

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON JANUARY 15, 2014.

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; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent. President Brent declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Grimm, J. Nichols, M. Frakes, C. Robertson, S. Schneider, C. Conlee, R. Frakes, K. Lafary, and N. Clark.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

The following items were identified as good news items:

- The recently completed professional development activity on Differentiation was very successful and well done;
- The WCMS Book Club was highlighted. This student led group has been invited to present to two classes at Monmouth College on how the book club works;
- The 3rd grade has also started a book club for those students who which to be challenged. This activity has been very well received by the students and is being looked at by the other grades to see if it can be replicated.

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck to approve the agenda as presented. Call roll: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; 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 Arnold to approve the consent agenda including the following items: (The minutes of the December 18, 2013 regular meeting; and December 18, 2013, Closed Session; The request to host an after prom event at WCHS on Saturday, May 3, 2014, and concluding on Sunday, May 4, 2014, as presented; The request of Nicholle Welch to graduate from WCHS at the conclusion of her seventh semester provided all requirements of Board Policy 6:300 are met and that Nicholle successfully completes all requirements for graduation from WCHS as presented; Approve the request to add Accelerated Algebra II and Accelerated Geometry to the WCHS Math Curriculum as presented) Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

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

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss to approve the December activity account summaries for West Central High School, West Central Middle School and West Central Elementary School as presented. Roll call: John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent Grimm reviewed with the board the district’s financial report. During that report he indicated that at the end of December actual expenditures and revenue should be 50%. Superintendent Grimm reported that the revenue received to date was 79.34% of the budget and the expenditures to date are 40.31% of budget. He also reported to the board that as of Wednesday, January 15, 2014, the State of Illinois owes District #235 \$171,544.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss, to approve the proposed revisions to the following Board policies: Policy 3:60 – General School Administration – Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal, Policy 4:100 – Operational Services – Insurance Management, Policy 5:50 – General Personnel – Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace: Tobacco Prohibition, Policy 5:90 – General Personnel – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting, Policy 5:100 – General Personnel – Staff Development Program, Policy 5:120 – General Personnel – Ethics and Conduct, Policy 5:200 – Professional Personnel – Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal, Policy 6:60 – Instruction – Curriculum Content, Policy 6:250 – Instruction – Community Resource Persons and Volunteers, Policy 6:130 – Instruction – Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs, and Course Substitutions, Policy 7:185 – Students – Teen Dating Violence Prohibited, Policy 7:300 – Students – Extracurricular Activities, Policy 8:30 – Community Relations – Visitors to and Conduct on School Property. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Buss, seconded by Anderson that the Board authorize Superintendent Grimm or his designee to begin negotiations to work out a contract acceptable to the Board with MTC Communications, Inc. of Colchester, IL for provisioning and maintenance of a lit wide area fiber optic infrastructure between a District-owned building and an acceptable Internet Service Provider as outlined in the HEATNET RFP dated November 4, 2013. Roll call: White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

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FIBER
PROJECT

REPORTS

The board heard reports from the building leaders Mr. Schneider, Mrs. Lafary and Mr. Nichols.

Superintendent Grimm highlighted a few comments that were made in the district curriculum report.

Mrs. Frakes reviewed the technology report. During this time, the deployment of the Chromebooks to our eighth grade and third grade students was highlighted.

The board briefly reviewed Mrs. Farniok’s report regarding the district special education program.

The board heard reports from building assistant principals Mr. Robertson, Mr. Conlee and Mr. Frakes regarding second quarter discipline statistics.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The board discussed a five year enrollment projection that Superintendent Grimm provided the board. Superintendent Grimm reviewed with the board the assumptions that were made to prepare this document. It was also pointed out that the district’s enrollment continues to trend downward and the projections are that this trend will continue over the course of the next 3-4 years.

The board discussed the possibility of conducting a strategic planning retreat. It was the consensus of the board to conduct such a special meeting and the board decided to hold the first strategic planning meeting on Saturday, February 8, 2014, at 8 am at the Henderson County Library in the Community Meeting Room.

The board discussed whether or not to continue the eighth grade promotion ceremony. After discussing this topic and hearing a report from Mr. Nichols on what ten area middle schools or Junior High Schools do with regard to this issue, it was the consensus of the Board to conduct an eighth grade promotion ceremony in May of 2014 and then discontinue this program after that. The board will vote on this issue at their February, 2014, board meeting.

The board discussed a letter that had been sent from the Monmouth-Roseville School District Superintendent and Board President asking if the West Central Board of Education would be interested in discussing ways the three districts could save money. After discussion the board indicated that it would be appropriate for Superintendent Grimm to begin preliminary discussions with the two districts about ways the three districts might be able to save money by working together on certain issues.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items identified by the board.

REPORTS

ENROLLMENT
PROJECTION

BOARD
PLANNING
RETREAT

8TH GRADE
PROMOTION

MONMOUTH-
ROSEVILLE
LETTER

FUTURE
AGENDA
ITEMS

CLOSED SESSION

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Motion by Anderson, seconded by Arnold to enter closed meeting at 7:45 pm to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District of legal counsel for the District. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Arnold, seconded by Lumbeck that the Board return to open session at 8:34 pm. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent, Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED

Motion by Arnold, seconded by Lumbeck that the Board approve Eric Vancil as a volunteer WCHS softball coach as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, nay; John, absent; Lumbeck, nay; White, absent; Anderson, nay; Arnold, aye. Motion failed.

ERIC VANCIL VOL COACH

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss that the Board approve David Vancil as volunteer WCHS Boys' Basketball coach as presented. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

DAVID VANCIL VOL COACH

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The board was reminded that the next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2014. This meeting will be held in the elementary cafeteria and will begin at 6 pm.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Arnold to adjourn at 8:35 pm. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 19th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2014.

Lonnie Brent, Board President

Amy John, Board Secretary

