

TO: All Staff
FROM: Paula Markey
RE: January 20, 2016, Regular Board Meeting Summary
DATE: Thursday, January 21, 2016

At the Wednesday, January 20, 2016, regular Board meeting of the West Central C.U.S.D. #235 Board of Education, the following items took place:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the West Central Elementary School cafeteria by Board President Lonnie Brent. All Board members were present at roll call except Board Member Kathy White.
2. President Brent led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Under Good News Items the following items were highlighted:
 - In partnership with the local Girl Scout troops, WCE participated in a hat/mitten drive, which were given to many of our students. We also had a canned food drive where the students collected 1,054 items to donate to the local food pantry.
 - The elementary students collected enough Box Tops to earn \$769.40.
 - The West Central Education Foundation awarded grant money to the Pre-K and kindergarten teachers to purchase technology devices to be used within the classroom and to an elementary special education teacher to purchase books for her classroom library.
 - WCHS Departmental Students of the Month:
 - T.J. Peterson – Physical Education
 - John Clem and Chase Stewart – Science
 - Whitney Finley – CTE
 - Ashley Gyovai – Social Studies
 - Brimmie McBride – Fine Arts
 - Braeden Reed – English
 - Kamryn McCabe - Math
4. “Dennis Lawson, Substitute Custodian” was approved as an addition under XIII. Action Items.
5. The Board approved the Consent Agenda. Items approved under the Consent Agenda included the following:
 - The minutes of the December 16, 2015, Regular Meeting and Closed Session
 - The December 2015 bills, December 2015 building Activity Account Reports, the December 2015 Treasurer’s Report, and review of the District Financial Report.
6. The Board approved the implementation of a Work Study Program at WCHS.
7. The Board approved the Athletic Booster’s request to host a Bi-County Conference Alumni Basketball Tournament.

8. The Board approved an IMRF resolution to include compensation paid under an Internal Revenue Code Section 125 Plan as IMRF earnings.
9. The Board approved a resolution providing for the issue of approximately \$1,675,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2016, for the purpose of altering and reconstructing school buildings and purchasing and installing equipment therein for fire prevention and safety, energy conservation and school security purposes, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.
10. The Board approved a Life Safety Amendment to replace the modular roofs at WCHS.
11. The Board approved the Alta Mae Brokaw Memorial Scholarship Fund.
12. The Board reviewed and heard reports from the building principals; Ben Rees, Athletic Director; Melinda Frakes, District Technology Coordinator; and Nancy Smith, District Psychologist and Special Education Director.
 - a. Mrs. Lafary updated the Board on her and Mr. Rees' participation in Crisis Training.
 - b. Mrs. Burns reported on the number of students with no minor infractions 2nd quarter and 1st semester and the successful impact of the PBIS program.
 - c. Mr. Schneider updated the Board on additional Dual Credit offerings for next year.
 - d. Mrs. Frakes recognized the members of the Technology Team.
 - e. Mr. Pilger and Mrs. Frakes reported on the Technology Team's recent visit to a 21st Century classroom.
 - f. Mr. Rees reported that Mr. Blender would be recognized at the February 1 girls' basketball game.
13. Superintendent Markey presented the five year enrollment projections. It is anticipated that enrollment will decline by approximately 50 students over the next five years, particularly at the high school level.
14. The Board discussed a request from the West Prairie School District regarding a possible golf coop.
15. Superintendent Markey and the Building and Grounds Committee updated the Board on outstanding life safety projects and a timeline for completing them.
16. The Board discussed the possibility of expanding the high school cafeteria.
17. The Board discussed security and the possible need for additional classrooms.
18. The Board discussed the possibility of purchasing three backup generators over the next three years (one each year) for the heating system in each building.
19. The Board discussed possible options for the Media facility.

20. The Board entered closed session at 8:08 p.m. to discuss matters related to personnel and contract. The Board exited closed session at 8:50 p.m.
21. The Board took the following action in regards to personnel:
 - accepted the resignation of Chaim McGuire as the Elementary Enrichment Sponsor,
 - employed Dennis Lawson as a substitute bus driver and a substitute custodian pending all pre-employment requirements,
 - employed Kayty Wilson as a Home Bound Instructor,
 - employed Sheena DeBock as the Elementary Enrichment Sponsor,
 - employed Logan Wood as the WCHS Assistant Baseball Coach pending all pre-employment requirements.
22. The Board was reminded that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the West Central Elementary cafeteria.
23. There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned their meeting at 8:57 p.m.