

TO: West Central Staff and Community
FROM: Stacey Day, Superintendent
DATE: February 26, 2024
RE: Summary of February 21, 2024, Board of Education Regular Meeting

At the February 21, 2024 Board of Education Regular Meeting, the following took place:

1. The Regular Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President Schaley at 6:01 pm. Board members present were: Mindy Clark, Sarah Bigger, Dillan Vancil, Lauren Chockley, Brendan Schaley and Karl Gullberg. Absent was Josh Higgins, who arrived at 6:03 pm. Also present for the meeting were: Superintendent Stacey Day, District Administrators: Kathy Lafary, Jason Kirby, Sara Ryner, Joel Zaiser and Joe Peters, Recording Secretary Jaime Shultz and District Technology Coordinator Jeremy Hennings.
2. President Schaley led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The following items were presented as Good News:
 - a. WCE celebrated the 100th day of school on January 31 with many activities!
 - b. WCE hosted a parent program for the 4th and 5th grade students and their families on February 5th. Thanks to our Title Team for creating a fun activity involving an Escape Room linked to a topic in our science curriculum.
 - c. The Twin Oaks Golf Course donated \$330 to put towards unpaid lunch balances in the district. They held a trivia night and West Central was selected as a winner for part of the proceeds.
 - d. Addison Webster and Drake Vancil qualified for the State Science Olympiad contest and will compete in Crystal Lake in April.
4. There were no members of the public in attendance to address the Board.
5. The following items were approved by a 7-0 roll call vote as part of the consent agenda
 - a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting, January 17, 2024
 - b. Minutes of the Special Meeting, January 24, 2024
 - c. Minutes of the Closed Session, January 24, 2024
 - d. Minutes of the Building and Grounds Meeting, January 31, 2024
 - e. Minutes of the Special Meeting, February 6, 2024
 - f. Minutes of the Closed Session, February 6, 2024
 - g. Minutes of the Special Meeting, February 9, 2024
 - h. Minutes of the Closed Session, February 9, 2024
 - i. Payment of Monthly Bills
 - j. Approval of Activity Accounts
 - k. Approval of Treasurer's Report
6. There was one FOIA request for this month from the Illinois Retired Teachers Association requesting names and email addresses for certified staff who have notified us they intend to retire at the end of the year.
7. Superintendent Day presented an update on the status of our district investments. All investments are doing well and the next CD to mature is currently at IPAVA State Bank, Superintendent Day will look for the best option for those funds when it reaches maturity.

8. Board members were reminded that they are Mandated Reporters in the State of Illinois for suspected or reported child abuse. All board members signed off on a mandated reporter acknowledgement form that will be kept on file in the district office.
9. The Board held a discussion about solar energy and the different types of projects to consider. There are three different types of projects to consider: leasing of ground where the company pays the district for the land or we can consider installing a solar array onsite and using the energy produced to reduce our energy costs, either by purchasing the equipment on our own or by entering into a Power Purchasing Agreement where an investor owns the equipment. The Board would like Superintendent Day to collect some additional information and follow up with the Board at a future meeting.
10. Principals Kirby, Ryner and Lafary, as well as Athletic Director Zaiser and District Technology Director Hennings presented their monthly reports to the Board.
11. The Board approved transferring \$200,000 from the Debt Service Fund to the Fire Prevention and Safety Fund. There was a large fund balance in the Debt Service Fund. This transfer allows those funds to be used towards Health Life Safety projects in the future. The funds in Debt Service were originally for Health Life Safety projects, this transfer allows the district to use the outstanding balance for those purposes.
12. The Board approved on a 7-0 roll call vote for the HS and MS Activity Accounts to obtain debit cards for use on those accounts.
13. The 10 Year Health Life Safety list was approved by a 7-0 roll call vote. The architects will now work on entering the information into the state system. The final steps are then obtaining approval from the ROE and then from the State Board of Education.
14. The Board approved (by a 7-0 roll call vote) the proposal from DEM Services to abate the asbestos in the Middle School Locker Rooms for a cost of \$24,200.
15. Board Member Higgins asked that a future discussion item be placed on the agenda to consider construction of a new building for use as a weight room for the district.
16. The Board then went into closed session to discuss personnel and negotiations. They returned to open session at 8:38 and approved the following personnel changes from the personnel agenda
 - a. Volunteer - Clinton Stimpson, Dave Knustrom, Lewis McGraw, Steve Fryrear, Thomas Stimpson, Tony Purvis, Thye Ingraham - WCHS Bass Fishing Team Coaches
 - b. Resignation - Teresa Stevenson - WCHS Girls' Track Coach
 - c. Resignation - Trey Goff - WCMS 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach
 - d. Retirement - Jill Colley - WCHS Special Education Teacher
 - e. Employment - Bryce Bigger - WCMS 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach
17. The Board was reminded the next Regular Board of Education Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria.
18. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.