

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON FEBRUARY 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, N. Clark, J. Nichols, J. Farniok, M. Frakes, K. Lafary, S. Schneider, R. Frakes, D. Buss and approximately 50 parents and community members.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

Under good news items President Brent and the board recognized West Central High School FFA Livestock Judging Team for their recent participation in the national livestock judging contest held in Denver, CO in January. Recent WCHS grad Jennifer Livermore, placed second overall in the national contest.

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

Following the recognition of the West Central High School FFA Livestock Judging Team, Board President Brent and the board recognized the WCHS Bowling Team for their recent participation in the IHSA State Bowling Tournament. WCHS student Zach Bundy was also recognized for his participation in the state bowling tournament as well.

Other items highlighted as good news items were as follows:

- Cherry Simmons reported to the board on her student's recent performance at the Town and Country Art Show. WC students brought home 40 ribbons: 23 Firsts, 12 Seconds and 5 Thirds.
- The FFA Food for America program was highlighted. It was reported that the FFA members fixed pork sandwiches for our third grade students on February 20, 2013, and explained to them where their food comes from.
- A donation from Bethel Lutheran Church was recognized. The funds from the donation will go to purchase healthy snacks for the nurse to have on hand when they are needed.
- Four students from Mrs. Smith's class were highlighted for having a social studies program picked for review by the DAR.
- The WCHS WYSE and FBLA teams were highlighted for their performance in recently held competitions.
- Mr. Grimm recognized Jeff Lox and Richard Roll for their work Tuesday evening and Wednesday early morning on getting the heat back on at the north campus after the power outage had been fixed.

APPROVED AGENDA

Motion by Anderson, seconded by B. Arnold to approve the agenda as presented. 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

Under recognition of audience request for participation, Board President Brent noted that district resident Beau Admire had signed in to address the board on an agenda item. It was also noted that Mrs. Simmons had also signed in to address the board and that she had did so during good news items.

AUDIENCE
REQUEST

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Goff to approved the consent agenda including the following items: (The minutes of the January 16, 2013 regular meeting; The 2013 District Seniority List for Certified and Support Personnel). 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 Robbins, seconded by Anderson to approve the payment of all bills as presented including one additional bill that was presented at the board table. Roll call: Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL
ACTIVITY

Motion by Goff, seconded by John to approve the activity account summaries for January 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.

ACTIVITIES
ACCOUNTS

The board was informed that the November and December, 2012 and January and February, 2013 Treasurer’s Report will be provided for approval at the March 2013, meeting.

The board heard that as of the end of January actual expenditures and revenue to budget should be 58.33%. It was noted that actual expenditures were 53.28% of the budget and actual revenue received was 65.61% of budget as of the end of January 2013. Superintendent Grimm also reported that if the federal government goes through with the sequestration that is being talked about the district would see an immediate 5.3% cut in federal revenue which would be approximately a \$20,000 loss of federal aid during this fiscal year.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by Robbins to approve the 5 recommendations regarding the movement of the West Central Early Childhood Program from the Media Campus to the North Campus beginning with the 2013-2014 school year as presented. Those recommendations were as follows:

PRE-K MOVE
TO NORTH
CAMPUS

1. Move the Pre-K program to the north campus beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. The current kindergarten rooms will be used to house the Pre-K classrooms. Three of the rooms will be used to conduct classroom activities serving 20 students per room for a total of 60 students served. The fourth current kindergarten room will be used for storage. This will allow the program to use the cafeteria during non-serving times for their indoor PT and OT needs.
2. Each classroom will require one properly certified Pre-K teacher and one classroom associate to maintain the required one adult for every 10 student's ratio. This will result in the reduction of one teacher and one associate from the current district roster of employees. Who those people will be determined later.
3. Continue to employ Jamie Shultz on a full time basis as a district secretary. She will remain in the secretary classification as per the WCATS contract and continue to accrue seniority in that position. Mrs. Shultz will continue her duties assisting the Pre-K staff, her responsibilities for the district breakfast and lunch program and will assist Mrs. Farniok with the various secretary type duties of the District Psychologist/Special Ed Coordinator position (scheduling appointments, IEP'S, filing, typing reports, etc.). Where Mrs. Schultz will be located will be determined later.
4. Dale Short will continue to be employed in some capacity in the district at some full or part-time rate of employment.
5. The fenced-in playground currently housed at the Media Facility will need to be replicated at the north campus. The approximate cost to do this is \$3,000. This fenced in playground will need to be kept locked at those times it is not being used by the Pre-K students. This estimated cost is based on our custodial doing the bulk of the work to move the playground. If our staff can't do this work, the cost could be higher.

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

The board heard a report from district architect Bill Phillips on the status of his recently completed Ten Year Health Life Safety report. Mr. Phillips detailed many of the projects that need to be completed during this survey cycle. Mr. Grimm discussed with the board the financing implications of this work. Also during this portion of the discussion Mr. Grimm and Mr. Phillips discussed with the board the possibility of the district hooking onto the water line that is being installed from Media to Biggsville by the Dallas Rural Water District. As a result of this discussion, the board decided that more information on the financing for these projects was needed as well as further discussion on the water line project. To facilitate this, the board agreed to conduct a special meeting in the near future to continue these discussions.

10 YR HEALTH
LIFE SAFETY
REPORT

Motion by Anderson, seconded by J. Arnold that the board approve the request from a district resident to use the north campus to conduct mixed martial arts training as presented. These classes will be held two days per week beginning at 3:30 pm and lasting one hour. The instructor will provide supervision for the students after the sessions end until their parents pick them up. This arrangement will be reviewed at the end of the current school year. Roll call: Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

MIXED
MARTIAL
ARTS
REQUEST

Motion by Anderson, seconded by B. Arnold that the board approve the request for a utility easement by Ameren Illinois as presented. This easement is necessary due to the Biggsville Bypass portion of the Highway 34 project. Roll call: Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

UTILITY
EASEMENT

REPORTS

The board reviewed reports from the building Principals and the Assistant Principals. The board also reviewed a curriculum report as presented by Superintendent Grimm. The board briefly reviewed the district technology report from Mrs. Frakes and a special education report from Mrs. Farniok.

REPORTS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The board briefly reviewed the proposed 2013-2014 school calendar. As a result of this discussion, the board directed Superintendent Grimm to bring the calendar back to the March Board meeting as a consent agenda item for approval. Some highlights of the proposed calendar include the following:

2013-2014
CALENDAR

- A starting date of Wednesday, August 14, 2013 as a teacher's institute.
- The first day of student attendance is Thursday, August 15, 2013.
- Veteran's Day will be observed on Monday, November 11, 2013 as a holiday.
- A "not in attendance" day will be taken on Friday, November 22, 2013.
- Christmas break will begin on Saturday, December 21, 2013. There will be a full two week break for Christmas.
- Students and staff will return to school from Christmas break on Monday, January 6, 2014.
- An ending date, assuming all five emergency days are used will be Wednesday, May 28, 2014. If there are no emergency days used the last day of school will be Tuesday, May 20, 2014.

Superintendent Grimm briefly discussed with the board the Illinois 5 Essentials Survey that is a requirement of SB 7 legislation. Information about the survey has been placed on the District web page.

IL 5
ESSENTIALS
SURVEY

Superintendent Grimm discussed with the board the 2012 ISAT scores that were revised to reflect the new cut scores that the district will see going forward. These numbers have been shared with the staff at the elementary and middle school. Information about the new cut scores has been placed on the District web page.

ISAT
SCORES

The board reviewed two recommendations regarding the future use of the West Central Early Childhood Center Media campus. These two recommendations will be brought back to the Board at the March board meeting for approval.

MEDIA
CAMPUS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no items identified under future agenda items.

FUTURE
AGENDA

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Goff to adjourn to closed meeting to discuss matters pertaining to personnel at 8:19 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 Robbins, seconded by John that the Board return to open meeting at 10:15 pm. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by John that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Alex Davis from his position as district associate, assistant football coach and head WCHS track coach effective at the end of 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.

A. DAVIS
RESIG

Motion by J. Arnold, seconded by Robbins, that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Steve Fernette as WCHS Assistant Baseball Coach as presented. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

S. FERENETT
RESIG

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by Anderson that the request to advertise for an assistant elementary principal for the 2013-2014 school year be approved. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, nay; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, nay; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

ASSIST
PRINCIPAL
ADVERTISE

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Board was reminded that the regular March meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2013. This meeting will be held in the elementary cafeteria and will begin at 6 pm.

FUTURE
MEETINGS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Goff, seconded by J. Arnold to adjourn at 10:21 pm. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 20TH DAY OF MARCH 2013.

Lonnie Brent, Board President

Paul Anderson, Board Secretary