

**TO: West Central Staff and Community**  
**FROM: Stacey Day, Superintendent**  
**DATE: November 21, 2022**  
**RE: Summary of November 15, 2022 Special and Regular Board of Education Meeting**

At the November 15, 2022 Special and Regular Board of Education Meeting, the following took place:

1. The Special Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President Schaley at 5:30 pm. Board members present were: Brendan Schaley, Mindy Clark, Sarah Bigger, Dillan Vancil and Jodi Arnold. Also present for the meeting were: Superintendent Stacey Day and Sara Ryner. The Board moved into closed session to hold a disciplinary hearing. When the Board returned from closed session, they approved a motion to expel student #28023 for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year and place the expulsion in abeyance while the student attends RAES in Monmouth. The Special Board Meeting was then adjourned.
2. The Regular Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President Schaley at 6:00 pm. Board members present were: Brendan Schaley, Mindy Clark, Sarah Bigger, Dillan Vancil, Jodi Arnold and Steve Lumbeck. Also present for the meeting were: Superintendent Stacey Day, Recording Secretary Jaime Shultz, District Administrators: Jason Kirby, Sara Ryner and Joe Peters, and District Technology Coordinator Jeremy Hennings.
3. President Schaley led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. The following items were shared as Good News to Celebrate District Accomplishments:
  - a. WCES Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success. Our library earns \$3000 to be used to buy new books from Scholastic for our readers. A big thank you to our families for supporting reading and our schools!
  - b. The West Central PTC held their annual Fall Festival and it was a huge success. Lots of kids, lots of smiles and lots of fun. Thank you to the volunteers and organizers.
  - c. The Biggsville and Gladstone fire departments came and helped with the North Campus Fire Drill and provided fire safety tips to our WCE Pre-K - 2nd graders.
  - d. The Stronghurst, Media and Raritan fire departments were able to come and help with our South Campus Friday Drill.
  - e. November 15 is Board Member Appreciation Day. Thank you to all of our West Central Board members for their work and dedication to the district.
  - f. School Psychologist Week was last week....thank you to Mallory Nelson for all her work as our District School Psychologist!
  - g. FFA Ag Day was held on October 21 and was a big success.
  - h. The HS football team is headed to STATE! We received an email from the Polo Superintendent praising our boys' sportsmanship and leadership!
5. There was one addition to the agenda for the Middle School Speech Team Presentation to happen about 7:00 pm, when they arrived from their previous meeting

6. The consent agenda was approved 6-0, by a roll call vote on the following items:
  - a. Approved the regular meeting meetings from the Regular Meeting on October 19, 2022
  - b. Approved payment of all bills
  - c. Approved monthly activity accounts
  - d. Approved the retirement of Maria Martin as High School Spanish Teacher
  - e. Approved the resignation of Lene Lox as 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
7. There were no FOIA requests this month.
8. There was discussion held regarding needed work on the football field. Superintendent Day will work with the architect to determine a plan for reshaping, dirtwork and drainage to be done in the spring for next football season.
9. There was a discussion on the discipline program changes at the high school. Mr. Kirby discussed the use of an ISS room/support and training by Joe McQueen on de-escalation and by Jessie Donaldson on trauma and mental health that have helped staff learn new strategies for working with students.
10. The 2022 Summative Designations were presented by Superintendent Day. The elementary school and high school both remained at the Commendable Level, while the middle school remained in Targeted Status. The middle school status is due to their special education population not meeting the needed benchmarks. ISBE uses a variety of academic and climate/culture indicators to determine final rankings. The middle school receives additional funding to support changes and resources for their special education departments.
11. All building principals, the district technology director, special education coordinator and athletic director presented their monthly reports.
12. The board approved the West Central Absenteeism and Truancy Policy, which is a new requirement by ISBE this school year. The policy is based on our Attendance and Truancy information in the Student Handbook, with some clarifications on interventions and supports that are provided by the district when working with students and families, but were not specifically listed in the handbook.
13. The board approved installing 4 vape detectors in the high school bathrooms.
14. The board approved a tentative 2022 tax levy. The proposed levy is estimated to bring in about \$7,093,500 (not including the bond and interest amounts) for next school year. The final tax levy will be presented and approved at the December Board meeting.
15. A request to continue putting on the board agenda work on the football field, so it is able to be done as soon as possible in the spring.
16. The Board moved into closed session at 7:35 pm to discuss Personnel and Negotiation matters.
17. The Board returned from closed session at 8:16 pm and took the following action:
  - a. Approve transfer of Jacqueline Clark to full-time 1:1 Elementary Para
  - b. Approve pay change for Substitute Pam Moore to her placement on the salary schedule (TRS Retiree Return to Work Applicant)
  - c. Approve hiring Michelle Sheehan as a 1:1 Pre-K Para
  - d. Approve hiring Rachel Westfall as District Treasurer
  - e. Approve hiring Jesse Molyneux as Part-Time Middle School Para

- f. Approve hiring Leonard Kay as District Custodian
  - g. Approve Dylan Voyles as Varsity Softball Coach
  - h. Approve Mary Casey as Volunteer Assistant HS Cheerleading Sponsor
  - i. Approve Nicole Ebert as Volunteer Middle School Cheer Coach
  - j. Approve Cody Eaton as WCHS Homebound Instructor
18. The board was reminded our next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria.
19. The board adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.