

TO: WC CUSD #235 Employees
FROM: Ralph Grimm, Superintendent
DATE: June 28, 2012
RE: June 27, 2011 Re-Scheduled Regular Meeting of the WC CUSD #235 Board of Education

On Wednesday, June 27, 2012 the West Central CUSD #235 Board of Education conducted their re-scheduled regular meeting. As a result of this meeting the following items took place.

1. Board President Brent called the meeting to order at 7 pm in the north campus library. All board members were present at roll call except Brad Arnold. Mr. Arnold entered the meeting at approximately 7:03 pm.
2. President Brent then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. The board conducted a public hearing for the amended FY12 district budget. President Brent called the hearing to order and roll call was taken and all board members were present for the hearing. No one from the audience or the board offered any public comment on the proposed amended FY12 budget. Board President Brent then declared the public hearing adjourned.
4. Under good news items the following successes were highlighted:
 - The West Central Softball Coaching Staff is excited to announce that thirteen of their players made the Lincoln Trail All Academic Conference Team with a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Out of all the teams in the conference West Central had the largest number of girls receiving this honor. These girls are Alexis Ensminger, Emily Hopping, Monica Brooks, Erin Cavanaugh, Katlyn Johnson, Taylor Rice, Kayla Droste, Madison Newberry, Amanda Cochran, Madeline Brent, Catie Steck, Jennifer Brown and Jenna Schaley. We are very proud of these girls. We also had four girls obtain another goal, making the Lincoln Trail All Conference Team. These girls are Jessica Ditsworth, 1st team, Alexis Ensminger, Madison Newberry, 2nd team and Jenna Schaley, Honorable Mention. We just received some more thrilling news as we had three girls make the Illinois Coaches Association All State Team for 1A. These girls are Alexis Ensminger, 2nd team, Jessica Ditsworth and Madison Newberry made 3rd team. These ladies worked very hard to accomplish all of these awards representing West Central, their families and their Softball program at the highest level.
 - Five students returned from a wonderful and memorable trip to China which was organized by Lisa Lox.
 - Supt. Grimm reported that 6 custodians went to Monmouth to assist Jodi Scott in preparing the new home office of the Regional Office of Education.
5. The agenda was approved as presented.
6. Under recognition of audience request for presentation, the board heard a brief report from Sam Sudaker, a representative of Carl Sandburg College. Mr. Sudaker updated the board on some current happenings that are taking place at CSC.
7. The board approved the consent agenda as presented. Items approved under the consent agenda included:
 - Minutes of the May 23, 2012 regular board meeting;

- Minutes of the May 23, 2012 closed session;
- The Prevailing Wage Resolution and List of Wages;
- Seek Bids for Milk and Bread for the 2012-13 school year;
- Use of the Casey State Bank of Biggsville for the high school and elementary activity accounts and the Bank of Stronghurst for the middle school activity account;
- Continued use of Watkins Photography as the school photographer;
- Gave Supt Grimm approval to pay July bills once written notification from a majority of the board has been received;
- Repayment of the \$250,000 loan from the Working Cash fund to the Transportation Fund;
- The proposed policy revisions for the following policies: Policy 3:40 General School Administration – Superintendent, Policy 4:60 Operational Services – Purchases and Contracts, Policy 4:120 Operational Services – Food Services, Policy 4:180 Operational Services – Pandemic Preparedness, Policy 5:70 General Personnel – Religious Holidays, Policy 5:130 General Personnel – Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information, Policy 5:280 Educational Support Personnel – Duties and Qualifications, Policy 6:70 Instruction – Teaching About Religions, Policy 6:145 Instruction – Migrant Students, Policy 6:235 Instruction – Access to Electronic Networks, Policy 7:50 Students – School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools, Policy 7:80 Students – Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance, Policy 7:140 Students – Search and Seizure, Policy 7:20 Students – Bus Conduct, Policy 7:250 Students – Student Support Services, Policy 7:275 Students – Student Support Services, Policy 7:340 Students – Student Records as presented on first reading.

8. Under financial activity, the board approved the payment of all bills including some additional bills that were presented at the table. Those additional bills that were presented for approval totaled \$22,187.01. The board also approved the May 2012 activity accounts and the May 2012 treasurer's report.
9. The board approved the amended FY 12 district budget as presented. Supt. Grimm pointed out to the board that the amended budget that was being considered had changed from the budget that was put on display a month ago in that the revenue figures were adjusted to reflect receiving less in early distribution of local property taxes than had originally been budgeted. Supt. Grimm pointed out to the board that the amended FY12 budget had called for a deficit of \$1.43 million dollars in terms of expenditures over revenue. He also informed the board that he would update the board on the actual FY12 operating deficit sometime during the first two weeks of July.
10. The board approved a request to seek an additional WCHS boys' assistant basketball coach.
11. The board approved a proposal to change the WCMS boys' fall sports schedules. The significant change in the two sport schedules will mean that the middle school boys' football season will run after middle school baseball season is almost complete as opposed to running at the same times. The hope is that more middle school boys will be able to play baseball and that more middle school boys will be able to play football. The board did direct District Athletic Director Roger Kerfoot to work to adjust the schedule so that there are not three middle school football games during the first week of the new season.
12. The board approved a stipend of \$1000 for those staff members who served as mentors during the 2011-2012 school year.

13. The board approved a life safety amendment in the amount of \$18,840 to make necessary repairs to the WCHS science lab plumbing fixtures and to replace the sound system in the WCHS gymnasium.
14. The board approved a quote from Raynor Door of Peoria in the amount of \$13,089 to replace the north campus bus garage doors and the motors that operate those doors.
15. The board approved a quote from Raynor Door of Peoria in the amount of \$2,732 to replace the WCES cafeteria serving line roll up door.
16. The board took no action regarding a quote that had been received for crack repair work on the south campus parking lot.
17. The board reviewed briefly the Principal reports that were submitted by Mrs. Hanson, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Bradburn. Several questions and comments were offered during this portion of the meeting. The board asked that some additional information be provided to them at an upcoming meeting as of a result of reviewing these reports.
18. The board reviewed the curriculum report that was submitted by Supt. Grimm. Several items from that report were highlighted. Some of the items included were the changes that are being required to the principal and teacher evaluation system and the mandatory training program that the Superintendent and Building Principals must complete in order to be properly certified to conduct these evaluations. In addition, Supt. Grimm alerted the board to the fact that ISAT cut scores are going to change in the very near future and in all likelihood the percentages of our students who meet or exceed standards will fall primarily due to this change in how the cut scores are calculated by ISBE.
19. The board heard a report from District Architect Bill Phillips that was presented to the board's building committee at a meeting last week. Supt. Grimm informed the board that the building committee would be meeting with Mr. Phillips in October to begin discussions about the next ten year life safety survey and the development of a comprehensive capital improvement project plan for the district.
20. The board agreed to sponsor the back to school luncheon for staff as they have done in the past. It was noted that this luncheon will be served on Wednesday, August 15, 2012.
21. The board had a request from Mrs. Arnold regarding the evaluation instrument for district coaches.
22. The board reviewed a list of tentative FY13 board meeting dates. The board had no apparent conflicts with those dates. These meeting dates will be brought to the board at the next meeting for approval.
23. The board reviewed a proposal from music instructors Matt Henning and Joanne Hilligoss for a WCHS music trip to be conducted in 2014. The board was supportive of this proposal and directed Supt. Grimm to bring this item back to the next meeting for action.
24. The board discussed a baton twirling proposal from WCMS teacher Jenny Halcomb. The consensus of the board as a result of the discussion was to invite Ms. Halcomb to the next meeting so that they could clarify some questions about this proposal.

25. The following items were offered as future agenda items:
- The possible offering of lab and power remedial classes at the Middle School similar to what is being offered at WCHS;
 - More information regarding the analyzed end of the year data to mark academic and behavioral success and concerns at the elementary school;
 - A comparison report on the FY11 to FY12 major referral summaries from the elementary;
 - More information regarding the high school math and reading labs.
26. The board entered closed session at 8:47 pm to discuss matters pertaining to personnel.
27. The board exited closed session at 9:24 pm and took the following action:
- Accepted the resignation of Albert Rankin as a district bus driver;
 - Employed Christian Holding as a WCHS math teacher;
 - Took no action on the employment of a WCHS special education teacher or associate;
 - Approved the 2012-13 extra-curricular listing;
 - Approved David Vancil as a WCMS volunteer football coach;
 - Approved Daniel DeWees as a WCHS track coach;
 - Approved continuing to pay four WCHS assistant football coaches;
 - Employed Justin Rakestraw and Ryan Casper as WCHS assistant football coaches;
 - Employed Zach Freiley as WCES enrichment sponsor;
 - Approved the exempt staff salaries for the 2012-13 school year.
28. The board was reminded that there will be no July board meeting. The next scheduled meeting of the West Central CUSD#235 board of education will be on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 beginning at 7 pm in the elementary library. The board was reminded that the regular August meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at 7 pm and this meeting will be held in the elementary cafeteria.
29. There being no other business to come before the board, the board adjourned their meeting at 9:31 pm.