

TO: West Central Staff and Community
FROM: Stacey Day, Superintendent
DATE: July 22, 2024
RE: Summary of July 16, 2024, Board of Education Regular Meeting

At the July 16, 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, Sarah Bigger, Dillan Vancil, Josh Higgins, Brendan Schaley, and Lauren Chockley. Absent from the meeting was: Karl Gullberg. Also present for the meeting were: Superintendent Stacey Day, District Administrators: Kathy Lafary, Jason Kirby, Bryan Taylor, Athletic Director Joel Zaiser, Recording Secretary Jaime Shultz and MS Baseball Coach Ross Parcel.
2. President Schaley led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The following items were presented as Good News Items:
 - a. Twomey Foundation annual donation of \$5000 to the District
4. There was no one from the public 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. Meeting Minutes of the FY 24 Amended Budget Hearing, FY24 Paving Hearing and Regular Meeting, June 18, 2024 and Reconvened Meeting June 27, 2024
 - b. Meeting Minutes of the Closed Session from June 27, 2024
 - c. Payment of Bills
6. There were no FOIA requests to discuss at this meeting.
7. Superintendent Day updated the Board on the New Staff Orientation set for August 5-6, 2024. The new staff will have an opportunity to learn about technology systems, meet with mentors and administrators, take a tour of the district and learn more about West Central Schools.
8. A discussion was held regarding the plans for Middle School Fall Sports and anticipated high numbers. Coach Parcel was in attendance to share that he expects over 40 MS baseball players interested in playing this season. IESA limits the number of athletes that can participate in the post-season to 18 players. The softball coach anticipates enough girls to fill his team, but not the same high numbers as the boys. Coach Parcel will work on finding fall leagues that athletes that do not make the 18 player roster can choose to participate in this fall, in order to help them work on skills for the future. He will send his plan to Superintendent Day, who will share it with the Board, prior to the Middle School Fall Sports Parent Meeting on Monday, July 22. The alternative plans/schedule will be tentative until final details (players interested, possible games, volunteer coaches, financial needs, etc) can be determined.
9. The Board approved (by a 6-0 roll call vote) an updated lease for a John Deere Tractor. This is an annual item so the district has a tractor onsite for our needs. This year's lease will be through Martin Deere in Monmouth.
10. The Board approved the PRESS Plus Issue 115 on the First Reading by a 6-0 roll call vote. The Board will consider final action on the policy updates at their July 27 meeting.
11. The Board approved the Middle School Concrete Repair projects as a Health Life Safety Amendment by a 6-0 roll call vote. These small projects will become part of the Middle

School 10-year Health Life Safety Survey and the District will complete the projects in the next 10 years.

12. The Board approved the purchase of a Bush Hog TRI Deck 12 Foot Finish Mower for use on District grounds by a 6-0 roll call vote.
13. Board members were reminded to send future agenda items to Superintendent Day or President Schaley. We will place Weight Room Equipment on our August Agenda for a follow-up discussion.
14. The Board did not go into Closed Session at this meeting.
15. The following items were approved as part of the Personnel Agenda by a 5-0 vote, with Chockley Abstaining:
 - a. Volunteer - Brianna Fink - WCMS Cheer Coach
 - b. Volunteer - Mallory Nelson - Cross Country Coach
 - c. Volunteer - Heather Hinshaw - Swim Coach
 - d. Employment - Andy Chockley - 6th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach
 - e. Employment - Jordain Johnson - WCHS Guidance Counselor
 - f. Employment - Molly Edwards WCMS Science Teacher
 - g. Employment - Leonard Kay - Bus Monitor
 - h. Change of Assignment - Amy Reathaforf - Long-Term Substitute (Art)
 - i. Resignation - Haley Tromblee - K-8 Music Teacher/WCMS Music Activities Sponsor
 - j. Resignation - Gina Heikes - WCES Paraprofessional
 - k. Resignation - Bob Stockham - WCHS Football Coach
 - l. Resignation - Leonard Kay - District Custodian
 - m. Retirement - Betty Mynatt - WCES Secretary effective June 1, 2026
16. The Board approved a one-year contract with Jordain Johnson as the High School Social Worker for the 2024-2025 school year, by a 6-0 roll call vote.
17. The Board was reminded that the Board Retreat will be held on Saturday, July 27 at 9:00 am at the Henderson County Library and our next Regular Board of Education meeting will be on Wednesday, August 21 at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria.
18. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.