

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON DECEMBER 17, 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 S. Schneider, J. Nichols, K. Lafary, 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

Under good news items the following items were highlighted:

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

- President Brent and the Board recognized two West Central High School students for becoming Illinois State Scholars. President Brent informed the audience that the criteria to be selected as an Illinois State Scholar is based on ACT/PSAT scores and/or class rank at the end of the junior year. The students recognized were Regan Bowman and Taylor Rice.
- The Winter Concerts were very good and attendance was great.
- Mr. Schneider thanked the Board for employing an associate for the high school to assist with study halls and lunch supervision.
- The elementary students have collected over 500 items to donate to FOCC.
- Santa Clause stopped in to visit the elementary students.
- The middle school student council members held a soup supper recently to raise money for FOCC. Over \$800 was raised.
- The Board commended the 34 Coalition for their work on pushing through the 34 bypass that recently opened.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to approve the agenda as presented. 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.

AUDIENCE REQUEST

CONSENT AGENDA

Item X-A. Consider Approval of Date for West Central High School Graduation Ceremony – Sunday, May 17, 2015, 2 pm West Central High School Gym was pulled from the Consent Agenda to be discussed and voted on under Action Items.

Motion by Buss, seconded by Anderson to approve the consent agenda including the following items; (The minutes of the November 18, 2014 regular meeting and the minutes of the Closed Session of November 18, 2014; the request of the 2015 After Prom Committee to use the north campus building for after prom activities on May 2nd and May 3rd, 2015 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 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 Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck to approve the November 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 Anderson, seconded by Arnold to approve the treasurer's report for November, 2014 as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye. Motion carried.

It was reported that as of Wednesday, December 17, 2014, the State of Illinois has vouchered \$304,133.53 to the comptroller's office. The district has not yet received this money.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White that the Board approve the West Central High School graduation ceremony to be held on Sunday, May 17, 2015, at 2:00 pm. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

WCHS GRAD
DATE

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Anderson to approve the proposed policy changes to the following Board policies on First Reading:

BOARD
POLICIES

- Policy 2:140 – Board of Education – Communication To and From the Board;
- Policy 4:45 – Operational Services – Insufficient Fund Checks and Debt Recovery;
- Policy 4:110 – Operational Services – Transportation;
- Policy 4:120 – Operational Services – Food Services;
- Policy 4:130 – Operational Services – Free and Reduced Price Food Services;
- Policy 4:150 – Operational Services – Facility Management and Building Programs;
- Policy 5:10 – General Personnel - Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment;
- Policy 5:185 – General Personnel – Family and Medical Leave;
- Policy 5:220 – Professional Personnel – Substitute Teachers;
- Policy 5:250 – Professional Personnel – Leaves of Absence;

- Policy 6:20 – Instruction – School Year, Calendar and Day;
- Policy 6:60 – Instruction – Curriculum Content;
- Policy 6:110 – Instruction – Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School & Graduation Incentives Programs;
- Policy 6:280 – Instruction – Grading, Promotion and Retention;
- Policy 6:300 – Instruction – Graduation Requirements;
- Policy 6:310 – Instruction – High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitution; Re-Entering Students;
- Policy 6:340 – Instruction – Student Testing and Assessment Program;
- Policy 7:50 – Students – School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools;
- Policy 7:100 – Students – Health, Eye and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students;
- Policy 7:270 – Students – Administering Medicine to Students;

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

Motion by Buss, seconded by Anderson the Board approve the 2014 Tax Levy with the total extension amount of \$4,667,294 as presented. Roll call: White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, nay; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

2014 TAX
LEVY

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck the Board approve and adopt the proposed revision to Board Policy 8:30 – Community Relations – Visitors To and Conduct on School Property on Second Reading as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye. Motion carried.

BOARD
POLICY 8:30

Motion by Arnold, seconded by White, the Board approve the three (3) year contract for Scott Schneider (2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017 school year) as presented. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

S. SCHNEIDER
CONTRACT

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White, the Board approve the one (1) year contract for Nancy Smith (2014-2015 school year) as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

N. SMITH
CONTRACT

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Arnold, the Board approve the one (1) year contract for Randy Frakes (2014-2015 school year) as presented. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

R. FRAKES
CONTRACT

Motion by Arnold, seconded by Anderson, the Board approve the one (1) year contract for Chris Conlee (2014-2015 school year) as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye. Motion carried.

C. CONLEE
CONTRACT

Motion by Arnold, seconded by Lumbeck, the Board approve the one (1) year contract for Kathy Lafary (2014-2015 school year) as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye. Motion carried.

K. LAFARY
CONTRACT

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Anderson, the Board approve the immediate purchase of 150 Chromebooks and cases as presented. Roll call: White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

CHROMEBOOK
PURCHASE

REPORTS

The Board heard reports from building principals Mrs. Lafary, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Schneider. The Board reviewed the Curriculum Report as submitted by Mr. Grimm, the Technology Report submitted by Mrs. Frakes and the Special Ed Report as submitted by Mrs. Smith.

REPORTS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

President Brent discussed with the Board the process that he would like the Board to use and the timelines he would like the Board to follow in terms of completing the Superintendent evaluation. The actual evaluation instrument was distributed to the Board.

SUPT
EVALUATION

Update on Integrated Math Curriculum was tabled.

Kathy Lafary, West Central Elementary School Principal briefly updated the Board on the process of the move of 15 students to the new kindergarten classroom.

4TH KDG
CLASSROOM

Illinois Vision 20/20 Initiative was tabled.

Review of District Special Education Program was tabled.

Creation of a District Face Book Page was tabled.

The Board briefly discussed the banners for participation in state tournament series. The Board asked district athletic director Randy Frakes to gather additional information and report back to the Board.

STATE
BANNERS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

- Boilers

FUTURE
AGENDA
ITEMS

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White 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 6:57 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 at 7:05 pm for closed meeting in the Unit Office Conference room. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye.

Motion by Buss, seconded by Anderson, to return to open meetings at 7:53 pm. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried

After a short break the Board reconvened at 7:55 pm to open meeting in the elementary cafeteria. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye.

ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White the Board accept the resignation of Daniel DeWees as West Central High School Science Teacher effective at the end of the 1st semester for the 2014-2015 school year as presented. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss the Board approve the employment of Christel Fowler as the West Central Elementary School Assistant Principal for 100 days at \$300.00 per day for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

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

FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Board was reminded that the next regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015. This meeting will be held in the elementary cafeteria and will begin at 6 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to adjourn at 7:59 pm. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 22nd DAY OF JANUARY 2015.

Lonnie Brent, Board President

Amy John, Board Secretary

CLOSED
SESSION

ADJOURN