

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON JANUARY 15, 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: Clark, Chockley, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, and Vancil. Board Member Bigger was absent. President Schaley declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Day, Principals K. Lafary, B. Kugler, J. Kirby, District Technology Coordinator J. Hennings.

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

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

- Henderson County Handicapped Children's Trust, Charles Vaughn, TTEE donated \$3500 to our special education transportation fund.
- Illinois State Scholars Kevin DeMent and Rozella Liggett were recognized.
- January Staff Rise and Shine Acknowledgements. The following staff members were recognized by their colleagues for showcasing what it means to Rise and Shine each day to serve our students and community: Allison Harden, Kathy Lafary, Petie Parsons, Tracy Eastin, Lene Lox, Laura Lewis, Kim Thompson, EJ Santos, Karri Wallace, Amy Chandler, Bryan Taylor, Cindy Boyd, Tiffany Ouellette, Jenny Ford and Paige Torrance. Thank you for all you do for West Central!
- A huge thank you to those who make the Henderson County Angel Tree a success! Our students and families greatly appreciate all the time, effort and work that goes into supporting that program.
- Middle School ISBE Summative Designation Improvement, improving from Comprehensive to Commendable!
- WCE 5th grade students, along with Ms. Lewis, organized the Food Drive this year. They collected 603 items this year. These donated items were given to FOCC, our local food pantry, to help support the families in need in our community.
- Congratulations to our Early Childhood Program staff for achieving the ExceleRate Illinois Gold Circle of Quality rating. This accomplishment is a recognition of the elementary's achievement and commitment to quality early learning.

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 were no comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- The minutes of the regular meeting of December 18, 2024;
- Closed Session minutes of December 18, 2024;
- The payment of all bills;

- All activity accounts;
- The treasurer's report for December 2024;
- The 2024-2025 District Seniority List for Certified and Support Personnel.

On roll call the following members voted aye: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, and Vancil. 6-0 Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no FOIA requests this month.

REPORTS

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

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Clark, seconded by Vancil to approve the Vision 2030 Resolution as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, Vancil, and Chockley.

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 Chockley to adjourn to closed meeting pursuant of the Illinois Open Meetings Act - 5ILCS 120/2 (2) (16) at 6:39 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 6:44 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, and Vancil. Also present was S. Day.

Motion by Chockley, seconded by Gullberg to return to open session at 9:12 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, and Vancil.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the elementary cafeteria at 9:14 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Chockley, Clark Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley and Vancil.

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, January 15, 2025**

Please note: the following new appointments are pending completion of all certifications, requirements, and clearance on the state required background investigation.

Personnel Changes

Name	Title	Salary
Volunteers:		
New Appointments:		
Jordain Johnson	SIP Team Member	WCATS
Leaves:		
Resignation/Retirement:		

On roll call the following members voted aye: Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, Vancil, Chockley, and Clark. 6-0 Motion carried.

FUTURE MEETING DATE

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

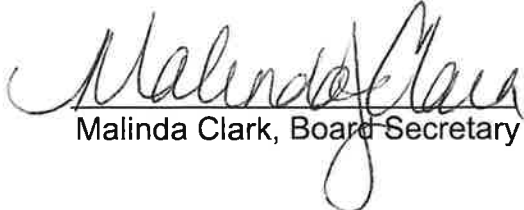
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clark, seconded by Chockley to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

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



Brendan Schaley, Board President



Malinda Clark, Board Secretary