

TO: West Central Staff and Community
FROM: Stacey Day, Superintendent
DATE: March 24, 2025
RE: Summary of March 19, 2025, Board of Education Regular Meeting

At the March 19, 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, Lauren Chockley, Dillan Vancil and Sarah Bigger. Absent was Board Member Josh Higgins. Also present for the meeting were: Superintendent Stacey Day, Recording Secretary: Jaime Shultz, District Administrators: Kathy Lafary, Jason Kirby, Brittney Kugler, Joel Zaiser, Byron Helt and Technology Coach Jeremy Hennings. Also in attendance was Sabrina Young.
2. President Schaley led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The following items were presented as Good News Items:
 - Ms. Lewis, along with her 5th grade helpers, raised over \$593.50 during the Send a Sucker to a Friend event, which has been donated to the Angel Tree Organization.
 - The Elementary PE Staff coordinated the Kids Heart Challenge and raised \$6,226.36 for the American Heart Association.
 - Our third grade students participated in ag related activities provided by Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau. We are appreciative of their continued partnership.
 - The High School received a donation in Memory of Earl and Grace Seitz. \$500 for the music program, \$500 for the high school student body, and \$1000 to be split between the baseball and softball programs. They are also donating \$100/month to be used toward Heat Pride activities at the HS.
 - West Central Elementary School was selected as the WRAM/WMOI Spotlight School of the Month! They were highlighted on the radio, on their website and through YouTube for the great things happening at WCES!
 - March Rise and Shine Awards - Adam Boyle, Amanda Billingsley, Brian Kreps, Bryan Taylor, Danielle Brill, Tina Shafer, Heidi Crane, Jalynne Young, Jamie Hennings, Kelsy Scott, Kelly Davis, Kim Thompson, Kristi Lumbeck, Logan Avery, Maddie Leath, Matthew Mullen, Mike Lewis, Paige Leath, Peyton Jack, Robert Fleming, Shylah Lenahan, Stacey Day, Stacie Anderson and Tiffany Ouellette.
 - Our 3rd - 5th Grade students attended a special jazz event at the Capitol Theater in Burlington, which showcased a performance called "Swing Makes You Sing". We would like to thank Mr. Pappas for extending this invitation to our West Central Students.
 - West Central High School received many compliments on the IHSA Boys Basketball Regionals that were hosted a few weeks ago.
4. The Board approved the agenda without changes.
5. One member of the public was in attendance to address the Board. Sabrina Young addressed the Board to discuss a student participating in the 2025

graduation ceremony.

6. The following items were approved by a 6-0 roll call vote as part of the Consent Agenda:
 - a. Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 19, 2025
 - b. Meeting Minutes of the Closed Session, February 19, 2025
 - c. Payment of Bills
 - d. Approval of Activity Accounts
 - e. Approval of Treasurer's Reports
 - f. Approval of 2025-2026 School District Calendar
 - g. Approval to Direct the Superintendent to Begin Work on the FY26 District Budget
 - h. Approval of IHSA Continued Participation
 - i. Approval of IESA Continued Participation
7. There were two FOIA requests sent to the District this month. One from SmartProcure, which is a recurring request for vendor information. The second request was from Allium, which requested summary information regarding the district's property casualty insurance. Both requests were fulfilled in the needed time frame.
8. The Board discussed the 2025-2026 Registration Fees. Superintendent Day recommended that registration and technology fees stay the same for next school year. The Board will take formal action at their next meeting in April. Meal charges will be discussed later.
9. Building Principals, District Technology Coach and the HS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director presented their monthly report. Principal Kirby discussed an interest by some high school students to offer wrestling at the high school in the future. The Board will discuss this opportunity in more detail at their next meeting.
10. The Board approved an updated lease with Bruce Foote for the Driver's Education car. The lease is for \$1800 for the year and was approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.
11. The Board discussed the bid results for the Middle School Locker Room project. Leander Construction out of Canton was the low bid. The base bid was \$376,000, with a total bid (including base bid and 3 alternates) was \$450,900. The base bid included work in both locker rooms at the Middle School. Alternate bids included work in the PE/Coaches Office, Main Hall Bathroom Remodel and Bottle Fillers in each of the locker rooms. The Board voted by a 6-0 roll call vote to reject all bids and not approve the project at this time. Board Member Gullberg discussed a possible Not-for-Profit opportunity that he is researching, that could possibly save the District costs. He will continue to research and provide that information in future meetings.
12. The Board was reminded to send agenda requests to President Schaley or Superintendent Day for future meetings.
13. The Board then moved into Closed Session to discuss Personnel, Negotiations and Student Issues. When they returned from Closed Session at 9:10 pm, the following actions were taken:
 - a. The Board approved the following personnel agenda items by a 6-0 roll call vote:
 - i. Volunteer - Carley Pringle - WCMS Track Coach
 - ii. Volunteer - Hannah McSparen - WCMS Track Coach
 - iii. Employment - Ryan Muegge - WCHS ACT Prep Class
 - iv. Employment - Micheal Holloran - WCHS ACT Prep Class
 - v. Paternity Leave - Troy Linden
 - vi. Retirement - Natalie Ensminger - Change of Retirement Date

- vii. Resignation - Andy Chockley - Volunteer WCMS 6th Grade Basketball Coach
 - viii. Resignation - Matthew Mullen - WCHS English Teacher
 - ix. Resignation- Kristin Mynatt - WCHS Head Volleyball Coach
 - x. Resignation - Ross Parcel - WCHS Physical Education Teacher and Rotating Sophomore Class Sponsor
- b. The Board voted by a 6-0 roll call vote to uphold the original NHS Acceptance Decision of Student #26033.
 - c. The Board took no action at this time on the Graduation Participation Request.
14. The Board was reminded that the next Regular Board of Education meeting will be on Tuesday, April 15 at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria.
15. The Board adjourned the meeting at 9:16 pm.