

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON AUGUST 21, 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: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, and Vancil. Board Member Bigger was absent. President Schaley declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Day, J. Shultz, K. Lafary, B. Taylor, B. Kuglar, B. Helt, J. Kirby, J. Zaiser, J. Hennings, Jessica Winters, and Jamie Tucker.

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

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

Under good news items the following items were highlighted:

- We had many West Central Students who participated in the Henderson County Fair! It was a great week to watch them participate outside of their school activities.
- We had a great 1st couple of days of school!
- Mrs. Day gave a shout out to all of the staff and students for their flexibility and help on the first Friday when we didn't have power or internet at the North Campus.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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 Special Board Meeting - Board Retreat of July 27, 2024;
- The minutes of the Special Board Meeting of August 6, 2024;
- The payment of all bills;
- The Treasurer's Report for June and July 2024;
- The approval of all activity accounts.

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.

Superintendent Day and Building Administrators provided a quick report on the opening of school. A successful first week. Lots of changes on bus routes with only minor issues that were worked out quickly. Dr. Kelly Stewart presented 'The Power of Positive Leadership' to the district staff on Wednesday and the staff enjoyed the presentation. Even with the power/internet issue on the first Friday, it has been a successful start to the year.

A short discussion on our Cell Phone Policy was held. Our current policy is working well for the start of the year (Elementary/Middle School - phones off when in the building, High School - no phones during class). The administration and staff will continue to monitor and report in their monthly administrative reports, how things are going each month. If we see increased concerns with cell phones, we will discuss the policy again and make adjustments as needed.

Superintendent Day provided an update to the Board following the Board Retreat held in July. We discussed Staff Appreciation, Community Engagement, Short-Term Facility Projects and Portrait of a Graduate (what do we want our graduates to 'look' like). The staff have received surveys to complete for their wish lists and those responses are online for those who have already submitted responses. The facility focus will be on the MS Locker Rooms this year. The administration will work on detailed plans for Community Engagement and Job/College Exploration and Skills needed.

REPORTS

Verbal updates/reports were provided by building administrators, the Athletic Director and Jeremy Hennings (District Technology Coordinator).

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Clark, seconded by Chockley to approve the tentative FY25 District Budget as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, Vancil, and Chockley. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Vancil to approve PRESS Plus Issue 116 on first reading as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, Vancil, Chockley and Clark. 6-0 Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board requested the following items be listed on the agenda for the next Regular Board of Education Meeting: Update on Mentor Program, Bus Route Software, and District Lunch Program/Plan.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Chockley, seconded by Gullberg to adjourn to closed meeting pursuant of the Illinois Open Meetings Act - 5ILCS 120/2 (2) (16) at 7:19 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 7:23 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 8:40 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley and Vancil. 6-0 Motion carried.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the elementary cafeteria at 8:40 p.m.. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley and Vancil.

PERSONNEL ACTION

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

West Central School District School Board Meeting Personnel Items for Board Approval Tuesday, August 21, 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
New Appointments:		
Kimberly Thomspen	WCES Enrichment Sponsor	WCATS Contract
Bob Stockham	Long-Term Sub (Maternity Leave)	\$175/day
Leaves:		
Molly Edwards	Maternity Leave	

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

FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Board was reminded that the FY25 Budget Hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., in the elementary cafeteria. The regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

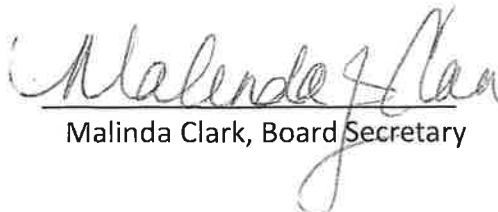
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clark, seconded by Chockley to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 24th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.



Brendan Schaley, Board President



Malinda Clark, Board Secretary