

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON JANUARY 22, 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, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent. President Brent declared a quorum present. Also present were R. Grimm, S. Schneider, J. Nichols, K. Lafary, C. Conlee, M. Frakes, and N. Clark.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

Under good news items the following items were highlighted:

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

- Board President Brent read a letter to the Board from IASA Executive Director Brent Clark updating the Board on the work of Superintendent Grimm on the Vision 20/20 Project and the writing of the Illinois District Accountability Model.
- Board President Brent informed the Board that Superintendent Grimm has been designated as the Western Region of the IASA Superintendent of Distinction and is now a candidate for IASA Superintendent of the Year.
- It was noted that the high school Science classes have been going well since the change of instructors took place at the beginning of second semester.
- It was noted that the FFA Donkey Basketball game was a huge success.
- Board President Brent offered his compliments and thanks to the maintenance staff, custodial staff and to Jaime Shultz for the extra work they put in on Monday, January 19, 2015, during the power outage and subsequent clean up.
- Mrs. Frakes was recognized for her work assisting the district staff in preparing for the upcoming PARCC state mandated testing.
- It was noted that the fifth grade and seventh grade students had recently received their Chromebooks. The principal of both buildings thanked the Board on behalf of their staff for approving this purchase.
- The elementary food drive conducted in December collected 792 items. Those items were donated to the Family Outreach Community Center in Stronghurst.
- Mrs. Lafary reported that the Box Top Collection campaign for first semester resulted in West Central Elementary receiving a check for \$1,114.35.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE AGENDA

- XII. I. West Entrance of North Campus as presented. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUEST FOR PRESENTATION

There was no one present who wished to address the Board on any agenda items.

AUDIENCE REQUEST

## CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck to approve the consent agenda including the following items;

- Minutes of the December 17, 2014 regular meeting and the minutes of the Closed Session of December 17, 2014;
- The payment of an overload stipend in the amount of \$2,274.43 for the second semester of the 2014-2015 school year to Adam Boyle, Darrell Gittings and Larry Ives;
- The request to bid the West Central Middle School locker replacement project and the HVAC and plumbing work;
- The request to seek quotes for the north campus roof work, the tuck-pointing work at the north and south campus and the West Central Middle School bleacher handrail project;
- The proposed changes to the following Board policies on second reading:
  1. Policy 4:45 – Operational Services – Insufficient Fund Checks and Debt Recovery;
  2. Policy 4:110 – Operational Services – Transportation;
  3. Policy 4:150 – Operational Services – Facility Management and Building Programs;
  4. Policy 5:10 – General Personnel - Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment;
  5. Policy 5:185 – General Personnel – Family and Medical Leave;
  6. Policy 5:220 – Professional Personnel – Substitute Teachers;
  7. Policy 5:250 – Professional Personnel – Leaves of Absence;
  8. Policy 6:20 – Instruction – School Year, Calendar and Day;
  9. Policy 6:60 – Instruction – Curriculum Content;
  10. Policy 6:110 – Instruction – Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program;
  11. Policy 6:280 – Instruction – Grading, Promotion and Retention;
  12. Policy 6:300 – Instruction – Graduation Requirements;
  13. Policy 6:340 – Instruction – Student Testing and Assessment Program;
  14. Policy 7:50 – Students – School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools;
  15. Policy 7:100 – Students – Health, Eye and Dental Examinations; Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students;
  16. Policy 7:270 – Students – Administering Medicine to Students;
- The payment of a \$1000 stipend per teacher to the following teachers for serving on the building school improvement team: Christina Holding, Michelle Tutor, Megan Smith, Byron Helt, Jeremy Hennings, Emily Klossing, Charlotte Ackermann, Cathie Smith, Jessica Winters, Julie Ricketts, Tammy Rankin, Natalie Ensminger, Nancy Chandler, Lisa Lox, Adam Boyle and Laura Lewis 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 Buss 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.

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

Motion by Buss, seconded by Lumbeck 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.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Arnold to approve the treasurer’s report for December, 2014 as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent. Motion carried.

The Board was updated regarding the District Financial Statement. It was noted that revenue received at the end of December is approximately 72.8% of budget and the expenditures are approximately 46.18% of budget. It was also noted that as of January 22, 2015, the State of Illinois owed District #235 approximately \$240,210.98.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck to approve the request to have District Architect Bill Phillips oversee a comprehensive study of the District heating systems on the north and south campus and to provide recommendations regarding the needed repairs and/or eventual replacement of same as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; White, absent; Lumbeck, aye; Brent, aye; Arnold, aye; John, absent; Buss, aye. Motion carried.

HVAC STUDY

REPORTS

Under reports, the Board heard summaries from their written reports from Mrs. Lafary, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Schneider. The Board briefly reviewed Mr. Grimm’s curriculum report and the district technology report as submitted by Mrs. Frakes. The Special Education report from Mrs. Nancy Smith was reviewed.

REPORTS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board discussed a five year enrollment projection that Superintendent provided the Board. Superintendent Grimm reviewed with the Board the assumptions that were made to prepare this document.

5 YR ENROLLMENT PROJECTION

The Board briefly reviewed an update on the district Integrated Math Curriculum put in place at West Central High School this year.

MATH CURRICULUM

The Board heard a report on the Illinois Vision 20/20 Project. The Board was informed that this was an initiative started by the IASA and supported by the various school management groups. The result of the two year project was a series of policy briefs that will be presented to the general public and Illinois legislators as a blueprint to improve education into the future. The Board learned that there are four main areas of focus in the

VISION 20/20

initiative. They are as follows: Highly Effective Educations; 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning; Shared Accountability; and Equitable and Adequate Funding.

Motion by Buss, seconded by Anderson to approve the resolution supporting the Vision 20/20 Initiative. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, absent; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

20/20  
INITIATIVE  
RESOLUTION

The Board was given a brief update on the status of the Special Education Program review being conducted by Denise VanDaele. The Board was informed that the administrative team would most likely be recommending the employment of an additional Special Education teacher at the February, 2015, Board meeting for the 2015-2016 school year.

SP ED REPORT

The Board by consensus felt it would be appropriate to create a district Facebook page as another way to push out information to the district stakeholders. The Board asked the administration team to continue working on this and to get the page operational as soon as practical to do so.

DISTRICT  
FACEBOOK  
PAGE

The Board heard a report from the Board Building and Grounds committee regarding the committee meeting of Tuesday, January 6, 2015. The Board reviewed a list of potential projects that should be considered for further action. It was decided that further discussion of the list of topics will take place at an upcoming Board meeting.

FUTURE  
PROJECTS

The Board discussed the possibility of conducting a planning retreat. It was the consensus of the Board to conduct a Board Planning Retreat on Thursday, February 26, 2015, from 5 – 9 pm and on Saturday, February 28, 2015, from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm.

BOARD  
RETREAT

Superintendent Grimm asked the Board to table further discussion on the following Board policy revisions:

BOARD  
POLICIES

- Policy 2:140 – Board of Education – Communication To and From the Board
- Policy 4:120 – Operational Services – Food Services
- Policy 4:130 – Operational Services – Free and Reduced Price Services
- Policy 6:310 – Instruction – High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students

The Board did discuss the suggestion of having school issued email accounts and they agreed that this was appropriate to do so. Superintendent Grimm and Mrs. Frakes will work on making those new email addresses operational.

The Board briefly discussed concerns about how dark the west entrance to the north campus appears to be. The Board directed Superintendent Grimm to report back to them on this at the February, 2015 Board meeting.

WEST  
ENTRANCE  
LIGHTING

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

- Board Policies
- High School Special Education Teacher

FUTURE  
AGENDA  
ITEMS

PERSONNEL ACTION

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Arnold that the Board accept the resignation of Terri Cole as West Central Middle School cook effective January 5, 2015 as presented. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

T. COLE  
-RESIGN

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck that the Board approve the employment of Peg Ingles as a long term sub at the daily rate of \$120.00 as presented. Roll call: John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye. Motion carried.

P. INGLES  
LONG TERM  
SUB

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck that the Board approve the employment of Tiffany Spiker as West Central Middle School cook as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

T. SPIKER  
-EMPLOY

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss that the Board approve the employment of Quinn Leath as West Central High School Assistant Baseball Coach as presented. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

Q. LEATH  
-EMPLOY

Motion by Buss, seconded by Anderson that the Board approve the employment of Steve Arnold as West Central High School Head Track Coach as presented. Roll call; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, abstained; Brent, aye; Buss, aye. Motion carried.

S. ARNOLD  
-EMPLOY

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss that the Board approve the resignation from Jeff Housel as West Central High School Head Football Coach as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; White, absent, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, nay; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent. Motion carried.

J. HOUSEL  
-RESIGN

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck that the Board approve the request to have Logan Wood serve as a volunteer West Central High School Assistant Baseball Coach as presented. Roll call: White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck aye. Motion carried.

L. WOOD  
-VOL HS Bb  
COACH

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Anderson 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 7:42 pm. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board took a short break and reconvened at 7:50 pm for closed meeting in the Unit Office Conference room. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye.

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Arnold, to return to open meeting at 8:50 pm. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried

FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Board was reminded that the next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2015. 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 Buss to adjourn at 8:52 pm. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 19th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015.

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Lonnie Brent, Board President

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Amy John, Board Secretary