

TO: All Staff
FROM: Ralph Grimm
RE: Summary of Wednesday, May 21, 2014, Board Meeting
DATE: Saturday, May 24, 2014

At the regularly scheduled Wednesday, May 21, 2014, meeting of the West Central Community Unit School District Board of Education, 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. President then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
2. Under Good News Items, the following items were highlighted:
 - The WCMS Boys State Track Meet participants were recognized. Recognized for their performance were: Brock Bigger: Discus - Finished 3rd in the discus; Freemie Shoemaker: 800 and the mile; Luke Ditsworth: 100, Long Jump, 200, 4x100; Jarid Guyton: 100, 4x100; Dawson Link, 4x100, Hurdles; Matthew Bielser- 4x100; Landon Beelman 4x100 (alternate)
 - The Board watched a video presentation on the WCES Enrichment Program as presented by Mr. Hart and Ms. Owings
 - The recently completed WCHS play was mentioned and that over 500 people attended the play over two nights
 - The WCHS Spring music concert was highlighted
 - It was noted that over 160 WCHS students were recognized at the recently completed WCHS Honors Night
 - Several district students were recognized at the Illinois Principals Association Student Recognition Breakfast
 - The Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2014 was highlighted
 - The WCHS FFA program continues to excel at contests
 - The WCMS Awards Program was highlighted
 - The WCMS Promotion ceremony held on Monday, May 20, 2014, was mentioned
 - Mr. Conlee mentioned the recently completed WCMS PBIS 4th quarter assembly and that approximately 77 students were recognized and enjoyed a cookout and free time
 - Prom and After Prom activities were highlighted. It was mentioned that both activities went well and the after prom group appreciated the use of the high school for after school activities
 - It was mentioned how well the building and grounds looked for our graduation and 8th grade promotion ceremony
 - Steve Lumbeck expressed his appreciation for being able to be a volunteer coach for the WCHS Baseball team
 - The Board recognized Melinda Frakes for her role in securing federal E-Rate funding for the district Fiber Project. Mrs. Frakes had recently received word that the district will receive 77% funding for the fiber project from the Universal Service Fund (E-Rate) making the districts portion of the \$415,000 project approximately \$100,000.

- Dr. Brent complimented the entire district staff for the variety of education opportunities that are being provided each day for our students.
3. The Board approved the agenda with the following additions:
 - Item X.M: Consider Approval of Request of WCHS Football Coach to Attend Out of State Football Camp July 29-31, 2014
 - Item XV. D-8: Consider Approval of Resolution of Justin Rakestraw as WCHS Assistant Football Coach
 - Board Member Buss asked to include in the discussion items the Pay to Play idea that the Board is considering
 4. No one wished to address the Board under Recognition of Audience Requests for Presentation
 5. The Board next approved the following items under the consent agenda:
 - The Regular and Closed Session Minutes of the April 16, 2014, Meeting
 - The Boards Continued Membership in the Illinois Association of School Boards
 - The final 2013-2014 School Year Calendar
 - The proposed revisions to the 2014-2015 Student-Parent Handbooks
 - The 2014-2015 Building Level School Improvement Plans
 - The Summer 2014 Behind the Wheel Driver Ed Program
 - The request to advertise for a part-time district technology worker
 - The request to add Shelly Nelson as a signatory to a District bank account at Security Savings Bank
 - The request to purchase an additional bus camera
 6. Under Financial Activity the Board:
 - Approved the bills as presented.
 - Approved the April activity accounts for WCES and WCHS. The April Activity Account report for WCMS will be approved at the June, 2014, meeting
 - Approved the January, February, March and April Treasurer's Reports as presented. Superintendent Grimm thanked Nancy Clark for preparing these reports for approval.
 - Heard a report from Superintendent Grimm on the District Financial Report. It was noted that actual expenditures and revenue should be at 83% of budget after the tenth month of the fiscal year. It was reported that actual revenue to date was at 96.58% of budget and that actual expenditures were at 63.58% of budget. It was noted that the expenditure figures are so low because most of the anticipated work on the district Ten Year Health Life Safety Project has not started yet and thus the district has not been billed for any of that work. It was also noted that the funds allocated in this year's budget for the district water line project have not be spent as of this time as well.
 7. The Board approved a request to advertise for an additional Middle School Math Teacher. The Board was informed that this would be a reinstatement of this position in

that the position was not filled for the 2013-2014 school year, but needs to be filled for the 2014-2015 school year.

8. The Board approved a quote from Jern's Heating and Air Conditioning for the replacement of the furnace at the district owned rental house in the amount of \$4,983.
9. The Board approved a quote from Selective Insurance in the amount of \$136,931 for the district insurance package. This quote is approximately \$4900 less than the district paid for their insurance package for the 2013-2014 school year. This renewal includes increasing the deductible from \$1000 to \$2500. In addition, the Board approved a second recommendation to take out a Tank Pollution policy for \$2,090. This policy will provide coverage for the district in the event of a fuel tank leak. The district received quotes from several different companies for all or part of the district insurance program.
10. The Board approved the request of WCHS Head Football Coach Jeff Housel to take the football team to a team camp July 29-31, 2014, in Upper Iowa University. Board Policy requires approval for all out of state field trips. Participation in the team camp is voluntary and the student athletes will pay for the trip.
11. The Board briefly reviewed the reports submitted from the three building principals; Mr. Grimm as district Curriculum Director; Mrs. Farniok as District Special Ed Coordinator and Mrs. Frakes as District Technology Coordinator.
12. The Board was reminded that this is the time for Board members to indicate whether or not they wish to attend the School Board Conference in Chicago November 21-23, 2014. Board members are to let Mr. Grimm know if they wish to attend.
13. Mr. Grimm briefly reviewed with the Board the summer maintenance and health life-safety work that will be done in the district over the summer.
14. The Board continued discussing the FY Budget Reductions and Cuts. As part of this discussion the Board reviewed a list of budget reductions and cuts that have been approved so far. It was pointed out that the Board has approved approximately \$430,000 worth of reductions or cuts to the FY 15 Budget. As part of the discussion the Board reviewed the list of items left to discuss from the original list of approximately 45 items that was generated. It was decided that the Board would continue the deliberation of those items at either the regular June Board meeting or the special board meeting that will need to take place the last week of June. In addition, the Board heard a report from Superintendent Grimm of a meeting that he had attended with representatives of the Henderson County Nursing home earlier in the week. At that meeting, the district Certified Nursing Assistant program was discussed. Mr. Grimm asked the Board if they would consider allocating \$3000 in FY 15 to share in the cost of continuing the program if the nursing home agreed to do the same. It was the consensus of the Board to agree to this arrangement and Mr. Grimm was directed to bring this item back to the Board for approval at the June Board meeting.

15. The Board heard from Superintendent Grimm that there is need to amend the current FY 14 District Budget, specifically the Operations and Maintenance Revenue Fund and the Bond and Interest Fund. It was noted that the district had been granted two, \$50,000 Maintenance Grants and that that revenue should be included in the Operations and Maintenance Revenue Fund. It was also noted that the district incurred more expenses to sell the 2014 Health Life Safety bonds than were originally included in the budget as well as receiving more proceeds from the bond sale than originally anticipated. The Bond and Interest Fund line items have been amended to reflect the additional revenue and expenditures. The Board directed the Superintendent to put the amended FY 14 budget on display and prepare for the adoption of the amended budget in June.
16. The Board conducted a brief discussion on the ideal of Pay to Play for sports. Specifically, it was suggested that only certain sports be charged participation fee if a Pay to Play program is to be put in place. Mr. Grimm indicated that more information needed to be gathered before a more significant discussion on this topic should take place and the board agreed. This item will be on either the Regular June, 2014, Board meeting agenda or the Special Board meeting that will need to take place the last week of June. Also discussed during this topic was the idea of charging admission for sixth grade sports.
17. Under Future Agenda Items, the Board indicated that they wish to see the Pay to Play topic on next month's agenda as a discussion item and the Certified Nursing Assistant Program as an action item.
18. The Board entered closed session to discuss matters pertaining to personnel at 8:00 pm. The Board returned to open session at 8:24 pm and took the following action:
 - Accepted the Resignations of: Eric Davis as WCHS English Teacher; Chad Robertson as WCES Assistant Principal; Shayna Shinault as WCHS English Teacher and Freshman Class Sponsor
 - Approved the transfers of: Jaime Shultz from Special Services Office Secretary to Unit Office Secretary and Laura Lewis from WCES Special Ed Teacher to WCES Title I teacher
 - Employed Miranda Clark as Full Time District Speech Language Therapist beginning with the 2014-2015 school year.
 - Employed Jonathon Steban as District Instrumental Music Teacher.
 - Accepted the Resignations of: Byron Helt as WCMS Student Council Sponsor; Millie Bundy as WCHS Dance Team Sponsor; Tyler Klossing as WCMS Assistant Football Coach; Dick Goff as WCHS Assistant Football Coach; Amanda Carpenter as WCHS FBLA sponsor and Justin Rakestraw as WCHS Assistant Football Coach
 - Employed the following: Alyssa Hawk as WCHS Dance Team Sponsor and Rachel Reynolds as WCMS Student Council Sponsor
19. The Board re-entered closed session to conduct an employee discipline hearing at approximately 8:50 p.m. The Board returned to open session at approximately 11:30 p.m. and approved a Notice to Remedy for a district certified employee.

20. The Board was reminded that the next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 18, 2014. That meeting will be held in the WCES Cafeteria and will begin at 6 pm.
21. There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:35 pm.