

TO: West Central Staff and Community
FROM: Stacey Day, Superintendent
DATE: May 22, 2023
RE: Summary of May 17, 2023, Regular Board of Education Meeting

Prior to the May 17, 2023, Regular Board Meeting a public hearing was held regarding the permanent transfer of funds from the Education Fund to the O & M Fund. Present at the hearing were: Dillan Vancil, Mindy Clark, Josh Higgins and Lauren Chockley. Absent were: Schaley, Bigger and Gullberg. There were no comments from the public. Superintendent Day explained the hearing was a formal step after the Board previously approved transferring \$850,000 from the Education Fund to the O & M Fund to pay for the HVAC project.

In between the public hearing and the Regular Meeting, Darren Stewart presented a wood flag to the West Central High School Football Coaches in honor of their state championship season!

At the May 17, 2023 Regular Board of Education Meeting, the following took place:

1. The Regular Board of Education Meeting was called to order by Vice President Vancil at 6:10 pm. Board members present were: Dillan Vancil, Mindy Clark, Karl Gullberg, Lauren Chockley and Josh Higgins. Board members absent: Sarah Bigger and Brendan Schaley. Also present for the meeting were: Superintendent Stacey Day, Recording Secretary Jaime Shultz, District Administrators: Sara Ryner, Kathy Lafary, Jason Kirby, Joe Peters and District Technology Coordinator Jeremy Hennings. Others present at the meeting were: Natalie Ensminger, Lisa Lox, Heather Davis, Lisa Miller, Tammy Slater, Danna Cory, Kendrah Ruebush, Adam Boyle, Jackie Biggs, Tom Williams, Tiffany Ouellette, Oliver Ouellette, Emily Klossing, Julie Ricketts, Jenny Ford, PJ Thompson, Kristi Lumbeck, Laura Lewis, Danielle Covert and Darren Stewart. Jessica Winters arrived at the end of the meeting.
2. Vice President Vancil led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The following items were shared as good news:
 - a. Elementary IPA Student Recognition Award winners: Joseph Inman and Grace Deverell
 - b. Middle School IPA Student Recognition Award winners: Brian Root and Katelyn Ford
 - c. High School IPA Student Award winners: Elaina Fisher and Alexis Strack
 - d. With the assistance of the kindergarten teachers, WCE collected \$272.00 to donate to the Henderson County Library to be used to purchase materials for the Children's Department.
 - e. We appreciate the Stronghurst Lion's Club and the Henderson County Soil and Conservation group for partnering to provide trees to our 4th grade students in recognition of Arbor Day.
 - f. Several of our WC students participated in the 22nd Annual Courageous Smiles Invitational at Illini West High School. We are so proud of our student athletes. This year's special event was dedicated to Wyatt Peterson.

- g. Congratulations to Ms. Cory and our students on their outstanding Spring Music performances.
 - h. Congratulations, thank you, and best wishes to Maria Martin and Richard Clifton on their retirement!
 - i. Aidan Garner and Hailey Manes qualified for the IESA State track and field meet!
 - j. The Bachelor King had 3 fabulous public performances and 1 private show for Oakwood Lane.
 - k. Congratulations to Jessica Winters, Jeremy Hennings and Kim Thompson for being our 2023 ROE Excellence in Education winners for West Central. Jodi Arnold was also recognized for her 12 years on the Board of Education.
 - l. Jeremy Hennings was selected as a Regional ROE Excellence in Education winner by the ROE staff. Congratulations to him!
 - m. Thank you to Dane Fine Coffee for bringing their truck for staff and students during Teacher Appreciation Week and the Seniors last day.
4. There were no changes to the agenda.
5. There were no comments from the public.
6. The following items were approved on the Consent Agenda, by a vote of 5-0:
 - a. Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 19, 2023
 - b. Meeting Minutes of the Closed Session, April 19, 2023
 - c. Meeting Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting, April 27, 2023
 - d. Payment of Bills
 - e. Approval of Activity Accounts
 - f. Approval of Treasurer's Report
 - g. Review of District Financial Report
 - h. Retirement of Richard Clifton, Paraprofessional
 - i. Resignation of Carman Hoenig, WCHS English Teacher
 - j. Resignation of Danna Cory, District Vocal Teacher
 - k. Maternity Leave for Kendrah Ruebush
 - l. Approval of Milk and Bread Bid
 - m. Approval of the Board's Continued Membership in the Illinois Association of School Boards
 - n. Approval of Summer 2023 Behind the Wheel Driver Education Program
 - o. Approval of PRESS Issue 111 Policies on a 2nd Reading
 - p. Approval of Final 2022-2023 Public School Calendar
 - q. Approval of Precision Photo as School Photographer
7. WCES, WCMS and WCHS SIP Plans were presented by teams from each of the buildings. Each group shared their strengths, weaknesses and plans for improvement for the 2023-2024 school year. The Board voted to approve all SIP plans by unanimous voice vote.
8. There was only one FOIA request for this month. The University of Kentucky requested information about high school students in order to send college information to all students.
9. Superintendent Day discussed the Triple I Conference held in Chicago for Board Members each November. Board members are invited to attend the three day

conference and participate in the learning opportunities. Board members currently planning to attend are Clark. Others are to confirm with Superintendent Day in the next few weeks in order to complete registration.

10. A discussion was held on student meal costs for the 2023-2024 school year. Prices have not been raised in the last three school years. Due to the increased cost of food and supplies, Superintendent Day recommended the Board consider a \$0.10 increase in meals. This item will be brought back to the Board for final action in June. (Board member Sarah Bigger arrived at the meeting.)
11. Superintendent Day presented information on the FY23 Amended Budget. She reminded board members that this was planned from the start of the budgeting process as we worked through HVAC and other projects throughout the district. The amended budget will be on display in the district office for those who would like to see the information. The final amended budget will be presented at a Public Hearing before the June Board meeting and a final vote on the budget will be taken during the June meeting.
12. Principals Lafary and Kirby presented additional information from their board reports. The District Technology Coordinator presented his monthly technology report.
13. The Board approved (by a vote of 6-0) the 2024 Consolidated District Plan.
14. The Board approved (by a vote of 6-0) the renewal quote for the District Health Insurance with BCBS at an increase of 9.8%
15. The Board approved (by a vote of 6-0) the District Insurance renewal with Unland Services.
16. The Board approved (by a vote of 6-0) to increase the pay of district employees that work the gate, scorestable, clock, etc during events to \$20/game.
17. The Board tabled action on the HS Greenhouse. The bid for the project came in at \$212,000. The Board will talk with the FFA Alumni to confirm their contribution and then discuss the project at a future date.
18. The Board approved (by a vote of 6-0) to enter into an agreement with Shaila Ayer as a School Psychologist Consultant to cover a maternity leave during the 2023-2024 school year.
19. The Board requested that the greenhouse project and investments be placed on a future agenda.
20. The Board went into closed session at 9:17 pm and when they returned at 10:40 pm they took the following action:
 - a. Approved Victoria Tapscott as WCHS Head Volleyball Coach by a vote of 5-1 (Higgins voting No).
 - b. Approved Laura Lewis as a Homebound Tutor by a vote of 6-0.
 - c. Approved Joel Zaiser as WCHS Summer Credit Recovery Coordinator by a vote of 6-0.
 - d. Approved Alexander Miller as a District Custodian by a vote of 6-0.
 - e. Approved the rehiring of the following MS and HS Coaches for the 2023-2024 school year:

High School Coaches		Middle School Coaches	
Athletic Director	Joel Zaiser	Head Football	Colton Smith
JV Volleyball	Vickie Tapscott	Assistant Football	Chris Root
Head Football	Jason Kirby	8th Volleyball	Victoria Tapscott
Asst. Football	Steve Arnold	7th Volleyball	Jacinda Hill
Asst. Football	Tom Williams	7th Girls Basketball	Lene Lox
JV Boys Basketball	Ross Parcel	6th Girls Basketball	Jena Goff
Varsity Girls Basketball	Tyler Klossing	Assistant Baseball	Ross Parcel
JV Girls Basketball	Jonah Marlow	Head Softball	Dylan Voyhles
JV Baseball	Ross Parcel	Assistant Softball	Hallie Eisniccher
Varsity Softball	Dylan Voyles	Boys Track	Lene Lox
JV Softball	Hallie Eisnichher	Girls Track	Heather Davis
Boys Track	Steve Arnold	Cheerleading	Kim Thompson
Girls Track	Teresa Stevenson	Scholastic Bowl	Christina Ryba/Heather Davis
Football Cheerleading	Amanda Kane		
Basketball Cheerleading	Amanda Kane		
Scholastic Bowl	Adam Boyle		

21. The Board was reminded that the next Regular Board of Education Meeting is on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria.
22. The Board adjourned at 10:42 pm.