

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON OCTOBER 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, S. Schneider, J. Nichols, K. Lafary, C. Conlee, 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

Under good news items the following items were highlighted:

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

- West Central Elementary School Teacher Amy Wolf shared with the Board an activity that she used with her students and their Chromebooks that is culminating in a classroom visit by a man who was highlighted in a recent edition of People magazine.
- West Central Elementary School Teachers Nikki Mills and Kayla Carnes highlighted an activity using Chromebooks that they have been using in their classrooms.
- Mr. Lumbeck mentioned that the West Central JFL team is 4-0-1 for the season.
- Mr. Buss commented on how nice the sod in front of the high school and elementary school looks and he thanked the FFA students for their help in laying the sod.
- It was noted that Freemie Shoemaker was doing well in his cross country meets.
- It was noted that Jacob Wetzel had qualified for the state IHSA Golf Tournament.
- Mr. Schneider highlighted West Central High School Teacher Megan Smith for her work with the district Differentiated Lesson project.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Arnold to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: 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 Anderson to approve the consent agenda including the following items:

- The minutes of the September 17, 2014 regular meeting, the Special Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2014, and the Closed Session Minutes of September 17, 2014, and October 2, 2014;
- Revisions to the following Board Policies on Second Reading: Policy 2:20 – Board of Education: Powers and Duties of the Board of Education; Indemnification, Policy 4:60 – Operational Services: Purchases and Contracts, Policy 4:90 – Operational Services: Activities Fund, Policy 5:30 – General Personnel: Hiring Process and Criteria, Policy 5:260 – Professional Personnel: Student Teachers, Policy 5:330 – Educational Support Personnel: Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves, Policy 7:20 – Students: Harassment of Students Prohibited, Policy 7:180 – Students: Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment, Policy 7:240 – Students: Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities;
- The payment of a \$1,000 stipend for Amanda Hennenfent, Chris Wright and Laura Lewis for serving on the West Central Elementary School RtI team;
- The approval of additional West Central Elementary School after school assistance program teachers: Tammy Rankin, Sara Fitzgerald and Amy Chandler;
- The continued lease (one year) of a 2014 John Deere 5085 M tractor and John Deere H260 loader from October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015, for a total hourly lease amount of \$18.99 per hour for 350 hours for a total lease amount of \$6,646.50 as presented.

Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

## FINANACIAL 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 August 2014 activity account summaries for West Central High School and West Central Middle 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 Lumbeck to approve the treasurer's report for September 2014 as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent. Motion carried.

The Board heard an update regarding the District Financial Statement. It was noted that revenue received is approximately 58% of budget and the expenditures to date are approximately 23.8% of budget. It was also noted that as of October 15, 2014, the State of Illinois owes District 235 approximately \$195,000.

CONSENT  
AGENDA

FINANCIAL  
ACTIVITY

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss to approve the FY14 district audit report as presented. Roll call: White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

FY14 DISTRICT  
AUDIT

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Anderson to approve the 2014 district school report card and the school report cards for West Central Elementary School, West Central Middle School and West Central High School as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent. Motion carried.

2014 SCHOOL  
REPORT  
CARDS

The Board was informed that there were no bids submitted for the property in Stronghurst. The next series of options available to the Board were discussed. Superintendent Grimm was asked to continue working on additional options and to report back to the Board.

NO BIDS FOR  
LOTS

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss to approve the agreement with Tombstone Bowl in Monmouth to have our bowling team conduct their practices and home meets at Tombstone Bowl for \$1200 per year as presented. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

WCHS  
BOWLING  
PROGRAM

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, a special education report from Mrs. Smith.

REPORTS

The Board did discuss with the administrative team, the administrators work load given the recent reductions in administrative staffing. Dr. Brent asked to have the topic of administrative staffing on the November Board meeting agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

In response to a question from the Board, Superintendent Grimm provided the Board with an update on the progress of the summer Life Safety projects and other maintenance issues.

UPDATE ON  
PROJECTS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

- Administrative Staff Levels
- Sale of Stronghurst Lots

FUTURE  
AGENDA  
ITEMS

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for the Board to enter closed session.

PERSONNEL ACTION

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss to accept the letter of resignation from April Hill as district associate effective October 3, 2014, as presented. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

RESIGN  
-A. HILL

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Anderson to accept the letter of resignation from Tracey Bigger as district associate effective October 17, 2014, as presented. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

RESIGN  
-T. BIGGER

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss to employ Deborah Cole as a West Central Elementary School secretary at an hourly rate of \$12.33 per hour as presented. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOY  
-D. COLE

Motion by Arnold, seconded by Buss to employ Brandi Livermore as a district associate at the hourly rate of \$12 per hour as presented. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOY  
-B.  
LIVERMORE

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Arnold to accept the letter of resignation from Kris Judd as West Central High School Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent. Motion carried.

RESIGN  
-K. JUDD

Motion by Buss, seconded by Lumbeck to accept the resignation of Mike Lenahan as West Central Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach as presented. Roll call: White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

RESIGN  
-M. LENAHAN

Motion by Arnold, seconded by Buss to employ David Vancil as the West Central High School Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent. Motion carried.

EMPLOY  
-D. VANCIL

Motion by Arnold, seconded by Anderson to employ Danna Cory as West Central High School Play Director as presented. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOY  
-D. CORY

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck to approve Steve Murphy as a volunteer West Central High School Bowling Coach as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

VOLUNTEER  
BOWLING  
COACH  
-S. MURPHY

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Board was reminded that the next regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014. This meeting will be held in the elementary cafeteria and will begin at 6:00 pm.

FUTURE MTG

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck to adjourn at 7:45 pm. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2014.

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Lonnie Brent, Board President

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Amy John, Board Secretary