

TO: WC CUSD #235 Employees
FROM: Ralph Grimm, Superintendent
DATE: February 21, 2013
RE: February 20, 2013 Regular Meeting of the WC CUSD #235 Board of Education

On Wednesday, February 20, 2013, the West Central CUSD #235 Board of Education conducted their regular meeting. As a result of this meeting the following items took place.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Board President Brent. All board members were present at roll call.
2. President Brent then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. Under good news items the following items were highlighted:
 - Board President Brent and the other Board members recognized the West Central High School FFA Livestock Judging Team for their recent participation in the national livestock judging contest held in Denver, CO, in January. Recent WCHS grad Jennifer Livermore, place second overall in the national contest.
 - The board recognized the WCHS Bowling Team for their recent participation in the IHSA State Bowling Tournament. WCHS student Zach Bundy was also recognized for his participation in the state bowling tournament as well.
 - Cherry Simmons reported to the board on her student's recent performance at the Towne and Country Art Show. WC students brought home 40 ribbons: 23 Firsts, 12 Seconds and 5 thirds.
 - The FFA Food for America program was highlighted. It was reported that the FFA members fixed pork sandwiches for our third grade students on Feb. 20, 2012, and explained to them where their food comes from.
 - A donation from Bethel Lutheran Church was recognized. The funds from the donation will go to purchase healthy snacks for the nurse to have on hand when they are needed.
 - Four students from Mrs. Smith's class were highlighted for having a social studies program picked for review by the DAR.
 - The WCHS WYSE and FBLA teams were highlighted for their performance in recently held competitions.
 - Mr. Grimm recognized Jeff Lox and Richard Roll for their work Monday evening and Tuesday early morning on getting the heat back on at the north campus after the power outage had been fixed.
4. The board approved the agenda as presented.
5. Under recognition of audience request for participation, Board President Brent noted that district resident Beau Admire had signed in to address the Board on an agenda item. It was also noted that Mrs. Simmons had also signed in to address the Board and that she had did so during good news items.
6. The board approved the consent agenda as presented. Items approved under the consent agenda included:
 - The minutes of the January 16, 2013 regular meeting;
 - The 2013 District Seniority List for Certified and Support Personnel
7. Under financial activity, the board approved payment of all bills as presented. The board approved the January activity accounts as presented. The Board was informed that the November and December, 2012

and January and February, 2013 Treasurer's Report will be provided for approval at the March 2013, meeting.

The board heard that as of the end of January actual expenditures and revenue to budget should be 58.33%. It was noted that actual expenditures were 53.28% of budget and actual revenue received was 65.61% of budget as of the end of January 2013. Supt. Grimm also reported that as of February 20, 2013, the State has vouchered but not yet paid District #235 \$313,848. Supt. Grimm also reported that if the federal government goes through with the sequestration that is being talked about the district would see an immediate 5.3% cut in federal revenue which would amount to approximately a \$20,000 loss of federal aid during this fiscal year.

8. The Board approved the report submitted on the West Central Early Childhood program and the recommendations that went with that report. The most significant recommendation that was approved regarded moving the Pre-k program to the north campus from the Media Campus.
9. The Board heard a report from district architect Bill Phillips on the status of his recently completed Ten Year Health Life Safety report. Mr. Phillips detailed many of the projects that need to be completed during this survey cycle. Mr. Grimm discussed with the Board the financing implications of this work. Also during this portion of the discussion Mr. Grimm and Mr. Phillips discussed with the Board the possibility of the district hooking onto the water line that is being installed from Media to Biggsville by the Dallas Rural Water District. As a result of this discussion, the Board decided that more information on the financing for these projects was needed as well as further discussion on the water line project. To facilitate this, the Board agreed to conduct a special meeting in the near future to continue these discussions.
10. The Board reviewed a request from district resident Beau Admire to conduct mixed martial arts training in one of the district facilities. This training would be for boys aged 5-12. After a brief discussion, the Board approved the request.
11. The Board approved a request for a utility easement on the north campus from Ameren Illinois. This easement is necessary due to the Biggsville Bypass portion of the Highway 34 project that will be breaking ground this Spring.
12. The board heard summaries of the written principal's reports submitted by Mrs. Lafary, Mr. Buss, Mr. Schneider, Mr. Frakes, and Mr. Nichols.
13. The board heard a few comments from Supt. Grimm relative to the curriculum items that he has been working on since the January board meeting.
14. The board briefly reviewed the proposed 2013-14 school calendar. As a result of this discussion, the Board directed Supt. Grimm to bring the calendar back to the March board meeting as a consent agenda item for approval. Some highlights of the proposed calendar include the following:
 - A starting date of Wednesday, August 14, 2013 as a teacher's institute.
 - The first day of student attendance in Thursday, August 15, 2013.
 - Veteran's Day will be observed on Monday, November 11, 2013 as a holiday.
 - A "not in attendance" day will be taken on Friday, November 22, 2013.
 - Christmas break will begin on Saturday, December 21, 2013. There will be a full two week break for Christmas.
 - Students and Staff will return to school from Christmas break on Monday, January 6, 2014.

- An ending date, assuming all five emergency days are used will be Wednesday, May 28, 2014. If there are no emergency days used, then the last day of school will be Tuesday, May 20, 2014.
15. The board entered closed session at 8:40 pm to discuss matters pertaining to personnel. The board exited closed session at 10:15.
 16. All board members were present when the board reconvened to open session at 10:15 pm.
 17. The board took the following action regarding personnel:
 - Approved the resignation of Alex Davis as District Associate, Assistant Football Coach and WCHS Head Girls Track coach
 - Approved the resignation of Steve Ferneti as WCHS assistant baseball coach
 - Approved a request to advertise for an assistant elementary principal for the 2013-2014 school year.
 18. The board's next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2013. This meeting will be held in the elementary cafeteria and will begin at 6 pm.
 19. There being no other business to come before the board, the board adjourned their meeting at 10:20 pm.