

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

At the February 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, Josh Higgins and Lauren Chockley. Absent were Board members Dillan Vancil and Sarah Bigger. Also present for the meeting were: Superintendent Stacey Day, Recording Secretary: Jaime Shultz, District Administrators: Kathy Lafary, Jason Kirby, Brittney Kugler, Joel Zaiser, Bryan Taylor, Byron Helt and Technology Coach Jeremy Hennings. Also in attendance was Matt Weber.
2. President Schaley led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The following items were presented as Good News Items:
 - a. WCE celebrated the 100th day of school on January 30 with many activities!
 - b. WCE hosted a parent program for the 4th and 5th grade students and their families on February 10th. Thanks to our Title Team for creating a fun activity involving an Escape Room linked to a topic in our science curriculum.
 - c. Mrs. Mills, along with her third grade students, wants to thank everyone who participated in the "Love Makes the World Go Round" activity. They have reached their goal of receiving a piece of mail from each state! They are on display in the elementary entryway. What a great way to show a simple act of kindness!
 - d. Eighth grader, Islia Rodeffer, was selected as a member of the new Junior ILMEA State Choir. She was one of about 150 students, selected out of over 1000 applicants throughout the State of Illinois. What a great experience!
 - e. Both of our Middle School Boys Basketball Teams had great seasons! Our 7th graders made it to sectionals (after a regional championship in our home gym!) and the 8th graders made it to their regional championship game. Congratulations on a great season!
 - f. February Rise and Shine Acknowledgements - Adam Boyle, Allison Harden, Ariel Dillard, Amy Chandler, Bailey Stombaugh, Brice McBride, Chris Ervin, Connie Wiley, Erin Clark, Jackie Biggs, Janis Link, Jesse Winters, Judy Kelly, Kathy Lafary, Kayla Crum, Kelly Davis, Kristi Lumbeck, Mackenzie Johnson, Nikki Mills, Bob Flemming, Ross Parcel, Brittney Kugler, Byron Helt and Coach Kelly.
 - g. The first West Central Alumni Basketball weekend was earlier this month. It was a fun event and we can't wait to watch the event grow!
4. There were no changes to the agenda.
5. No one from the public wished to address the Board.
6. The following items were approved by a 5-0 roll call vote as part of the Consent Agenda:
 - a. Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting, January 15, 2025
 - b. Meeting Minutes of the Closed Session, January 15, 2025

- c. Payment of Bills
 - d. Approval of Activity Accounts
 - e. Approval of Treasurer's Report
7. There were two FOIA Requests this month. The Illinois Retired Teachers Association requested email contact for certified staff members who plan to retire at the end of this school year. The Galesburg Reporter requested any emails over the last 12 months that included the phrases "Lucy Calkins" and "Units of Study". Both requests were completed within the needed time frame.
 8. Board members were reminded that they are Mandated Reporters as part of the Department of Children and Family Services efforts to stop child abuse and neglect. Board members signed a document stating they understand the expectations and requirements of being a mandated reporter.
 9. Superintendent Day provided an update on our State Lunch Monitor Visit that happened at the end of January. The Lunch Monitor provided a list of areas for us to make changes/improvement on moving forward: Menu Compliance, Serving Sizes, Offer vs. Serve Training, Appropriate Meal Components and Point of Sale training for appropriate charging of meals. We will work on plans for the needed changes and share that information out with staff, students and families as needed.
 10. Superintendent Day discussed the need to set a Building and Grounds Committee Meeting in order to start working on a timeline of projects in our 10-Year Health Life Safety list as we work on our plans for the needed repairs. This will connect to the upcoming bond issue late in the summer/early fall. The Board discussed holding a work session specific to this issue in a few weeks so that all Board members are able to participate and discuss the projects. Superintendent Day will work on setting up a meeting date and time. No formal action will take place at this meeting, it will just be a work session to discuss projects and make plans for the future.
 11. The building principals and district Technology Coach provided additions to their monthly reports.
 12. The Board approved a 5-year extension on the Farm Lease with Darrell Lenz by a 5-0 roll call vote.
 13. The Board declared the 2016 Dodge Grand Caravan SE as surplus by a 5-0 roll call vote.
 14. The Board approved an overnight trip for the HS Volleyball program to Clinton, Iowa in July by a 5-0 roll call vote.
 15. The Board adjourned to Closed Session to discuss Personnel and Negotiation items. When they returned from Closed Session the following action was taken:
 - a. Approval of the Personnel Report by a 5-0 roll call vote:
 - i. Volunteer - Clinton Stimpson, Dave Knustrom, Lewis McGraw, Steve Fryrear - WCHS Bass Fishing Team Coaches
 - ii. Volunteer - Darren Steele - WCHS Asst. Baseball Coach
 - iii. Volunteer - Amanda Corzatt - WCHS Volleyball Coach
 - iv. Employment - Stacie Anderson, Nikki Mills, Samera Leshner, Karri Wallace, Jessica Winters, Loren Fox, Julie Ricketts, Laura Lewis, Dylan

Brooks, Michelle Johnson, Kara Keating, Allissa Wheeler - Elementary Tutoring

- v. Employment - Sheila Moore - District Bus Driver
 - vi. Maternity Leave - Tiffany Ouellette, District Librarian
- b. Approval of 3-year (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028) contracts for the following building principals: Jason Kirby, Joel Zaiser, Brittney Kugler, Byron Helt and Bryan Taylor.
16. The Board was reminded that the next Regular Board of Education meeting is on Wednesday, March 19 at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria.
17. The Board adjourned the meeting at 10:07 pm.