

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PAVING WORK AND REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON MAY 15, 2024.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PAVING WORK

The hearing was called to order by President Schaley at 5:46 p.m., in the Elementary Cafeteria. The following board members answered roll call: Bigger, Clark, Higgins, Schaley and Vancil. Chockley and Gullberg were absent. President Schaley declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Day, K. Lafary, J. Kirby, J. Peters, J. Hennings, and J. Shultz.

Superintendent Day explained the hearing was a formal step. No members of the public were present to address the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

President Schaley declared the public hearing adjourned at 5:47 p.m. Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

RECONVENED

The Board reconvened at 6:00 p.m., in the Elementary Cafeteria for the Regular Meeting. The following Board members answered roll call: Schaley, Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, and Vancil. President Schaley declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Day, K. Lafary, J. Peters, J. Kirby, J. Henning, J. Shultz and members for the WCES and WCHS SIP team members.

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

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

Under good news items the following items were highlighted:

- A big thank you to the Kiwanis Club of Henderson County for their donation to the West Central Pre-School Program.
- Congratulations to Ms. Nannen, Miss Tromblee and our students on their outstanding Spring Music performances
- Elementary IPA Student Recognition Award winners: Tucker Corzatt and Kylie Westfall
- Middle School IPA Student Recognition Award winners: Mason Schaley and Hannah Manes
- High School IPA Student Recognition Award winners: Shelby Bowman and Noah Lenahan
- 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.
- Evelyn Gobel was an individual winner in the 29th Annual Alcohol/Drug Prevention Poster Contest. She received a certificate and Mrs. Wood, who entered many posters from kids in health class received a gift card to keep doing great things with the health class!!
- WCMS State Track Meet Qualifiers - 4x100 Relay Sam Deverell, Jackson Adams, Tyler Ricketts, and Carter Gibb; Shot Put and Discus - Jackson Adams and 800m - Peyton Russell
- 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.
- The Secret Case of Sherlock Holmes had 3 fabulous public performances and 1 private show for Oakwood Lane.
- Congratulations to Julie Ricketts, Nikki Mills, and Amy Chandler being our 2024 ROE Excellence in Education winners for West Central.

- We also want to recognize the following staff members who are retiring at the end of the year: Jill Colley, Joe Peters, Lisa Lox, Kim Allaman, Brenda Stamper, Doug Rutzen and Peggy Shutwell. Thank you for your dedicated service to our district.
- Thank you to Dame Fine Coffee for bringing their truck for staff and students during Teacher Appreciation Week and the Seniors last day.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the agenda as presented with action item 15B removed due to not receiving the updated quote. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no remarks from the public at this meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- The minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 17, 2024;
- The minutes of the Closed Session of April 17, 2024;
- The minutes of the Special Meeting of May 8, 2024;
- The payment of all bills;
- The activity accounts;
- The Treasurer's Report for April 2024;
- The approval of the milk and bread bids;
- The approval of the Summer 2024 Behind the Wheel Driver Education Program;
- The approval of the PRESS Issue 114 Board Policies on 2nd reading;
- The approval of the Final 2023-2024 Public School Calendar;
- The approval of the School Photographer Precision Image.

On roll call the following members voted aye: Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, Vancil, Bigger, and Chockley. 7-0 Motion carried.

The WCES 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 2024-2025 school year.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Vancil to approve the WCES and WCHS SIP Plans as presented. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There was only one FOIA request for this month. A request for video footage from a parking lot.

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 are encouraged to let Superintendent Day know ASAP if they plan to attend the conference, registration opens June 3.

Superintendent Day presented information on the FY24 Amended Budget. The final vote on the FY24 Amended Budget will be taken during the June Board meeting.

Mrs. Ouellette shared a quick update on the district library project and projects she has been working on over the school year.

Superintendent Day presented the Board with a draft copy of updates to the District Athletic Code. Board members were asked to review it and share their feedback in the next two weeks. A final draft will be presented for approval at the June Meeting to be implemented for the 2024-2025 school year.

A reminder of summer projects was provided to the Board: HS HVAC (gym and cafeteria), HS Windows, HS Greenhouse, new flooring in Pre-K Classrooms and new whiteboards and painting in many rooms in the MS and HS. A discussion was held on the MS Locker Rooms. The Board rejected the bid on the full project at their special meeting on May 8, 2024. Superintendent Day will work with the plumber to focus on fixing the drains and installing new plumbing fixtures. We will work to address pieces of the project to make needed changes and conserve costs.

REPORTS

The Board reviewed and heard reports from the Building Principals K. Lafary, J. Kirby, and District Technology Coordinator J. Hennings.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Chockley to approve the 2024-2025 student meal costs as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Higgins, Schaley, Vancil, Bigger, Chockley, Clark, and Gullberg. 7-0 Motion carried

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to approve the Unland renewal quote for our district insurance package as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Schaley, Vancil, Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, and Higgins. 7-0 Motion carried

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to approve the bid from Trotter Contracting, inc for the elementary canopy project, at a cost of \$155,000, as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Vancil, Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, and Schaley. 7-0 Motion carried

Motion by Chockley, seconded by Gullberg to approve the elementary assistant principal job description as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, and Vancil. 7-0 Motion carried

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board members were asked to contact Superintendent Day with future agenda items.

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 8:55 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;

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the District Office conference room at 9:01 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, and Vancil.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Gullberg to return to open session at 10:03 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, and Vancil. 7-0 Motion carried.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the West Central Elementary Cafeteria at 10:07 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, and Vancil.

PERSONNEL ACTION

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the rehire of Tyler Klossing as WCHS Girls' Head Basketball Coach. On roll call the following members voted aye: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, Vancil, and Bigger. 7-0 Motion carried

Motion by Clark, seconded by Vancil to approve the personnel agenda as follows:

West Central School District School Board Meeting Personnel Items for Board Approval Wednesday, May 15, 2024		
<i>Please note: the following new appointments are pending completion of all certifications, requirements, and clearance on the state required background investigation.</i>		
Personnel Changes		
Name	Title	Salary
Volunteers:		
Michelle Sheehan	WCHS Cheer Coach	N/A
New Appointments:		
Renata Conway	WCHS Cheer Coach	WCATS Contract
Kristen Mynatt	WCHS Head Volleyball Coach	WCATS Contract
Change of Assignment:		
Lene Lox	WCMS Math Teacher	
Teresa Stevenson	WCMS English Teacher	
Board acknowledges the following resignations/retirements:		

Doug Rutzen	District Bus Driver	
Brenda Stamper	District Cook - Effective April 22, 2024	
Allen Tomson	District Custodian - effective immediately	
Lisa Lox	WCMS Play Director	
Jacinda Hill	WCMS 7th Grade Volleyball Coach	

On roll call the following members voted aye: Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, Vancil, Bigger, and Chockley. 7-0 Motion carried

FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Board was reminded that the next regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 6:00 p.m., in the elementary cafeteria. There will be a FY24 Amended Budget Hearing at 5:45 pm on the same night.

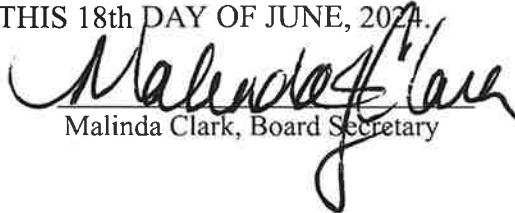
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clark, seconded by Chockley to adjourn at 10:08 p.m. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 18th DAY OF JUNE, 2024.



 Brendan Schaley, Board President



 Malinda Clark, Board Secretary