

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON AUGUST 22, 2012.

The meeting was called to order by President Brent at 7:00 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria. The following board members answered roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye. President Brent declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Grimm, S. Richard, J. Nichols, J. Farniok, M. Frakes, K. Lafary, S. Schneider, T. Hanson, R. Frakes and approximately 15 students, parents and community members.

CALL TO ORDER

President Brent then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PLEDGE

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

Under good news items the following items were highlighted:

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

- The board recognized 12 high school students as Academic Excellence Award recipients for the 2011-12 school year. Those students were recognized for having a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale were Brad Bavery, Evan Bell, Sydney Bigger, Caitlin Gyovai, Emily Hopping, Andrew Lewis, Thomas Lewis, Caleb Paulus, Taylor Rice, Katie Robertson, Austin Schneider, and Angelica Strack. The members of the Class of 2012 who earned this recognition were presented their award during their graduation ceremony last May.
- The Middle School held a “Back to School Dance” in the back parking lot last Friday and it went well. An outdoor movie night is being planned.
- The Middle School baseball team is off to a great season with a record of 8-1.
- The Elementary “Meet the Teacher” evening was well attended with over 80% of the students and their parents in attendance.
- The changes in the lunch program have been well received by the students and special thanks to the kitchen staff for their hard work.
- The High School had 61 students participate in the Freshman Jump Start program prior to school beginning.
- The High School held their first PRIDE assembly where over 100 students were recognized for outstanding behavior and academic success during last semester.
- The board was thanked for the wonderful lunch that was served on the Teacher Institute Day.
- Supt. Grimm thanked the Twomey Group for providing a water truck and water to keep the football field alive during the heat of the summer.
- Supt. Grimm thanked all of those involved in registration including the building secretaries and all of the staff volunteers.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by Anderson to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE AGENDA

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUEST FOR PRESENTATION

There was no one present to address the board on any of the agenda items.

AUDIENCE
REQUEST

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Anderson, seconded by John to approve the consent agenda (The minutes of the June 27, 2012 regular meeting; The minutes from the closed session of June 27, 2012; The minutes from the August 1, 2012 special meeting; The minutes from the August 2, 2012 special meeting). Roll call: J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

CONSENT
AGENDA

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

Motion by Robbins seconded by Anderson to approve the payment of all bills as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL
ACTIVITY

Motion by Robbins, seconded by Anderson approve the activity account summaries for June and July 2012 for WCES, WCMS and WCHS as presented. Roll call: Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by Robbins to approve the June and July 2012 treasurer's report as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, absent. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Robbins to approve the resolution authorizing the loan of \$250,000 from the working cash fund to the transportation fund as requested. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

WORKING
CASH LOAN

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Robbins to approve the proposal from McDonough District Hospital for a ten panel student drug test at \$35 per student per test for the 2012-13 school year as presented. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

STUDENT
DRUG
TESTING

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by Anderson to approve the change of the November board meeting date from Tuesday, November 20, 2012 to Monday, November 19, 2012 as presented. Roll call: J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

NOVEMBER
BD MTG

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by J. Arnold to approve the request from WCMS teacher Jenny Halcomb to offer baton twirling lessons to students and to use West Central facilities as appropriate. Roll call: Brent, aye; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

BATON
TWIRLING

Motion by Robbins, seconded by Anderson to approve the request from Superintendent to carry over 15 unused vacation days as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

SUPT
VACATION
DAYS

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by Anderson to approve the quote from FSS, Inc to replace the WCHS gym sound system at the cost of \$7,389.20 as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

HS GYM
SOUND
SYSTEM

REPORTS

The board heard and reviewed the Principal's reports, the curriculum report, the technology report and the special education report. Time was spent discussing the amount of time that the administrators have spent on the new teacher and principal evaluation program as required by the State of Illinois.

REPORTS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Supt. Grimm provided the board with an update on district summer work and life safety work. The board was informed that the door project and the replacement of the bus garage doors has been completed and the district custodial staff was complimented on how nice and clean the buildings look as we start the 2012-13 school year.

SUMMER
UPDATE

Supt. Grimm provided the board with a brief summary on the opening of school activities that occurred August 15-17th. Specifically, Supt. Grimm highlighted for the board some the changes that were put in place as a result of having only one teacher institute day at the beginning of the year compared to the two days of teacher's institute that we have had in the past.

OPENING OF
SCHOOL

The board reviewed a comprehensive summary of the 2011-12 ISAT, PSAE and ACT scores. Supt. Grimm presented the board with a 6 year summary of student performance on ISAT and PSAE in terms of the percentage of students meeting or exceeding standards. The board was also given an ISAT/PSAE longitudinal data report which highlights the performance of each class in the primary areas tested. In addition, the board was given a summary of the 8th grade EXPLORE test results from 2011-12. As part of the presentation, the board was informed that overall the percentage of students meeting or exceeding standards at the district level last year increased in the area of reading, attendance rate and graduation rate. The board was also informed that the district as a whole did not make AYP in math or reading. At the building level, the board was informed that West Central Elementary School **did** make AYP, West Central Middle School did not make AYP and West Central High School did not make AYP for the 2011-12 school year.

2011-12 TEST
SCORES

The board reviewed a list of proposed Superintendent performance objectives. It was pointed out that the list presented to the board was a very general list to gauge the board's opinion of the items being presented for consideration and then further development of the detail for these goals would be completed. The board indicated

SUPT
PERFORM.
OBJECTIVES

that the proposed list of four goals relative to student performance were appropriate and asked Supt. Grimm to continue developing these goals by providing more detail.

The board discussed the creation of a board sub-committee to study district finances. As a result of that discussion, it was the consensus of the board to create such a committee. The formal approval of a district finance committee will take place at the September board meeting. Board President Brent will appoint two members of the board to serve on this committee at that time. The primary purpose of this committee will be to review current district finances while looking ahead and creating plans to deal with the future funding of the district given the current financial condition of school funding in Illinois.

FINANCE
COMMITTEE

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no items listed for future agendas.

FUTURE
AGENDA
ITEMS

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by John to adjourn to closed meeting to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. (5ILCS 120/2©(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057) and student discipline (5ILCS 120/2©(9) at 8:32 pm. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED
SESSION

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by Anderson to return to open session at 9:00 pm. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL ACTION

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by Robbins to approve the transfer of Season West from a part time Title I associate to a full time early childhood associate at the rate of \$11.53 per hour as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, absent. Motion carried.

S. WEST
TRANSFER

Motion by Anderson, seconded by J. Arnold to employ Jamie Hennings as a long term sub for Nikki Mills at the daily rate of \$120 as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

J. HENNINGS
LONG TERM
SUB

Motion by Robbins, seconded by Anderson to employ Jay Ragar as a part-time groundskeeper for the south campus baseball diamond and the north campus football field at the pay rate of \$15 per hour as presented. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried

J. RAGAR
GRNDSKP

Motion by Anderson, seconded by John to employ Peggy Shutwell as a substitute cook at \$8.25 per hour as presented. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

P. SHUTWELL
SUB COOK

<p>Motion by Anderson, seconded by J. Arnold to transfer Kris Judd from the 7th grade girls' basketball coach to the 8th grade girls' basketball coach as presented. Roll call: Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.</p>	<p>K. JUDD 8TH GBB</p>
<p>Motion by Anderson, seconded by John to employ Steve Arnold and Matt Henning as WCHS class sponsors as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, abstain; Brent, aye; Goff, absent. Motion carried.</p>	<p>S. ARNOLD & M. HENNING CLASS SPONSOR</p>
<p>Motion by J. Arnold, seconded by Anderson to employ Tina Droste as the 7th grade girls' basketball coach as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, absent. Motion carried.</p>	<p>T. DROSTE 7TH GBB</p>
<p>Motion by Anderson, seconded by J. Arnold to employ Cindy Seibert, Chris Singleton, and Jeanne Seitz as WCHS student council sponsor with a stipend amount of \$656.67 each as presented. Roll call: Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, absent; John, aye. Motion carried.</p>	<p>WCHS STUDENT COUNCIL</p>
<p>Motion by Anderson, seconded by B. Arnold to approve Jay Blender's base pay rate of \$46,012.50 for the 2012-13 school year as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.</p>	<p>J. BLENDER BASE PAY</p>
<p>Motion by Anderson, seconded by John to approve Jeannette Johnson's base pay rate of \$63.80 per day for the 2012-13 school year as presented. B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.</p>	<p>J. JOHNSON PAY RATE</p>
<p>Motion by Robbins, seconded by John to approve a base pay rate of \$25,562.50 with five sick days for Larry Ives for the 2012-13 school year as presented. Roll call: J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye. Motion carried.</p>	<p>L. IVES PAY RATE</p>
<p>Motion by Anderson, seconded by J. Arnold to approve the resolution to release closed session minutes as per exhibit "A" and "B" as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Goff, absent; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye. Motion carried.</p>	<p>CLOSED SESSION MINUTES</p>
<p>Motion by Anderson, seconded by Robbins to approve a stipend of \$485 plus a season pass to Sarah Bigger for substitute coaching as presented. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, absent; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.</p>	<p>S. BIGGER STIPEND</p>
<p><u>FUTURE MEETINGS</u> The board was reminded that their next meeting is Wednesday, September 19, 2012 and that meeting will be held in the elementary cafeteria. It was pointed out that the board will convene at 6:30 pm to conduct a hearing on the FY13 budget. The board will then meet and greet the teachers new to District #235. The regular September meeting will then begin at 7 p.m.</p>	<p>FUTURE MTG</p>

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by J. Arnold to adjourn at 9:10 pm. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 19 DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2012.

Lonnie Brent, Board President

Paul Anderson, Board Secretary