

TO: WC CUSD #235 Employees
FROM: Ralph Grimm, Superintendent
DATE: October 18, 2012
RE: October 17, 2012 Regular Meeting of the WC CUSD #235 Board of Education

On Wednesday, October 17, 2012 the West Central CUSD #235 Board of Education conducted their regular meeting. The following items took place.

1. The board called the meeting to order at 7 pm in the elementary gym. All board members except Dr. Robbins 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:
 - The board recognized approximately 245 students for their academic performance during the 2011-12 school year. Students in grades 3-8 were recognized for exceeding standards on the 2012 ISAT tests, students in grade 9 were recognized for exceeding standards on the EXPLORE test, students in grade 10 were recognized for exceeding standards on the PLAN test and students in grade 11 were recognized for exceeding standards on the PSAE test.
 - The board recognized the WCMS baseball team for their 2nd place finish in the recently completed IESA Class 2A boys state baseball tournament.
 - The board also recognized WCHS golfers, Brooke Bessine and Cierra Pulse for their recent participation in the IHSA State girls golf tournament which was held in Decatur, IL.
4. The board took a short recess and reconvened in the elementary cafeteria at 8:11 pm. All members except Dr. Robbins were present at roll call.
5. The board then added the following good news items:
 - Supt. Grimm thanked Gene Heap, Chase Heap, Mike Cole and Brett Cole for their help in the moving of a salad bar from the 19th floor of a dorm on the WIU campus to our south campus kitchen.
 - Thank you to Petie Parson for accompanying the high school girl golfers to their sectional meet in Pontiac, IL.
 - Barb Scott thanked the Bethel Lutheran Church for a donation to the healthy snack fund and the America Legion Auxiliary for their donation of sweatpants and underclothes.
 - Principal Nichols thanked Monty Klossing for arranging the reception for the MS Baseball team upon their return from the state tournament and also Joe Kane for the fireworks.
6. Supt. Grimm asked the board to add item XI(G). District Library Report to the agenda. The board then approved the agenda with the above change.
7. There was no one in attendance to address the board on any of the agenda items during the audience request for presentation.
8. The board approved the consent agenda. Items approved under the consent agenda included:
 - Minutes of the September 19, 2012 regular board meeting;
 - Minutes of the September 19, 2012 budget hearing;

- Quote from Mark Muhleman for snow removal services for the 2012-13 for snowfall that exceeds two inches for the Media and Stronghurst facilities at the rate of \$65 and \$245 respectively;
 - The 2012-2017 Superintendents Performance Objectives.
9. Under financial activity, the board approved the payment of all bills as presented. The board also approved the activity accounts for each building and the treasurer's report as presented. In addition, the board heard a brief report on the district's financial report from Supt. Grimm. He noted that revenue received to date through the end of September was 25.1% and expenditures through the end of September were at 22.1%. It was also noted that the State of Illinois owes District #235 \$286,736.74 and of that total \$5206 is FY 12 money that has not yet been received by the District.
 10. The board approved the FY 12 district audit report as presented. It was noted that this was an especially clean audit and there was only one audit finding and that related to division of duties in the central office. It was noted that this is a repeat finding and one that can not easily be corrected without hiring additional staff. It was also reported that there were two additional items listed in the management letter that accompanied the audit. Both of the items listed have been or will be taken care of in the very near future.
 11. The board briefly reviewed the 2012 district and school report cards. The board then approved them as presented.
 12. The board approved a request to hold the 2013 Prom at the Catfish Bend Casino in one of the ball rooms. The board reviewed some information that had been provided to them from WCHS Principal Scott Schneider and Jr. Class Sponsors Megan Smith and Michelle Tutor. It was clear that all necessary precautions had been taken to be sure that WCHS students will not have access to the casino or any alcohol that might be served in the facility. The 2013 WCHS Prom is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, 2013.
 13. The board approved a request to use the Media facility to conduct a Zumba exercise class on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm as presented.
 14. The board reviewed a proposed health life safety amendment for the replacement of the dishwasher and other equipment associated with the dishwasher at WCMS. Supt. Grimm presented the board with pictures of the current dishwashing system. The proposed amendment was reviewed and approved in the amount of approximately \$56,000. It was noted that the work will be bid to area companies and that the bulk of the work will hopefully be done during the Christmas break.
 15. The board heard reports from the building Principals and the Assistant Principals. The board also reviewed a curriculum report as presented by Supt. Grimm. The board also reviewed the district technology report from Mrs. Frakes and a special education report from Mrs. Farniok.
 16. The board heard a report on the work of the board's sub-committee on district finances. President Brent informed the board that the committee has met twice and has identified a list of topics to work through relative to District finances. Dr. Brent also informed the group that the committee has begun conversation relative to the 2012 tax levy. The board was informed that more detailed information regarding the 2012 tax levy will be presented to them at the November board meeting. He also informed the board that the committee is looking to develop a plan that will deal with the district's deficit that includes reviewing and reducing district expenditures, the district tax levy and

identifying a ceiling amount of district reserves that can or will be spent in any one year. The board was informed that it is the district finance committee's intention to be complete in their work by the December board meeting so any recommendation can be acted upon at that time.

17. The board briefly reviewed the district library grant for 2012. The board heard a report concerning the operation of the library on the north and south campuses and that the grant application should generate approximately \$650.
18. The only discussion item listed was the 2012 district tax levy. It was agreed upon by the board that this topic had sufficiently been covered during the board's finance committee report.
19. There were no future agenda items identified by the board.
20. The board entered closed session to discuss matters pertaining to personnel at approximately 9:01 pm.
21. The board exited closed session at 9:45 and took the following action:
 - Employed Donna Link as a part time cook at the south campus;
 - Approved a stipend for the elementary RtI team members;
 - Approved an overload stipend amount for Darrell Gittings, Megan Smith and Christina Holding;
 - Employed Alicia Anderson as the WCMS 7th grade girls' volleyball coach;
 - Employed Jacinda Reighard as the WCMS 6th grade girls' volleyball coach;
 - Approved Scott Rhinehart as a volunteer 6th grade girls' basketball coach.
22. The board was reminded that the regular November meeting will be held on Monday, November 19, 2012 and will begin at 6 pm in the elementary cafeteria.
23. There being no other business to come before the board, the board adjourned their meeting at 9:50 pm.