

TO: West Central Staff and Community
FROM: Stacey Day, Superintendent
DATE: April 21, 2025
RE: Summary of April 15, 2025, Board of Education Regular Meeting

At the April 15, 2025, Board of Education Regular Meeting the following took place:

1. The Regular Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President Schaley at 6:00 pm. Board members present were: Mindy Clark, Karl Gullberg, Brendan Schaley, Josh Higgins, Dillan Vancil and Sarah Bigger. Absent was Board Member Lauren Chockley. Also present for the meeting were: Superintendent Stacey Day, Recording Secretary: Jaime Shultz, District Administrators: Kathy Lafary, Jason Kirby, Brittney Kugler, Bryan Taylor, Byron Helt and Technology Coach Jeremy Hennings.
2. President Schaley led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The following items were presented as Good News Items:
 - a. Country Financial Insurance brought in drinks and snacks for the staff to show their appreciation for all their work in our District.
 - b. Raritan State Bank is partnering with WCE during the month of April in recognition of Community Banking Month. Our 4th grade students visited the bank and they also sponsored a coloring contest.
 - c. Mrs. Ackermann is organizing a building challenge to raise money for the Henderson County Public Library by collecting coins. We appreciate their support throughout the school year and we all know that "A Little Change Makes A Big Difference".
 - d. The following staff members were recognized as April Rise and Shine Awards (59 different acknowledgements in total!) - Adam Boyle, All HS Paras (Petie Parsons, Bailey Stombough, Ashley Dermer and Tracey Richers), Alyssa Hawk, Ariel Dillard, Beatrice Thomas, Brittney Kugler, Byron Helt, Christina Ryba, Doug Dennison, Erin Clark, Hallie Eisnicher, Heather Davis, Jason Kirby, Jena Goff, Jeremy Hennings, Jessica Burrell, Jessica Winters, Joel Zaiser, Jordain Johnson, Julie Ricketts, Laura Lewis, Judy Kelly, Kara Keating, Karri Wallace, Kathy Lafary, Kayla Johnson, Kim Thompson, Krystal Busch, LeaAnn Nylin, Lene Lox, Maddie Leath, Mary Casey, Molly Edwards, Payton Clark, Sara McVey, Sherri Walters, Stacie Anderson, Steve Arnold, Taylor Carpenter, Teresa Stevenson, Tiffany Byers, and Tom Williams.
 - e. Addie Seitz threw her 800th strikeout this week and is on her way to even more during the rest of the softball season!
 - f. Damon West came and spoke with all of our students on March 27. He had a great message that was tailored to each of the different grade levels.
4. The Board approved the agenda as presented.
5. There was no one from the public in attendance to address the Board.
6. The following items were approved by a 6-0 roll call vote as part of the consent agenda:
 - a. Meeting Minutes of the Special Meeting - Board Work Session, March 12, 2025
 - b. Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 19, 2025

- c. Meeting Minutes of the Closed Session, March 19, 2025
 - d. Meeting Minutes of the Special Meeting, March 25, 2025
 - e. Meeting Minutes of the Closed Session, March 25, 2025
 - f. Payment of Monthly Bills
 - g. Approval of Activity Accounts
 - h. Approval of Treasurer's Report
 - i. Proclamation Regarding National Teacher Appreciation Week
7. The District received 10 FOIA requests this month from ACB asking for vendor information from FY1995 to FY2024. The request was for all vendors who were paid \$500 or more. The District responded to all requests within the needed timelines. This was an AI request that went throughout the state.
8. The Board discussed holding a Summer Board Retreat again this coming summer. Superintendent Day will check with the Henderson County Public Library for available dates and report back to the Board.
9. A short discussion was held on starting a wrestling program at the high school during the 2025-2026. This item will be moved to an action item for the next Board meeting. Administration and Superintendent Day will collect information on estimated costs for the program.
10. Superintendent Day discussed the updated Strategic Plan with the Board that came from the work of the District Team and results of the District Stakeholder Survey completed in December. The Strategic Plan will guide the focus of the District for the next 5 years. The next step is for the District Team to determine specific action steps to accomplish the items on the plan.
11. Superintendent Day discussed the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) assessment for this year. CEP is the program that allows schools to provide breakfast and lunch free for all students, either in a specific building or in the entire district. West Central qualifies for the program with 43% of our students meeting the requirements (directly certified to receive free breakfast/lunch) to participate. While West Central qualifies for the program, based on the reimbursement estimation tool provided by ISBE, if we were to participate at this time, West Central would lose about \$7,000 per month in reimbursement. In addition, Superintendent Day reported that there is concern with the funding for the National School Breakfast/Lunch program overall.
12. The building administrators and District Technology Coach provided their monthly reports.
13. The Board voted to declare two kilns as surplus by a 6-0 roll call vote. The kilns no longer work and it is not cost effective to repair them at this time.
14. The Board approved the 2025-2026 Registration and Technology Fees by a 6-0 roll call vote. There was no change in fees from this year. The fees will be: \$55 elementary, \$65 middle school, \$85 high school and \$30 technology fee.
15. Superintendent Day presented an opportunity for a district magazine through Journey 12, which would be paid for through the Stronger Connections Grant (not local funds). The project is a full color magazine highlighting students, staff and/or community members and their connection to West Central. The magazine would be mailed out to all mailing addresses in the entire District. Journey 12 does all of the work to interview

selected stakeholders, write the articles, take the pictures, design the layout, print and mail out the publication. Due to the cost of the publication (\$19,000), the Board tabled the decision until next month and is investigating alternatives for the project.

16. The Board requested that the following items be on the next agenda for the Board: Playgrounds, Wrestling Program and District Magazine (Heat Index).

17. The Board came out of Closed Session and took the following action:

a. Rehired the following Winter Coaches by a 6-0 roll call vote:

Winter Coach Rehire Recommendations			
As of 4/15/25			
High School		Middle School	
Varsity Girls Basketball		8th Grade Boys Basketball	Trey Goff
JV Girls Basketball	Hallie Eisnnicher	7th Grade Boys Basketball	Bryce Bigger
Varsity Boys Basketball	Doug Dennison	6th Grade Boys Basketball	Open due to resignation
JV Boys Basketball	Ross Parcel	8th Grade Volleyball	Open due to resignation
Bowling	Jimmy Register	7th Grade Volleyball	Lene Lox
Basketball Cheer	Renata Conway	6th Grade Volleyball	
		Basketball Cheer	Sierra Torrance
The Board did not rehire: Tyler Klossing, Varsity Girls Basketball			
Kayla Johnson, 6th Grade Volleyball			

b. Approved the following as part of the Personnel Agenda by a 6-0 roll call vote:

- i. Volunteer - Jena Goff - WCMS Track Coach
- ii. Employment - Long-Term Sub - Chris Ervin - 1st Semester 2025-2026 School Year
- iii. Employment - Long-Term Sub - Michelle Johnson - 2nd Grade 2025-2026 School Year
- iv. Employment - Shelby Johnson - District Music Teacher (K-8)
- v. Employment - Jennifer Shimmin - WCHS Physical Education Teacher
- vi. Transfer - Kelsy Scott from 5th Grade to Kindergarten

c. The Board voted to terminate Crystal Mabe as a District Custodian, effective 4/16/25.

d. The Board approved two MOUs with WCATS by a 6-0 roll call vote.

e. The Board denied the request by student #25020 to participate in the 2025 graduation ceremony.

f. The Board was reminded that the Reorganization Meeting of the Board will be on Wednesday, April 30 at 6:00 pm and the next Regular Board Meeting is on Wednesday, May 21 at 6:00 pm, both will be held in the Elementary Cafeteria.

g. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.