

TO: West Central Staff and Community
FROM: Stacey Day, Superintendent
DATE: November 18, 2024
RE: Summary of November 13, 2024, Board of Education Regular Meeting

At the November 13, 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 6:04 pm. Board members present were: Mindy Clark, Karl Gullberg, Brendan Schaley, Sarah Bigger, Dillan Vancil and Lauren Chockley. Absent from the meeting was Josh Higgins. 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
2. President Schaley led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The following items were presented as Good News Items:
 - a. A big thank you to all of our families for supporting reading and our schools by purchasing items at our most recent Scholastic Book Fair at both the elementary and the middle school.
 - b. The WCE PTC held their annual Fall Festival and it was a huge success! Lots of kids, lots of smiles and lots of fun! Thank you to the volunteers and organizers, along with the local businesses that participated in this fun family event!
 - c. Thank you to our local fire departments who visited the elementary and shared safety tips and information on fire prevention with our students in PK-2nd grade.
 - d. The Middle School Veteran's Day Assembly on Friday was a great success. Thank you to all of our Veterans for attending and to the students and staff who planned the event.
 - e. Rebbecca Hinshaw qualified for the IHSA State Swim Meeting in the 50m Freestyle. She will swim on Friday afternoon in the pre-lims.
4. The agenda was approved without any changes.
5. There was no one from the public in attendance to address the Board.
6. The Board approved the following items by a 6-0 roll call vote as part of the Consent Agenda:
 - a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 16, 2024
 - b. Minutes of the Closed Session, October 16, 2024
 - c. Minutes of the Special Meeting, November 4, 2024
 - d. Payment of Bills
 - e. Approval of Activity Accounts
 - f. Approval of Treasurer's Report
7. Superintendent Day reported that there were two FOIA requests this month. One from an employee requesting video footage from lunch, which was denied due to student privacy requirements. ProPublica submitted a FOIA request needing data on expulsions held in abeyance from 2014 - present. Both requests were responded to in the required timeframe.

8. Superintendent Day discussed the 2024 Summative Designations for each building. The High School and Middle School earned Commendable Ratings, the Elementary School was given a Targeted Rating, based on the Children with Disabilities subgroup. The Middle School will continue in their School Improvement Status, due to their Comprehensive Status last year. The Elementary School will now start a 4-year School Improvement Status. Additional information about the designations can be found at www.illinoisreportcard.com.
9. Superintendent Day and Board Members Chockley and Clark gave a short update on the Strategic Planning Process. A Stakeholder Advisory Group was held, with 13 community members in attendance, to discuss a variety of areas in the district. The discussion was open, honest and a good start to the strategic planning process. The information from the Stakeholder Advisory Group will be taken back to the District Strategic Planning Team to use when creating a survey instrument that will be shared with all stakeholders in our District. The information collected in the survey will help determine areas that we need to focus on for the future. The end result at the end of the year will be a 5-year strategic plan for the district.
10. Building administrators presented their monthly reports.
11. Superintendent Day presented information on the 2024 Tentative Tax Levy, which the Board approved. The proposed levy is estimated to bring in an estimated \$8,118,205 for next school year. The final tax levy will be presented and approved at the December Board meeting, after receiving updated EAV values from the county assessors offices. This levy amount does not require a Truth in Taxation Hearing (which is required IF the levy request exceeds 5% of the actual extension received in the previous year). The tentative tax rate is similar to what the current rate is and will be officially set by the county clerks when final EAVs are calculated in the spring.
12. The Board approved the job description for a District Health Aide by a 6-0 roll call vote.
13. Superintendent Day presented the FY24 Final Audit. The audit was clean and had no findings associated with it. The audit (Annual Financial Report - AFR) will be posted online, submitted to ISBE and to the ROE, as required by state law. The audit was formally approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.
14. The Board approved the changes to policies in PRESS Plus Issue 117 on a 1st Reading, as presented, by a voice vote with majority ayes. The Board will take final action and adoption at the December meeting.
15. The Board was reminded to submit future agenda items to Superintendent Day or President Schaley.
16. The Board entered into Closed Session to discuss personnel items. When the Board returned to Open Session, the following items were approved by a 6-0 roll call vote, as part of the Personnel Agenda:
 - a. Volunteer - Bethany Nannen - WCHS Boys Swim Coach
 - b. Employment - Erin Clark - WCMS 8th Grade Volleyball Coach
 - c. Employment - Lene Lox - WCMS 7th Grade Volleyball Coach
 - d. Employment - Kayla Johnson - WCMS 6th Grade Volleyball Coach
 - e. Employment - Connie Wiley - District Health Aide
 - f. Employment - Tessa Sargeant - HS Ag Teacher

- g. Employment - Adam Boyle - HS Speech Coach
 - h. Maternity Leave - Trisha Forquer
 - i. Retirement - Connie Sue Torrance - Data Entry Coordinator
17. The Board was reminded that the next Regular Board of Education Meeting will be on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria.
18. The Board adjourned at 8:47pm.