

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON NOVEMBER 15, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by President Schaley at 5:30 p.m. in the Elementary Cafeteria. The following board members answered roll call: Arnold, Bigger, Clark, Schaley, and Vancil. Lenahan and Lumbeck were absent. President Schaley declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Day, J. Shultz, and S. Ryner.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There was no one present who wished to address the Board on any agenda items.

HEARING OFFICER

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to appoint President Schaley as the presiding hearing officer. On roll call the following members voted aye: Arnold, Bigger, Clark, and Vancil. Schaley abstained. 4-0 Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to enter closed session pursuant to the Open Meeting Act – 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq. to hear a student discipline case at 5:31 p.m. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the District Office conference room at 5:33 p.m. On roll call the following members voted aye: Arnold, Bigger, Clark, Schaley, and Vancil. 5-0 Motion Carried.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Arnold to return to open session at 5:48 p.m. On Roll call the following members voted aye: Arnold, Bigger, Clark, Schaley, and Vancil. 5-0 Motion Carried.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the West Central Elementary Cafeteria at 5:50 p.m. On roll call the following members voted aye: Schaley, Vancil, Arnold, Bigger, and Clark. 5-0 Motion carried.

RECONVENED

The Board reconvened at 5:50 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria for the Regular Board of Education Meeting. The following Board members were present: Arnold, Bigger, Clark, Schaley, and Vancil. President Schaley declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Day, J. Shultz, and S. Ryner.

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Bigger seconded by Clark, that the 10-day out of school suspension for Student #28023 shall be upheld and that Student #28023 be expelled from West Central CUSD #235 for violating the District Student Handbook by bringing a weapon on school grounds and making a threat towards a school employee. This expulsion is for the remainder of the 2022 - 2023 school year and shall be in abeyance in order to allow said student to attend RAES. Student #28023 may apply for reinstatement at West Central CUSD #235 in August 2023, upon successful completion of coursework at RAES. The following members voted aye on roll call: Arnold, Bigger, Clark, Schaley, and Vancil. 5-0 Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to adjourn at 5:52 p.m. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

RECONVENED

The Board reconvened at 6:00 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria. The following Board members answered on roll call: Arnold, Bigger, Clark, Lumbeck, Schaley, and Vancil. Lenahan was absent. President Schaley declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Day, J. Shultz, J. Kirby, S. Ryner, J. Peters, and J. Hennings.

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

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

- 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!
- 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.
- 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.
- The Stronghurst, Media and Raritan fire departments were able to come and help with our South Campus Friday Drill.
- School Psychologist Week was November 7, 2022, thank you to Mallory Nelson for her work to the District.
- Board Member Appreciation Day was November 15, 2022.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the agenda with the addition of the Speech team presentation at about 7:00 p.m. On roll call the following members voted aye: Bigger, Clark, Lumbeck, Schaley Vancil, and Arnold. 6-0 Motion carried

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There was no one present who wished to address the Board on any agenda items.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lumbeck to approve the consent agenda including the following items:

- The minutes of the regular meeting of October 19, 2022;
- The payment of all bills;
- The West Central Elementary School, West Central Middle School and West Central High School activity accounts for October 2022;
- Retirement of WCHS Spanish Teacher Maria Martin;
- Resignation of WCMS 6th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach Lene Lox;

On roll call the following members voted aye: Clark, Lumbeck, Schaley, Vancil, Arnold, and Bigger. 6-0 Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

No FOIA Request this month.

There was a discussion held regarding work being done on the football field. Superintendent Day will work with the District's Architect to determine a plan. This will be brought back to the Board next month.

Mr. Kirby brought the Board up to date with the use of the ISS room, support, and trauma and mental health training by the Regional Office of Education staff members.

Superintendent Day presented the 2022 Summative Designations. The Elementary and High School both remained at the Commendable Level, and the Middle School remained in the Targeted Status.

REPORTS

The Board reviewed and heard reports from Elementary Assistant Principal J. Peters, and Building Principals S. Ryner, and J. Kirby, and from District Technology Coordinator J. Hennings.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the West Central Absenteeism and Truancy Policy as presented. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Vancil to approve the purchase of four vape detectors for installation in the high school bathrooms as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Lumbeck, Schaley, Vancil, Arnold, Bigger, and Clark. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Arnold to approve the Tentative FY22 Tax Levy Option #2 as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Schaley, Vancil, Arnold, Bigger, Clark, and Lumbeck. 6-0 Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board members were asked to contact Superintendent Day with any future agenda items. Board Member Lumbeck would like to add fieldwork to the football field as a continued discussion item.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to adjourn to closed meeting pursuant of the Illinois Open Meetings Act - 5ILCS 120/2 (2) (16) at 7:33 p.m. to discuss the following subjects:

- A. Personnel - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity;
- B. Negotiations - Collective negotiating matters between the school board and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees;
- C. Litigation – Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the District Office conference room at 7:35 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Arnold, Bigger, Clark, Lumbeck, Schaley, and Vancil.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Arnold to return to open session at 8:14 p.m. On Roll call the following members voted aye: Arnold, Bigger, Clark, Lumbeck, Schaley, and Vancil. 6-0 Motion Carried.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the West Central Elementary Cafeteria at 8:16 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Vancil, Arnold, Bigger, Clark, Lumbeck, and Schaley.

PERSONNEL ACTION

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to approve the transfer of Jacqueline Clark to a full-time 1:1 paraprofessional as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Arnold, Bigger, Clark, Lumbeck, Schaley, and Vancil. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve paying Pam Moore at her placement on the salary schedule for ¾ a day as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Bigger, Clark, Lumbeck, Schaley, Vancil, and Arnold. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Bigger seconded by Clark to approve the employment of Michelle Sheehan as a 1:1 Pre-K paraprofessional as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Clark, Lumbeck, Schaley, Vancil, Arnold, and Bigger. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to approve the employment of Rachel Westfall as the West Central CUSD #235 District Treasurer at a pay of \$200 per month and to place her name on the District account at Midwest Bank as a signatory, pending successful completion of employment paperwork and bonding needs. On roll call the following members voted aye: Lumbeck, Schaley, Vancil, Arnold, Bigger, and Clark. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Vancil to approve the employment of Jesse Molyneux as a part-time Middle School paraprofessional as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Schaley, Vancil, Arnold, Bigger, Clark, and Lumbeck. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Vancil to approve the employment of Leonard Kay as a District Custodian as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Vancil, Arnold, Bigger, Clark, Lumbeck, and Schaley. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to approve Dylan Voyles as WCHS Head Softball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Arnold, Bigger, Clark, Lumbeck, Schaley, and Vancil. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Lumbeck to approve Mary Casey as a volunteer WCHS Cheer Coach for the 2022-2023 school year as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Bigger, Clark, Lumbeck, Schaley, Vancil, and Arnold. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Vancil to approve Nicole Ebert a volunteer WCMS Cheer Coach for the 2022-2023 school year as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Clark, Lumbeck, Schaley, Vancil, Arnold, and Bigger. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to approve Cody Eaton as a Homebound Instructor for a minimum of 5 hours a week at a rate of \$20 per hour as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Lumbeck, Schaley, Vancil, Arnold, Bigger, and Clark. 6-0 Motion carried.

FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Board was reminded that the next regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2022. The regular November Board Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and be held in the elementary cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 14th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.


Brendan Schaley, Board President


Malinda Clark, Board Secretary