

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD AT THE WEST CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL ON FEBRUARY 26, 2015 AND FEBRUARY 28, 2015 FOR A DISTRICT PLANNING RETREAT.

The meeting was called to order by President Brent at 5:14 pm at the West Central Middle School. 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 and N. Clark.

CALL TO ORDER

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck to adjourn to closed meeting to discuss personnel (the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity) at 5:14 pm. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Buss, seconded by Lumbeck to return to open meeting at 5:58 pm. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Diane Robertson of School Exec Connect made a presentation to the Board regarding the steps that would be taken for the Superintendent's search if her firm was contracted.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board took a short break at 6:33 pm and reconvened at 6:40 pm. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye.

William Phillips of Midwest School Consultants was contacted by phone regarding the Superintendent's search.

The Board took a short break at 7:45 pm and reconvened at 7:51 pm. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye.

Thomas Leahy of the Illinois Association of School Boards was contacted by phone regarding the Superintendent's search.

ACTION

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Arnold to hire School Exec Connect to conduct the search for the District's Superintendent. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

SCHOOL EXEC CONNECT -HIRED

RECESS SPECIAL MEETING

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to recess the special meeting at 8:37 pm. The special meeting will be reconvened on Saturday, February 28, 2015, 8:00 am IN the West Central Middle School Cafeteria. Roll call: John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye. Motion carried.

RECESS
SPECIAL MTG

RECONVENED SPEICAL MEETING

The reconvened meeting was called to order by President Brent at 8:00 am in the West Central Middle School 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, S. Schneider, R. Frakes, J. Nichols, C. Conlee, K. Lafary, J. Burrell, J. Alexander, J. Hennings, C. Torrance, M. Frakes, N. Smith, J. Guyton, B. Helt, and N. Clark.

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SPECIAL MTG

Opening comments were made by President Brent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A list of words or phrases were identified in each of the following areas that would help the Board identify what the next major items or issues are that need to be addressed for the next 1-3 years:

- Curriculum
- Facilities
- Finances
- Personnel

A nominal grouping process was used to identify the top three items in each category.

DISCUSSION
ITEMS

The Board took a short break at 9:27 am and reconvened at 9:37 am. The following Board members answered roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye.

The Board and everyone present continued to generate lists.

After the nominal grouping process was completed President Brent made closing comments.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to recess the special meeting at 11:03 am. The special meeting will be reconvened in Chris Conlee’s room at West Central Middle School. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye. Motion carried.

RECESS MTG

RECONVENED MEETING

The special meeting reconvened at 11:14 am in Chris Conlee’s room at West Central Middle School. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye.

RECONVENED
MTG

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck to adjourn to closed meeting to discuss personnel (the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity) at 11:15 am. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED
SESSION

The Board took a short break for lunch at 11:45 am and reconvened at 12:05 pm. The following Board members answered roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss to return to open meeting at 2:43 pm. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to adjourn at 2:45 pm. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 18th DAY OF MARCH 2015.

Lonnie Brent, Board President

Amy John, Board Secretary