

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON FEBRUARY 19, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Schaley at 6:00 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria. The following board members answered roll call: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, and Schaley. Board Members Bigger and Vancil were absent. President Schaley declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Day, J. Shultz, K. Lafary, B. Taylor, B. Kugler, B. Helt, J. Kirby, J. Hennings, J. Zaiser and community member Matt Weber.

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

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

- WCE celebrated the 100th day of school on January 30 with many activities!
- WCE hosted a parent program for the 4th and 5th grade students and their families on February 10th. Thanks to our Title Team for creating a fun activity involving an Escape Room linked to a topic in our science curriculum.
- Mrs. Mills, along with her third grade students, wants to thank everyone who participated in the "Love Makes the World Go Round" activity. They have reached their goal of receiving a piece of mail from each state! They are on display in the elementary entryway. What a great way to show a simple act of kindness!
- Eighth grader, Islia Rodeffer, was selected as a member of the new Junior ILMEA State Choir. She was one of about 150 students, selected out of over 1000 applicants throughout the State of Illinois. What a great experience!
- Both of our Middle School Boys Basketball Teams had great seasons! Our 7th graders made it to sectionals (after a regional championship in our home gym!) and the 8th graders made it to their regional championship game. Congratulations on a great season!
- February Rise and Shine Acknowledgements - Adam Boyle, Allison Harden, Ariel Dillard, Amy Chandler, Bailey Stombaugh, Brice McBride, Chris Ervin, Connie Wiley, Erin Clark, Jackie Biggs, Janis Link, Jessie Winters, Judy Kelly, Kathy Lafary, Kayla Crum, Kelly Davis, Kristi Lumbeck, Mackenzie Johnson, Nikki Mills, Bob Flemming, Ross Parcel, Brittney Kugler, Byron Helt and Coach Kelly.
- The first West Central Alumni Basketball weekend was earlier this month. It was a fun event and we can't wait to watch the event grow!

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Clark, seconded by Chockley to approve the agenda as presented. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. 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 Gullberg to approve the consent agenda including the following items:

- The minutes of the regular meeting of January 15, 2025;

- Closed session minutes of January 15, 2025;
- The payment of all bills;
- All activity accounts;
- The treasurer's report for January 2025;

On roll call the following members voted aye: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, and Schaley. 5-0 Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

We received two FOIA requests this month. One from the Illinois Retired Teachers Association. The Illinois Retired Teachers Association annually asks for names and contact information for any certified staff that are retiring this year. The Galesburg Reporter requested any emails over the last 12 months that included the phrases "Lucy Calkins" and "Units of Study". Both requests were completed within the needed time frame.

Board members were reminded that they are Mandated Reporters in the State of Illinois for suspected or reported child abuse. All board members signed a mandated reporter acknowledgement form that will be kept on file in the district office.

Superintendent Day provided an update on our State Lunch Monitor Visit that happened at the end of January. The Lunch Monitor provided a list of areas for us to make changes and improvements on moving forward: Menu Compliance, Serving Sizes, Offer vs. Serve Training, Appropriate Meal Components and Point of Sale training for appropriate charging of meals. We will work on plans for the needed changes and share that information out with staff, students and families as needed.

Superintendent Day discussed the need to set a Building and Grounds Committee Meeting in order to start working on a timeline of projects in our 10-Year Health Life Safety list as we work on our plans for the needed repairs. This will connect to the upcoming bond issue late in the summer/early fall. The Board discussed holding a work session specific to this issue in a few weeks so that all Board members are able to participate and discuss the projects.

Superintendent Day will work on setting up a meeting date and time. No formal action will take place at this meeting, it will just be a work session to discuss projects and make plans for the future.

REPORTS

The Board reviewed and heard reports from the Building Principals K. Lafary, B. Kugler, and J. Kirby. District Technology Coordinator Jeremy Hennings and Athletic Director Joel Zaiser.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Clark, seconded by Gullberg to approve the farm lease 5 year extension, as presented. On roll call the following board members voted aye: Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, and Chockley. 5-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Chockley to declare the 2016 Dodge Grand Caravan SE as surplus, as presented. On roll call the following board members voted aye: Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, Chockley, and Clark. 5-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Schaley to approve the WCHS Volleyball summer overnight tournament in Clinton, IA, as presented. On roll call the following board members voted aye: Higgins, Schaley, Chockley, Clark, and Chockley. 5-0 Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Clark, seconded by Gullberg to adjourn to closed meeting pursuant of the Illinois Open Meetings Act - 5ILCS 120/2 (2) (16) at 6:41 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 6:50 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, and Schaley. Also present was S. Day. High School Principal entered the closed session at 9:23 p.m., and exited at 9:51 p.m.

Motion by Gullberg, seconded by Chockley to return to open session at 10:04 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, and Schaley. 5-0 Motion carried.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the elementary cafeteria at 10:05 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, and Schaley.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Gullberg to approve the personnel items as presented.

West Central School District School Board Meeting Personnel Items for Board Approval Wednesday, February 19, 2025		
<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:		
Clinton Stimpson	WCHS Bass Fishing Team	N/A
Dave Knustrom	WCHS Bass Fishing Team	N/A
Lewis McGraw	WCHS Bass Fishing Team	N/A
Steve Fryrear	WCHS Bass Fishing Team	N/A
Darren Steele	WCHS Baseball Coach	N/A
Amanda Corzatt	WCHS Volleyball Coach	N/A
New Appointments:		
Stacie Anderson, Nikki Mills, Samera Leshar, Karri Wallace, Jessica Winters, Loren Fox, Julie Ricketts, Laura Lewis, Dylan Brooks, Michelle Johnson, Kara Keating, Allissa Wheeler	WCES After School Tutors	\$22.00/hour
Sheila Moore	District Bus Driver	Daily Route Pay
Leaves:		
Tiffany Ouellette - Maternity Leave	District Librarian	N/A

On roll call the following members voted aye: Schaley, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, and Higgins. 5-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Gullberg to approve the three year contract extension for Bryan Taylor, Brittney Kugler, Byron Helt, Jason Kirby, and Joel Zaiser from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028, as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, and Schaley. 5-0 Motion carried.


FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Board was reminded that the next regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday March 19, 2025.

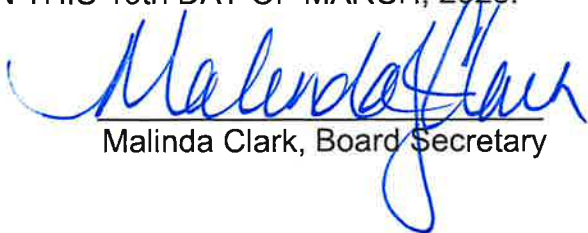
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clark, seconded by Gullberg to adjourn at 10:07 p.m. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 19th DAY OF MARCH, 2025.



 Brendan Schaley, Board President



 Malinda Clark, Board Secretary