

**TO: West Central Staff and Community**  
**FROM: Stacey Day, Superintendent**  
**DATE: December 30, 2024**  
**RE: Summary of December 18, 2024, Board of Education Regular Meeting**

At the December 18, 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 6:02 pm. Board members present were: Mindy Clark, Karl Gullberg, Brendan Schaley, Sarah Bigger, Dillan Vancil, Josh Higgins and Lauren Chockley. Also present for the meeting were: Superintendent Stacey Day, District Administrators: Kathy Lafary, Jason Kirby, Bryan Taylor, Brittney Kugler, Joel Zaiser and Recording Secretary Jaime Shultz 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. WC hosted their annual music concerts, which were amazing!
  - b. Music Boosters hosted a "Pizza for Playgrounds" before the concerts with a free-will donation to go towards a new elementary playground.
  - c. The district received a memorial donation from the family of Nancy Tennant. The \$20,000 memorial is to be split between the Athletic and Music Departments.
  - d. Thank you to the Crossing Church of Monmouth and the Priesman Family for serving dinner to the Board and Administrators prior to the meeting.
4. The agenda was approved with the addition of a Closed Session Discussion topic for Student Discipline.
5. There were no members of the public present to address the Board.
6. The following items were approved by a 7-0 roll call vote, as part of the Consent Agenda:
  - a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 13, 2024
  - b. Minutes of the Closed Session, November 13, 2024
  - c. Payment of Bills
  - d. Approval of Activity Accounts
  - e. Approval of Treasurer's Report
  - f. Approval of PRESS Issue 117 - 2nd Reading
7. There was one one FOIA request this month, from Smart ProCure, a recurring request for vendor information.
8. Board Members Bigger and Clark and Superintendent Day provided a quick overview of sessions attended at the November Triple I Conference in Chicago. Board Member Bigger attended sessions on AI, IHSA Updates, Education Funding Post Election and the Surprising Power of Belonging in Schools. Board Member Clark attended sessions on IHSA Updates and It Takes a Village (Stakeholder involvement). Superintendent Day attended sessions on the Science of Reading and School Safety. Board Members were encouraged to attend the conference at least once while they are on the Board as there are a variety of opportunities to learn about being effective board members.
9. Superintendent Day presented the Board with information about the new Vision 2030 policy plan by IASA, IASB, IPA and IASBO. Board Members were encouraged to read

the information provided and look for additional information on both the IASB and IASA website ([www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com) and [www.iasaedu.org](http://www.iasaedu.org)). In January the Board will consider adopting a resolution in support of Vision 2030. Vision 2030 is the follow-up to Vision 2020, which is what allowed for the change in education funding in Illinois. The hope is that Vision 2030 allows for additional changes in PreK-12 public education in Illinois to better the education system for our students, staff and community members.

10. Superintendent Day presented expenditure and fund balance information on our Education, O&M and Transportation Funds in order to comply with the Operational Funds Reserve law that is new to FY25. Comparing our last three years of expenses in each fund to the FY24 fund balances of those funds, we currently have less than 2.5 times the fund balance compared to expenses, which means there is nothing we need to do, except report the information at a Board meeting. If we were at or above that 2.5 limit, we would be required to write a fund balance reduction plan. We will report this information each December.
11. A discussion was held about the urgent need for additional bus drivers. We will place ads in the Quill, on Facebook, consider additional radio ads to help get the word out about the need. Without additional drivers, our district will need to consider other options to make sure our students arrive at school safe and on-time. Without at least 10 daily bus route drivers, we have to run double routes or consider not sending a bus to pick-up students. We encourage everyone who may be interested in learning more about becoming a bus driver to contact our District Transportation Director.
12. The District Administrators, HS Athletic Director and District Technology Coach all provided their monthly updates.
13. The Board approved the 2024 Tax Levy at a total ask of \$7,654,656, not including bond and interest payment, by a 6-0 roll call vote (Member Chockley had to leave the meeting early). The estimated tax rate is \$4.02. The Tax Levy was delivered to each of the three county clerks offices on Thursday, December 19.
14. The Board approved the District Cardiac Response Plan, by a 6-0 roll call vote. The new plan will be available on the district website and a Cardiac Response team will be formed and trained in order to serve in the event of a cardiac emergency on campus.
15. The Board was reminded to send requests for agenda items to President Schaley or Superintendent Day.
16. After entering into Closed Session, the Board returned and took the following action, by a 6-0 roll call vote, with 1 abstention by Member Chockley.
  - a. Approved the employment of Alissa Wheeler as Elementary Special Education Teacher for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.
  - b. Approved the resolution to consider releasing Closed Session Minutes
  - c. Approved the rehire of the Fall Coaches as listed below:

<b>High School</b>	<b>Middle School</b>
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Varsity Volleyball	Kristen Mynatt	Head Football	Colton Smith
JV Volleyball	Jacinda Hill	Assistant Football	Chris Root
Head Golf	Jackie Biggs	Head Baseball	Ross Parcel
Asst. Golf	Carrie Todd	Assistant Baseball	Greg Link
Head Football	Jason Kirby	Head Softball	Dylan Voyles
Asst. Football	Steve Arnold	Assistant Softball	Hallie Eisnnicher
Asst. Football	Tom Williams	8th Grade Girls Basketball	Jena Goff
Asst. Football	Andy Lumbeck	7th Grade Girls Basketball	Lene Lox
Football Cheerleading	Renata Conway	6th Grade Girls Basketball	Jena Goff

- 17. The Board was reminded that the next Regular Board of Education Meeting is on Wednesday, January 15, 2024 in the Elementary Cafeteria at 6:00 pm.
- 18. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.