

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON MAY 23, 2012.

The meeting was called to order by President Brent at 7:00 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. Bradburn, T. Hanson, M. Frakes, J. Farniok, K. Lafary, S. Schneider and approximately 30 students and parents.

CALL TO ORDER

President Brent 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 a report from Chris Wright and Jesse Hart, the elementary enrichment sponsors. They shared with the board a brief video of all of the activities that the students had participated in during the 2011-12 school year. It was noted that there were approximately 27 students who participated in the elementary enrichment program.
- The board recognized members of the middle school track team who participated in the recently held IESA State track meet. Those students recognized were Jordan Sells, Cameron Wooters, James Porter, Brent Nichols, Zach Vancil, Easton Bielser, Chandler Diehl, Zak Spiker, Curtis Nichols, Kendra Spiker, Jamilla Calderon, Alison Link, and Kamryn McCabe.
- Eighth grade promotion went very well;
- The board recognized Miriam Rutzen, co-captain of the Harvard Girls' Basketball Team who was in attendance.
- High School graduation went well;
- The board also acknowledged that Brad Buss and Nichole Siegriest, former West Central High School students were graduating from West Point this weekend.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Anderson, seconded by B. Arnold to approve the agenda with the addition of X.E – Consider Approval to Pay Stipend for Tutor for Extended School Year for a WCHS student. 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

No one wished to address the board on any agenda items.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by John to approve the consent agenda (The minutes of the April 18, 2012 regular meeting; The closed session minutes of April 18, 2012; Renew the membership in the Illinois Association of School Boards at a cost of

CONSENT AGENDA

\$3,992.00; The final 2011-12 school calendar; The proposed revisions to the 2012-2013 WCES, WCMS and WCHS handbooks; The district fees for 2012-2013). Roll call: J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; 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, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL  
ACTIVITY

Motion by Anderson, seconded by John approve the activity account summaries for April 2012 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 Arnold, seconded by Anderson to approve the April 2012 treasurer's report as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye. Motion carried.

Supt. Grimm highlighted for the board the district's financial report. He indicated at this point in the fiscal year actual expenditures and revenue to budget should be 83.3%. It was noted that actual expenditures were 76.08% of budget and actual revenue received was 71.44% of budget as of the end of April 2012. Supt. Grimm reminded the board that he anticipated an early distribution of property tax money which would then bring the revenue figures more into line with the budgeted amounts.

### ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Goff to employ Laura Lewis as a summer tutor for a WCHS student for 21 hours at the rate of \$20 per hour as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

EXTENDED  
SCHOOL YR  
TUTORING

### REPORTS

The board heard reports from building administrators Mrs. Hanson, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Bradburn.

REPORTS

Supt. Grimm provided a verbal report on the items relative to curriculum that he has worked on this past month. Specifically, Supt. Grimm highlighted the work of Melinda Frakes for her assistance in presenting the three days of professional development that was offered to the district staff on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>.

The board heard brief reports from district technology coordinator Mrs. Frakes and the district's special education coordinator Mrs. Farniok.

The board reviewed a report from district athletic director Roger Kerfoot on the district's random drug testing program for the 2011-12 school year.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The board discussed board member attendance and participation at the annual School Board Conference in November held in Chicago. Board members were encouraged to let the Unit Office staff know if they wished to attend the conference.

SCHOOL BD  
CONF

Supt. Grimm informed the board that there were no major summer maintenance projects planned at this time. It was noted that the district is still waiting to hear if the school maintenance grant application that was submitted a month ago will be approved by ISBE. It was noted if the grant is approved, the work that was planned for in that grant would be completed as soon as possible.

SUMMER  
MAINT.

The board briefly reviewed the amended FY12 district budget as presented by Supt. Grimm. It was noted that the anticipated revenues in the amended budget are slightly higher than the original budget and the anticipated expenditures are slightly lower than what was included in the original budget but the amended budget is still a deficit budget for FY12. After a brief discussion, the board gave approval to put the tentative budget on display. This amended budget will be available for public inspection in the district office.

FY 12 BUDGET

The board was reminded that a community planning retreat is scheduled for September 15, 2012. This retreat will take place at the Faith Bible Church in Oquawka. Board members were reminded to provide their list of possible attendees as soon as possible so that invitations can be prepared.

COMMUNITY  
PLANNING  
RETREAT

The board discussed at length a proposed district exit survey that was presented to them in draft form by Supt. Grimm. The board recommended some changes in the document and talked briefly about how this instrument was to be used. It was decided that the board would like to have this survey sent to those families who have left the district during the 2011-12 school year.

EXIT SURVEY

The board briefly discussed the middle school athletic program. Specifically, whether or not they should continue offering baseball and football as fall sports at West Central Middle School. It was noted that the numbers in both sports appear to have diminished over the last couple of years by offering two sports. It was also noted that there are some considerable costs that are going to have to be incurred to continue to offer football. During the course of this discussion, district athletic director Roger Kerfoot put forth an idea that would perhaps shorten the football season in such a way that it could be played after the conclusion of the middle school baseball program thereby allowing more boys to play baseball and football and still continue to offer both sports. The board asked Mr. Kerfoot to pursue that plan with area schools to determine the feasibility of implementing such a plan.

MS ATHLETICS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Under future agenda items the board asked for an update on the middle school sports situation described above.

FUTURE  
AGENDA  
ITEMS

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by Robbins to adjourn to closed meeting to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. (5ILCS 120/2©(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057) at 8:35 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 Anderson to return to open session at 10:15 pm. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL ACTION

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by John to accept the resignation of Andrew Kennedy as WCHS special education teacher effective immediately as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye. Motion carried.

RESIGN – A.  
KENNEDY

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by Anderson to accept the resignation of Rachel Pepich as a WCHS math teacher, math activities sponsor and class sponsor effective at the end of the 2011-12 school year as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

RESIGN – R.  
PEPICH

Motion by Anderson, seconded by John to approve the request for a six week maternity leave beginning with the start of the 2012-2013 school year (August 15, 2012) from Nikki Mills as presented. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried

N. MILLS MAT  
LEAVE

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by Robbins to employ Melissa Bittner as a WCES 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and she be placed on the 2012-13 salary schedule at BA Step 0 (\$31,465) as presented. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

HIRE M.  
BITTNER

Motion by Anderson, seconded by J. Arnold to employ Robert Honeyman as a WCMS Language Arts teacher and he be placed on the 2012-13 salary schedule at BA Step 0 (\$31,465) as presented. Roll call: Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

HIRE R.  
HONEYMAN

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Robbins to employ Mr. J. Scott Schneider as WCHS Principal for the 2012-2013 school year as presented. Roll call: Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

HIRE S.  
SCHNEIDER

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by Anderson to approve the contract for Mr. J. Scott Schneider as WCHS Principal for the 2012-2013 school year as presented. Roll call:

S. SCHNEIDER  
CONTRACT

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

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by Anderson to employ Mr. Randy Frakes as WCHS Assistant Principal for the 2012-2013 school year as presented. Roll call: Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye. Motion carried.

HIRE – R.  
FRAKES

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Robbins to approve the contract for Mr. Randy Frakes as WCHS Assistant Principal for the 2012-2013 school year as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

R. FRAKES  
CONTRACT

Motion by Anderson, seconded by John to accept the resignation of Brendon Freeman as WCHS assistant football coach and 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball coach as presented. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

RESIG –  
FREEMAN

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by Robbins to accept the resignation of Chris Wright as WCES enrichment sponsor effective immediately as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

RESIG –  
WRIGHT AS  
ENRICHMENT

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by John to accept the resignation of Sarah Bigger as WCHS assistant volleyball coach and WCMS 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls' volleyball coach effective immediately as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, nay; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye. Motion carried.

RESIG –  
S. BIGGER  
V-BALL

Motion by Anderson, seconded by John to accept the resignation of Adam Boyle as WCHS golf coach effective immediately as presented. Roll call: Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye. Motion carried.

RESIG –  
A. BOYLE  
GOLF

Motion by Robbins, seconded by J. Arnold to accept the resignation of Jenna Crouch as 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls' volleyball coach effective immediately as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

RESIG –  
J. CROUCH –  
VBALL

Motion by Robbins, seconded by John to employ Michelle Tutor as a class sponsor effective at the beginning 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.

HIRE TUTOR  
CLASS  
SPONSOR

Motion by Anderson, seconded by B. Arnold to terminate district bus driver Betty Whitmore as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

TERMINATE  
B. WHITMORE

Motion by Anderson, seconded by John to approve a three-year contract (2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15) for Jeff Nichols as presented. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

J.NICHOLS -  
3YR  
CONTRACT

Motion by Anderson, seconded by B. Arnold to approve a two-year contract (2012-13, 2013-14) for Tara Hanson as presented. Roll call: J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

T. HANSON -  
2YR  
CONTRACT

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by Anderson to approve a one-year contract (2012-13) for Kathy Lafary as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye;

K. LAFARY - 1  
YR CONTRACT

FUTURE MEETINGS

The board then discussed the June board meeting date. It was the consensus decision of the board to move the June board meeting date to June 27, 2012. That meeting will begin at 7 pm and be held in the elementary cafeteria. The board also agreed by consensus to have Supt. Grimm send to the board the monthly bills for payment at the normal time of the month. Board members will then review the bills and signify their approval of payment of these bills by signing a document and returning that document to the central office.

FUTURE MTGS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by Robbins to adjourn at 10:32 pm. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2012.

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Lonnie Brent, Board President

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Paul Anderson, Board Secretary