

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON MARCH 18, 2015.

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, absent. President Brent declared a quorum present. Also present were R. Grimm, S. Schneider, K. Lafary, J. Nichols, R. Frakes, C. Conlee, M. Frakes, N. Smith, and N. Clark.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

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Under good news items the following items were highlighted:

- The Board heard a presentation from Ms. Diane Robertston, the consultant from School Connect Exec, the firm who is working with the Board on the search for a new district superintendent. Ms. Robertson provided the Board with the candidate profile that she had developed as a result of the input she had received from stakeholders who participated in focus groups and the on-line survey.

SUPT SEARCH

White entered the meeting at 6:17 pm.

- The Board heard presentations from each of the building School Improvement Teams. The Board engaged the teams in questions following each presentation.

SIP PLANS

Item X. H. was moved up in the meeting for discussion. The Board heard from District Architect Bill Phillips on the need for a Health Life Safety amendment to replace five boilers that serve the elementary building.

ELEM HVAC SYSTEM

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck to approve the Health/Life Safety amendment for the replacement of the elementary boilers in the amount of \$187,200 as presented. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

H/L SAFETY AMENDMENT ELEM BOILERS

The Board discussed with Mr. Phillips the results of his study of the district HVAC system. Mr. Phillips reported that he presented eleven different options to the Board Building and Grounds committee the district could consider to deal with the old, out dated and expensive equipment used to heat the districts buildings. Mr. Phillips presented three of those options for the full Board to consider. After a thorough discussion of the three options presented it was the consensus of the Board to ask Superintendent Grimm to explore payment options for the project estimated to cost approximately \$4.3 million dollars.

DISTRICT HVAC SYSTEM STUDY

The Board took a short break at 8:10 pm and reconvened at 8:17 pm. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye.

GOOD NEWS ITEMS CONTINUED

- The West Central Booster Club is purchasing a pitching machine for the district baseball program.
- Ms. Danna Cory had been designated as the WRAM/WMOI Teacher of the Week.
- The recently completed ACT Testing at West Central High School went well even after missing the first day of testing.
- The West Central High School FFA Meat Judging Team took first place in a recent contest.
- Ben Hill had his poster designated as Best of Show in the OSF Nutrition Poster Contest.
- The West Central Middle School Scholastic Bowl Team took seconded place in the recently completed Sand Valley Conference Tournament.
- The National Honor Society Induction was well done. The students were complimented for leading the entire program.

GOOD NEWS
ITEMS

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to approve the agenda with the following addition:

- XV. A-3. Resignation: Amanda Torrance, WCES Part Time Title I Associate.

Roll call: 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 present who wished to address the Board on any agenda items.

RECOGNITION
OF AUDIENCE

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Buss, seconded by Lumbeck to approve the consent agenda including the following items:

- Minutes of the February 19, 2015 regular meeting;
- Minutes of the February 26, 2015 and February 28, 2015 special meeting and the minutes of the Closed Session of February 26, 2015 and February 28, 2015;
- Approve membership in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) for West Central High School for the 2015-2016 school year;
- Approve membership in the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) for West Central Middle School for the 2015-2016 school year;
- Direct Superintendent Grimm to begin working on the FY16 district budget for West Central CUSD #235;
- Approve the 2015-2016 West Central CUSD #235 calendar;
- Approve creation of West Central High School Activity Account for the Class of 1964 Scholarship 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 Arnold to approve the 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 Buss, seconded by John to approve the February, 2015 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.

Motion by Buss, seconded by Anderson to approve the treasurer’s report for February, 2015 as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, absent; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent. Motion carried.

The Board was updated regarding the District Financial Statement. Superintendent Grimm reported that at the end of the eighth month of the fiscal year, the actual expenditures and revenue figures should be at 66.67% of budget. It was noted that revenue received at the end of February, 2015 is approximately 80.41% of budget and the expenditures are approximately 57.38% of budget. It was also noted that as of March 18, 2015, the State of Illinois owed District #235 approximately \$157,817 in funds that have been vouchered but not yet received by the district.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss to approve the Sharri Richard Memorial Scholarship guidelines as presented. Roll call: White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

S. RICHARD
MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Buss to approve the bid of \$54,600 from Storage and Design Group, Inc. for the West Central Middle School Locker Replacement Project as part of the 10 year Life/Safety project as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye. Motion carried.

MS LOCKER
REPLACE
PROJECT
10 YR L/S

REPORTS

Under reports, the Board heard summaries from their written reports from Mrs. Lafary, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Schneider. Mr. Nichols complimented his staff and students on how they handled the PARCC testing. Mrs. Lafary updated the Board on the number of kindergarten students identified for next year. Parents were sent a form asking permission for their child to participate in a PBIS video. The Board briefly reviewed Mr. Grimm’s curriculum report. Superintendent Grimm informed the Board that twelve to thirteen staff members have volunteered to serve on the District Bullying Committee. The Board reviewed the district technology report as submitted by Mrs. Frakes and the Special Education report from Mrs. Nancy Smith was reviewed.

REPORTS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board briefly discussed the District Special Education Audit recently completed by District Special Education Consultant Denise VanDaele. The Board was informed the report will continue to be discussed by the Administration Team.

SP ED AUDIT
REPORT

Mr. Frakes, District Athletic Director presented to the Board the results of the Bi-Annual Interest Survey.

BI-ANNUAL
SPORTS
INTEREST
SURVEY

The Board briefly discussed a summary of the recently completed Board Planning Retreat. The Board reviewed a report compiled by Superintendent Grimm. It was decided that the Board Building and Grounds subcommittee would meet with District Architect Bill Phillips to review and discuss plans to possibly expand the high school cafeteria in order to add an additional teaching period during the high school day. This topic was studied by the Board approximately eight years ago. The rest of the items discussed at the Planning Retreat will be discussed with the new superintendent.

BD PLANNING
RETREAT

There was no additional discussion on the Building School Improvement Plans.

SIP PLANS

The Board discussed the potential sale of the lots in Stronghurst. It was decided by consensus of the Board to not go through the process of selling the lots again at this time.

LOTS FOR
SALE

The Board discussed establishing protocols for purchasing and displaying state tournament banners. The Board asked Mr. Frakes to prepare guidelines for displaying state tournament guideline and to prepare an estimate to purchase and display the banners for those sports or individual that have previously participated in a state tournament series.

SPORT
BANNERS

The Board reviewed proposals from two golf courses interested in hosting the West Central High School Golf Team for the 2015 season. Mr. Frakes was asked to prepare some additional information for the Board so they can take action on one of the proposals at the April 15, 2015, Board meeting.

HOST GOLF
COURSE

The Board discussed moving forward with the search for the new middle school principal and the new elementary assistant principal.

ADMIN
INTERVIEWS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Under future agenda items, it was requested that the following items be included as part of the next meeting.

FUTURE
AGENDA
ITEMS

- Special Education Audit Report
- State Tournament Banners

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck to adjourn to closed meeting to discuss personnel (administrative salaries, the appointment, employment, or dismissal of an employee or officer, negotiations, the compensation, discipline, and performance of specific employees) at 9:34 pm. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED
SESSION

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the Unit Office Conference room at 9:46 pm. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye.

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Anderson to return to open meeting at 10:40 pm. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye.

After a short break the Board reconvened at 10:43 pm. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye.

PERSONNEL ACTION

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White that the Board accept the resignation of Ralph Grimm as district superintendent as presented. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

R. GRIMM
-RESIGN

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss that the Board accept the resignation of Lynn Halcomb as West Central Elementary School Special Education Teacher as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye. Motion carried.

L. HALCOMB
-RESIGN

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss that the Board accept the resignation of Amanda Torrance as West Central Elementary School Title I Associate as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

A. TORRANCE
-RESIGN

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck that the Board approve the employment of Samantha Swisher as a district associate at the hourly rate of \$12.00 per hour as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye. Motion carried.

S. SWISHER
-EMPLOY

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White that the Board approve the employment of Lynn Ragar as a long term sub for West Central Elementary School at the daily rate of \$120 per day as presented. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

L. RAGAR
-EMPLOY
LONG TERM
SUB

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White that the Board approve the employment of Brenda Steck and Megan Endress as West Central High School Cheerleading co-sponsors (splitting one stipend) as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye. Motion carried.

B. STECK & M.
ENDRESS
-WCHS CHEER
SPONSORS

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck that the Board approve the employment of Adam Boyle as West Central High School Golf Coach beginning with the Fall 2015 season as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye. Motion carried.

A. BOYLE
-GOLF COACH

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White that the Board approve the resignation of Sarah Bigger as West Central High School Volleyball Coach as presented. Roll call: White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

S. BIGGER
-RESIGN

Motion by White, seconded by Lumbeck that the Board approve the resignations of Shelly Morrison and Lisa Johnson as West Central Middle School Sixth Grade Girls Basketball Coach as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye. Motion carried.

S. MORRISON
& L. JOHNSON
-RESIGN

Motion by Arnold, seconded by Buss that the Board approve Eric Vancil as West Central High School volunteer softball coach as presented. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, nay; Lumbeck, nay; White, nay; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

E. VANCIL
-VOL Sb
COACH

Motion by Buss, seconded by Lumbeck that the Board approve Laurie Pirtle and Kelli Vancil as West Central High School volunteer cheerleading sponsors as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

L. PIRLITE & K.
VANCIL – VOL
CHEER
SPONSORS

FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Board was reminded that the next regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2015. This meeting will be held in the elementary cafeteria and will begin at 6 pm.

FUTURE MTG

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by John to adjourn at 10:45 pm. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 15th DAY OF APRIL 2015.

Lonnie Brent, Board President

Amy John, Board Secretary