

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY
UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE WEST CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
GYMNASIUM ON AUGUST 10, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by President Schaley at 6:01 pm in the West Central High School Gymnasium. The following board members answered roll call: Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye, via zoom; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Vancil, aye. President Schaley declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Markey, District Attorney Brandon Wright, J. Kirby, J. Peters, K. Lafary, J. Zaiser, Wade Alexander, Nancy Clark, approximately 150 staff, student and community members. Also approximately 90 staff and community members via zoom.

CALL TO
ORDER

President Schaley then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Lumbeck to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Vancil, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE
AGENDA

DISCUSSION ITEMS

President Schaley addressed the audience regarding addressing the Board during the public comments to the Board.

DISCUSSION
OF SAFE
RETURN TO
IN-PERSON
INSTRUC PLAN

Superintendent Markey addressed the audience and presented a power point presentation regarding the consequences of not following Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2021-18 and to IDPH/ISB COVID-19 related guidelines.

Superintendent Markey recommended the Board approve the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services plan as amended to follow Executive Order 2021-18 mandating masks be worn indoors by all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to P-12, regardless of vaccination status.

Board members asked District Attorney Brandon Wright several questions regarding the repercussions of not following the mandate of students and staff wearing masks while in the school buildings.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The following students, parents, community members and staff addressed the Board regarding Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2021-18 and to IDPH/ISBE COVID-19 Related Guidelines: Bailee Ferguson, Carly Tate, Michael Reynolds, Stephanie Evans, Bailey Ryan, Emily Klossing, Lauren Chockley, Austin Chandler, Josh Higgins and State Senator Neil Anderson.

RECOGNITION
OF AUDIENCE

Board members had more questions for District Attorney Brandon Wright.

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Vancil, seconded by Bigger to keep the 2021-2022 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan approved on July 21, 2021 in place. Roll call: Lumbeck, nay; Arnold, nay; Vancil, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Schaley, aye. Motion carried.

SAFE RETURN
TO IN-PERSON
INSTRUC PLAN

PERSONNEL

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Vancil to approve the resignation of Andrea Frieden as West Central Elementary School Assistant Principal as presented with thanks for her service to the district. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Vancil, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye. Motion carried.

A. FRIEDEN
-RESIGN
ASSIST ELEM
PRINCIPAL

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Lenahan to approve the transfer of Julie Ricketts from a West Central Elementary Title I Teacher to a West Central Elementary Fourth Grade Teacher. Roll call: Schaley, aye; Vancil, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

J. RICKETTS
-TRANSFER TO
4TH GRADE

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Vancil to approve the transfer of Megan Bailey from a West Central Elementary School Fourth Grade Teacher to a West Central Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Vancil, aye. Motion carried.

M. BAILEY
-TRANSFER TO
KDG

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Vancil to approve the transfer of Janel Young from a West Central Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher to a West Central Elementary School Pre-Kindergarten Teacher. Roll call: Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Vancil, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

J. YOUNG
-TRANSFER TO
PRE-K

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Lenahan to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 18th DAY OF AUGUST 2021.


Brendan Schaley, Board President


Malinda Clark, Board Secretary