES 4th grade teacher effective at the end of the 2012-13 school year as presented. Roll call: J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION
M. BITTNER

Motion by J. Arnold, seconded by Goff to approve the resignation of Amanda Waszczuk as a WCMS math teacher effective at the end of the 2012-13 school year as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION
WASZCZUK, A.

Motion by Goff, seconded by John to accept the resignation of Mrs. Brenda Nelson as WC speech therapist effective at the end of the 2012-13 school year as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION
B. NELSON

Motion by J. Arnold, seconded by Goff to accept the resignation of Robert Honeyman as a WCMS language arts teacher effective at the end of the 2012-13 school year as presented. Roll call: Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION
R. HONEYMAN

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by Robbins to approve the retirement of Mary Lynn Ragar as WCES teacher effective at the end of the 2012-13 school year as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

RETIREMENT
ML RAGAR

Motion by Robbins, seconded by B. Arnold to adjust Mary Lynn Ragar's FY13 salary to include the early retirement incentive not to exceed \$2400 as found in the WCATS contract. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

RAGAR
SALARY ADJ

Motion by J. Arnold, seconded by Robbins to employ Hannah Alecock as a district associate for the remainder of the 2012-13 school year at the pay rate of \$11.53 per hour as presented. Roll call: J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOY H.
ALECOCK

Motion by Anderson, seconded by J. Arnold to employ Ryan Casper as WCHS assistant baseball coach as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

R. CASPER
HS BASEBALL

Motion by Robbins, seconded by J. Arnold to accept the resignation of Susan Bundy as WCHS dance team sponsor as presented. Roll call: Goff, aye; John, abstain; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

S. BUNDY
DANCE

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by J. Arnold to approve the reduction in force for Stephanie Sims as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye. Motion carried.

RIF SIMS

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by Goff to approve the re-employment of Scott Schneider, Randy Frakes, Jamie Farniok and Kathy Lafary in their respective positions with salary to be determined at a later date. Roll call: Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye. Motion carried.

RE-EMPLOY
ADM TEAM
MEBERS

FUTURE MEETINGS

The board's next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2013. This meeting will be held in the elementary cafeteria and will begin at 7 pm.

FUTURE MTG

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Goff, seconded by Anderson to adjourn at 10:32 pm. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 17TH DAY OF APRIL 2013.

Lonnie Brent, Board President

Paul Anderson, Board Secretary