

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON NOVEMBER 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Schaley at 6:04 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria. The following board members answered roll call: Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Schaley, and Vancil. Board Member Higgins was absent. President Schaley declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Day, J. Shultz, K. Lafary, B. Taylor, B. Kugler, J. Kirby, and J. Zaiser.

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

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

- A big thank you to all of our families for supporting reading and our schools by purchasing items at our most recent Scholastic Book Fair at both the elementary and the middle school.
- 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, along with the local businesses that participated in this fun family event.
- Thank you to our local fire departments who visited the elementary and shared safety tips and information on fire prevention with our students in PK-2nd grade.
- The Middle School Veteran's Day Assembly on Friday was a great success. Thank you to all of our Veterans for attending and to the students and staff who planned the event.
- Rebbeca Hinshaw qualified for the IHSA State Swim Meeting in the 50m Freestyle. She will swim on Friday afternoon in the pre-lims.

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 Bigger to approve the consent agenda including the following items:

- The minutes of the regular meeting of October 16, 2024;
- Closed session minutes of October 16, 2024;
- The minutes of the special meeting of November 4, 2024;
- The payment of all bills;
- All activity accounts;
- The treasurer's report for October 2024;

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Day reported that there were two FOIA requests this month. One from an employee requesting video footage from lunch, which was denied due to student privacy requirements.

ProPublica submitted a FOIA request needing data on expulsions held in abeyance from 2014 - present. Both requests were responded to in the required timeframe.

Superintendent Day discussed the 2024 Summative Designations for each building. The High School and Middle School earned Commendable Ratings, the Elementary School was given a Targeted

Rating, based on the Children with Disabilities subgroup. The Middle School will continue in their School Improvement Status, due to their Comprehensive Status last year. The Elementary School will now start a 4-year School Improvement Status. Additional information about the designations can be found at www.illinoisreportcard.com.

Superintendent Day and Board Members Chockley and Clark gave a short update on the Strategic Planning Process. A Stakeholder Advisory Group was held, with 13 community members in attendance, to discuss a variety of areas in the district. The discussion was open, honest and a good start to the strategic planning process. The information from the Stakeholder Advisory Group will be taken back to the District Strategic Planning Team to use when creating a survey instrument that will be shared with all stakeholders in our District. The information collected in the survey will help determine areas that we need to focus on for the future. The end result at the end of the year will be a 5-year strategic plan for the district.

REPORTS

The Board reviewed and heard reports from the Building Principals K. Lafary, B. Kugler and J. Kirby and High School Athletic Director Joel Zaiser.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Chockley, seconded by Gullberg to approve the FY24 Tax Levy Option 1 estimated at \$8,118,205 for next school year, as presented. On roll call the following board members voted aye: Clark, Gullberg, Schaley, Vancil, Bigger, and Chockley. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Bigger seconded by Clark to approve the Health Aide job description as presented. On roll call the following board members voted aye: Gulberg, Schaley, Vancil, Bigger, Chockley, and Clark. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the FY24 Audit as presented. On roll call the following board members voted aye: Schaley, Vancil, Bigger, Chockley, Clark, and Gullberg. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to approve Press Plus Issue 117 on the first reading. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board was reminded to submit future agenda items to Superintendent Day or President Schaley.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Bigger seconded by Chockley to adjourn to closed meeting pursuant of the Illinois Open Meetings Act - 5ILCS 120/2 (2) (16) at 7:22 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 7:26 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Schaley and Vancil. Also present was S. Day.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Chockley to return to open session at 8:45 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Schaley and Vancil. 6-0 Motion carried.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the elementary cafeteria at 8:47 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Schaley and Vancil.

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

West Central School District School Board Meeting Personnel Items for Board Approval Wednesday, November 13, 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:		
Bethany Nannen	WCHS Boys' Swimming Coach	N/A
New Appointments:		
Kayla Johnson	WCMS 6th Grade Volleyball Coach	WCATS
Lene Lox	WCMS 7th Grade Volleyball Coach	WCATS
Erin Clark	WCMS 8th Grade Volleyball Coach	WCATS
Connie Wiley	District Health Aide	\$17.00/hour
Tessa Sargeant	WCHS CTE Teacher	WCATS
Adam Boyle	WCHS Speech Coach	WCATS
Leaves:		
Trisha Forquer	Maternity Leave	
Resignation/Retirement:		
Connie Sue Torrance	Data Entry Coordinator (effective June 30. 2026)	

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

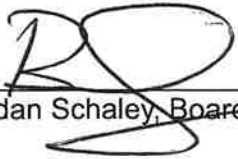
FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Board was reminded that the next regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chockley, seconded by Bigger to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

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


Brendan Schaley, Board President


Malinda Clark, Board Secretary