

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON OCTOBER 16, 2024

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: Bigger, Clark, Higgins, and Schaley. Board members Chockley, Gullberg, and Vancil were absent. Gullberg entered the meeting at 6:03 p.m. President Schaley declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Day, Recording Secretary J. Shultz, K. Lafary, B. Taylor, B. Kugler, B. Helt, and J. Kirby.

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

## GOOD NEWS ITEMS

- Thank you to the WCHS FFA for Ag Day on September 26.
- Illinois Principals Day is on Friday, October 25, 2024. We want to thank all of our district principals for all they do for our district.
- The Homecoming Alumni Event was a HUGE success! Miranda Gullberg and her team worked tirelessly to plan the event and we had over 180 alumni attend!
- 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.

## APPROVE AGENDA

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

- The minutes of the FY25 Budget Hearing;
- The minutes of the regular meeting of September 24, 2024;
- Closed session minutes of September 24, 2024;
- The minutes of the Special Meeting of October 1, 2024,
- Closed session minutes of October 1, 2024;
- The payment of all bills;
- All activity accounts;
- The treasurer's report for September 2024;

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

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

No FOIA requests were received this month.

Superintendent Day reminded the Board that next month is the Triple I Conference that Board Members Bigger and Clark will be attending, as well as Superintendent Day. They will attend a variety of sessions and bring that information back to the Board at our December meeting.

Superintendent Day provided a quick update on the District Mentoring Program provided by Adam Boyle, WCATS Co-President and Lead Mentor. The mentoring program has matched every first year teacher with a mentor. Every mentor has been working closely with their mentee and building those connections. They have a Mentoring Program Google Classroom where they have a high level of communication across the program. They have received a lot of positive feedback from both mentors and mentees and look forward to watching the program grow.

An initial draft of a Health Aide Job Description was presented for consideration as we look to add this position to our staff. The Board was asked to take a look and send Superintendent Day questions or suggestions before the November meeting and we will take formal action at that meeting.

### REPORTS

The Board reviewed and heard reports from the Building Principals K. Lafary, B. Kugler and J. Kirby.

### ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to approve the early graduation request of Ashley Meyer, pending completion of all graduation requirements, as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, and Bigger. 5-0 Motion carried.

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board was reminded to contact President Schaley or Superintendent Day for requested future agenda items.

### CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Bigger seconded by Clark to adjourn to closed meeting pursuant of the Illinois Open Meetings Act - 5ILCS 120/2 (2) (16) at 6:10 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 6:12 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Bigger, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, and Schaley. Also present was S. Day.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Gullberg to return to open session at 6:29 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Bigger, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, and Schaley. 5-0 Motion carried.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the elementary cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Bigger, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, and Schaley.

**West Central School District  
School Board Meeting  
Personnel Items for Board Approval  
Wednesday, October 16, 2024**

*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
<b>Volunteers:</b>		
Brian Good	6th Grade Boys Basketball	N/A
<b>New Appointments:</b>		
Kayla Johnson	Paraprofessional	WCATS
Adam Boyle	Overload 1st Semester	WCATS
Allen Hyett	Long-Term Substitute - HS Ag - 1st Semester	\$175/day
<b>Resignation:</b>		
Stephanie Adams	WCHS Ag Teacher - SIP Team Member (effective October 1, 2024)	
Nicole Ebert	WCMS 6th Grade Volleyball Coach	
Ryan Bigger*	District Custodian	

\*Separate motion

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to approve the personnel items as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Higgins, Schaley, Bigger, Clark, and Gullberg. 5-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Gullberg to approve the resignation of Ryan Bigger on the basis of job abandonment. On roll call the following members voted aye: Schaley, Bigger, Clark, Gullberg, and Higgins. 5-0 Motion carried


FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Board was reminded that the regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to adjourn at 6:31p.m. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 13th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.

  
Brendan Schaley, Board President

  
Malinda Clark, Board Secretary