

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON FEBRUARY 19, 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, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye. President Brent declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Grimm, J. Nichols, J. Farniok, M. Frakes, K. Lafary, S. Schneider, C. Robertson, C. Conlee, 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:

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

- It was noted the West Central High School Girls Basketball team finished their season with a record of 17-12.
- Angel Strack was noted for advancing to the Sectional tournament of the IHSA State Girls Bowling Tournament.
- The West Central High School WYSE Team placed first overall in their division at the recently completed WYSE Team competition held at the Carl Sandburg College Campus in Carthage, IL. There were several West Central High School students who placed either first, second, or third in their events.
- It was noted that this is National FFA week.
- The recently conducted Pre-K and Kindergarten registration process was highlighted. The Board thanks those who helped with this activity.
- The recently completed Small School Rising Up teacher convention was highlighted. Ms. Megan Smith was complimented for her work and leadership on putting this convention together.
- It was noted that the PTC Carnival was well attended and it appeared that everyone had a good time.
- Nick Roark and Daniel Livermore were complimented on their work removing snow from the West Central Middle School campus.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball team won their own tournament recently.
- West Central Middle School students Tucker Peterson and Jace Garner participated in the recently held ROE spelling bee.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Buss, seconded by Anderson to approve the agenda as presented. Call roll: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, 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 Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck to approve the consent agenda including the following items: (The minutes of the January 15, 2014 regular meeting; January 15, 2014 Closed Session; and the special meeting of February 8, 2014. The 2014 Seniority Lists for support staff and certified personnel. The request to submit a Round 2 School Maintenance Grant Application to the Illinois State Board of Education for funding. Eliminate the Eighth grade promotion ceremony after the 2014 ceremony has been completed as presented). Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

CONSENT  
AGENDA

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

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

FINANCIAL  
ACTIVITY

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss to approve the January activity account summaries for West Central High School, West Central Middle School and West Central Elementary School as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; 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 January actual expenditure and revenue should be at 58.33%. Superintendent Grimm reported that the revenue received to date was 83.03% of the budget and the expenditures to date are 45.55% of budget. He also reported to the board that as of Wednesday, February 19, 2014, the State of Illinois has vouchered but not yet paid District #235 \$287,504.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by White that the Board approve the Master Service Agreement between West Central CUSD #235 and McDonough Telephone company, which is contingent upon Federal E-Rate approval, and its attendant Exhibits and Attachments. Roll call: White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

DISTRICT  
FIBER  
PROJECT

The Board took a 5 minute break at 6:33 pm and reconvened at 6:38 pm. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye.

Motion by John, seconded by Lumbeck that the Board grant permission to Callie Thacker to attend West Central High School in the morning during the 2014-2015 school in order that she may attend Carl Sandburg Community College classes in the afternoon as presented. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

C. THACKER  
ATTEND ½  
DAYS

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to approve the quote from Frank Millard Company for the West Central Middle School Gym Roof Project in the amount of \$96,150 as part of the Ten Year H/LS Project as presented. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried

10 YR HLS  
SURVEY SO  
CAMPUS  
APPROVED

Motion by Buss, seconded by Lumbeck to approve the quote from Trotter General Contracting of Macomb, IL for the general construction work project at West Central Elementary School and West Central High School (door replacement work, changing of the locks) in the amount of \$564,000 as part of the Ten Year H/LS Project as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

10 YR HLS  
SURVEY  
NORTH  
CAMPUS  
APPROVED

Motion by Buss, seconded by John to approve the quote from Trotter General Contracting of Macomb, IL to furnish and install lightning detection equipment at the north campus in the amount of \$18,500 as presented. Roll call: White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

LIGHTNING  
DETECTION  
EQUIP –  
NORTH  
CAMPUS

Motion by Buss, seconded by White to approve the quote from Trotter General Contracting of Macomb, IL to furnish and install lightning detection equipment at the south campus in the amount of \$18,500 as presented. Roll call: White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

LIGHTNING  
DETECTION  
EQUIP –  
SOUTH  
CAMPUS

### REPORTS

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

REPORTS

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

Mrs. Frakes reviewed the technology report.

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

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

The board briefly reviewed the proposed 2014-2015 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 included:

2014-2015  
CALENDAR

- A starting day of Friday, August 15, 2014, as a Teachers Institute Day.
- The first day of student attendance will be Monday, August 18, 2014. This will be a full day of student attendance.
- Veteran's Day will be observed on Tuesday, November 11, 2014.
- A "Not in Attendance" day will be taken on Friday, November 21, 2014.

- Christmas Break will begin on Saturday, December 20, 2014. There will be a full two week break for Christmas.
- Students and staff will return to school from Christmas break on Monday, January 5, 2015.
- An ending date, assuming all five emergency days are used will be Friday, May 29, 2015. If no emergency days are used, the last day of school will be Thursday, May 21, 2015.

The board discussed the Planning Retreat that was held on Saturday, February 8, 2014. As a result of this discussion a date will be set in March to follow-up on the items that were summarized and prioritized.

BOARD  
PLANNING  
RETREAT

The board was updated on the status of the water line project.

WATER LINE  
PROJECT

Discussion was held by the board regarding whether to limit the West Central High School Cheerleading Squad to 12 girls. A general consensus of the board was to leave the number at 16 girls.

WCHS CHEER  
SQUAD

After discussion of the district's property/casualty/liability insurance package the board directed Superintendent Grimm to direct Unland to assume responsibility for the bidding of our district insurance package; seeking quotes from each of the three companies that they represent in the market place.

DISTRICT  
INSURANCE  
PCKG

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items identified by the board.

FUTURE  
AGENDA  
ITEMS

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck to enter closed meeting at 8:09 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, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED  
SESSION

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White that the Board return to open session at 9:07 pm. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye, Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White that the board reemploy Randy Frakes as West Central High School Assistant Principal for the 2014-2015 school year; Chris Conlee as the West Central Middle School Assistant Principal for the 2014-2015 school year and Chad Robertson as the West Central Elementary School Assistant Principal for the 2014-2015 school year as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye. Motion carried.

REEMPLOY  
ASSIST  
PRINCIPALS

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Danielle Covert effective February 6, 2014, as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

D. COVERT  
RESIGN

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Arnold that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Barb Scott as District Nurse effective February 28, 2014 as presented. Roll call: Buss, nay; John, nay; Lumbeck, nay; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

B. SCOTT  
RESIGN

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White that the Board employ Mallory Nelson as a part-time Title I Associate at the rate of \$11.76 per hour for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOY M.  
NELSON TITLE  
I ASSOC

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck that the Board employ Justin Rakestraw as West Central Middle School Track Coach beginning with the 2014 spring season as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOY J.  
RAKESTRAW  
WCMS TRACK

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White that the Board approve the request of West Central High School Softball Coach John Morrison to have Miriam Rutzen serve as a volunteer West Central High School Softball assistant coach beginning with the 2014 season as presented. Roll call: White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

M. RUTZEN –  
VOL  
SOFTBALL  
COACH

#### FUTURE MEETING DATES

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

FUTURE MTG

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by White, seconded by Arnold to adjourn at 9:12 pm. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2014.

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Lonnie Brent, Board President

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Amy John, Board Secretary

