

TO: West Central Staff and Community
FROM: Stacey Day, Superintendent
DATE: August 26, 2024
RE: Summary of August 21, 2024, Board of Education Regular Meeting

At the August 21, 2024, 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, Dillan Vancil, Josh Higgins, Karl Gullberg, Brendan Schaley, and Lauren Chockley. Absent from the meeting was: Sarah Bigger. Also present for the meeting were: Superintendent Stacey Day, District Administrators: Kathy Lafary, Jason Kirby, Bryan Taylor, Byron Helt, Brittney Kugler, Athletic Director Joel Zaiser, Recording Secretary Jaime Shultz, District Technology Coordinator Jeremy Hennings, Jamie Tucker and Jessica Winters.
2. President Schaley led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The following items were presented as Good News Items:
 - a. 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.
 - b. We had a great 1st couple of days of school!
 - c. 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.
4. There was no one from the public who chose to address the Board.
5. The following items were approved by a 6-0 roll call vote as a part of the Consent Agenda:
 - a. Minutes of the Special Meeting - Board Retreat, July 27, 2024
 - b. Minutes of the Special Meeting, August 6, 2024
 - c. Payment of Bills
 - d. Approval of June and July 2024 Treasurer's Report
 - e. Approval of Activity Accounts for June and July 2024
 - f. Approval of 2024-2025 Bowling Agreement with Tombstone Bowling
 - g. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Henderson County Public Library
6. There were no FOIA requests since the previous Board Meeting.
7. 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.
8. 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.

9. 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.
10. Principals Lafary, Kugler and Kirby, AD Zaiser and District Technology Coach Hennings all provided their monthly reports.
11. Superintendent Day presented the FY25 District Tentative Budget. The budget is on display in the District Office. There will be a Public Hearing on the Budget on Tuesday, September 24 at 5:30 pm and a final vote will take place at the Regular Board of Education Meeting on September 24 at 6:00 pm. Estimated overall expenses are about \$13,000,000, which matches what we have had the last few years.
12. The Board approved (by a 6-0 roll call vote) PRESS Plus Issue 116 updates to Board Policies. The Board will take final action at the next meeting. The policies are edited due to Title IX federal changes.
13. The Board requested an update on the Mentor Program, Bus Routing Software and a refresher on the Free Lunch Program at the next Board meeting.
14. The Board entered closed session to discuss personnel and negotiations. The following action was approved by a 6-0 roll call vote, after returning from closed session:
 - a. Employment - Kimberly Thompson - WCES Enrichment Sponsor
 - b. Maternity Leave - Molly Edwards
 - c. Long-Term Sub - Bob Stockham (Maternity Leave)
15. The Board was reminded that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 6:00 pm, with a Public Hearing on the FY25 Budget at 5:30 that evening. Both meetings will be held in the Elementary Cafeteria.
16. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm.