

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON MARCH 19, 2014.

The meeting was called to order by President Brent at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria. The following board members answered roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, absent; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye. President Brent declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Grimm, J. Nichols, J. Farniok, M. Frakes, K. Lafary, S. Schneider, C. Robertson, C. Conlee, R. Frakes and N. Clark.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

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The board reviewed a proposed mural for WCHS presented by WCHS Art teacher Cherry Simmons. The board approved the creation of the mural by consensus. Other good news items included the following:

- The following members of the WCHS Girls' Basketball team were recognized for their achievements. Named to the LTC All-Academic Team were: Taylor Link, Joni Lafary, Katie Droste, Catie Steck, Monica Brooks, Somer Hill, Maddy Brent, and Catlyn Nichols. Named to the LTC 1st Team was Cierra Pulse, Named to the LTC 2nd Team was Joni Lafary and named to the Honorable Mention Team was Savannah Pulse;
- WCHS Show Case Night, Freshman Orientation, and NHS Ceremony were all well attended and enjoyed by all;
- Callie Thacker received a complimentary card from Bill Buchanan of McDonough Telephone Cooperative;
- The 6th grade visits Oak Lane once a month;
- ISAT testing attendance was excellent and students showed good behavior;
- The Kindergarten class has collected 5925 pennies to count and then donated them to the Henderson County Library;
- WCES teachers made an ISAT video;
- The Henderson County Highway Dept. was recognized for helping move snow out the south campus parking lot;
- Round 2 of the Maintenance Grant was approved. This means an additional \$50,000 for a total of \$100,000 of grant money from this program this year;
- E-Rate has been filed. If approved the District Fiber Project will be discounted at 77% which means the district will only pay 23% of the total cost of this project.

APPROVE AGENDA

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Motion by John, seconded by White to approve the agenda with the addition of item XV. D-2., Employ Jessica Booton as WCMS Assistant Track Coach as presented. Call roll: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, absent; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUEST FOR PRESENTATION

The Board President Dr. Lonnie Brent read a tribute to Sharri Richard that he wrote recognizing Mrs. Richard for her 18 years of service to the residents of Henderson County. In additional, Dr. Brent recognized Mr. Joe Kane and Mr. Barry Dowell representing the Henderson County Fair Association Board and who wished to address the Board on Agenda Item XII. D. Request of Henderson County Fair Association to build Equestrian Arena.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck to approve the consent agenda including the following items: (The minutes of the February 19, 2014 regular meeting; February 19, 2014 Closed Session; approve membership in the Illinois High School Association for the West Central High School for the 2014-2015 school year as presented; approve membership in the Illinois Elementary School Association for the West Central Middle School for the 2014-2015 school year as presented; direct Superintendent Grimm to begin working on the FY15 district budget for West Central CUSD #235 as presented; approve the 2014-2015 West Central CUSD #235 calendar as presented; approve the request to add Shelly Nelson to the district accounts at the Bank of Stronghurst, IPAVA State Bank and the Raritan State Bank as presented; approve the proposed revisions to the following Board Policies on first reading: Policy 2:30 – Board of Education – District Elections; Policy 2:110 Board of Education – Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers; Policy 4:30 – Operational Services – Revenue and Investments; Policy 5:10 – General Personnel – Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment; Policy 5:30 – General Personnel – Hiring Process and Criteria; Policy 5:35 – General Personnel – Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act; Policy 5:125 – General Personnel – Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct; Policy 5:180 – General Personnel – Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity; Policy 5:190 – Professional Personnel – Teacher Qualifications; Policy 5:240 Professional Personnel – Suspension; Policy 7:20 – Students – Attendance and Truancy; Policy 7:40 – Students – Search and Seizure; Policy 7:180 – Students – Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment; Policy 7:190 – Students – Student Discipline; Policy 8:95 – Community Relations – Parental Involvement as presented). Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, absent; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

CONSENT
AGENDA

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to approve payment of all bills as presented. Roll call: Buss, absent; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL
ACTIVITY

Motion by Anderson, seconded by John to approve the February activity account summaries for West Central High School, West Central Middle School and West Central Elementary School as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, absent. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE REQUEST

Superintendent Grimm reviewed with the board the district's financial report. During that report he indicated that at the end of February actual expenditure and revenue should be at 66.67%. Superintendent Grimm reported that the revenue received to date was 85.88% of the budget and the expenditures to date are 51.31% of budget. He also reported to the board that as of Wednesday, March 19, 2014, the State of Illinois has vouchered but not yet paid District #235 \$265,357.90.

ACTION ITEMS

The board tabled action of a request to purchase nine additional bus cameras for installation in the busses that the district has leased for the 2014-2015 school year.

BUS CAMERAS

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck to approve the bid of \$114,232 for the West Central Middle School HVAC work by CORE Mechanical, Inc. as part of the Ten Year H/LS Project as presented. Roll call: White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, absent; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

10 YR HLS
SURVEY MS
HVAC WORK

Motion by John, seconded by Arnold that the board approve the Student Growth Modeling Contract by Chris Franciskovich in the amount of \$10,300 for the initial phase of the work and \$5 per student for the hosting phase for school year 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 as presented. Roll call: Buss, absent; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

STUDENT
GROWTH
MODELING
CONTRACT

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White that the board approve the Health Life Safety Amendment for the West Central Middle School Boiler Repair project in the amount of \$13,920 as presented. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, absent; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

HLS
AMENDMENT
MS BOILER
REPAIR

No action was taken on the proposed agreement between the school district and the Dallas Rural Water District for water services due to the fact that the agreement was not ready for presentation to the board. Superintendent Grimm updated the board on the progress of the project: the formal agreement has been reduced to writing and is now in the hands of the attorneys for completion; conversations have taken place with the final landowner about signing the proposed easement for the water line; and that the district architect is ready to begin the project upon completion of the agreement.

WATER LINE
PROJECT

REPORTS

The board heard reports from the building leaders Mrs. Lafary, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Schneider.

REPORTS

Superintendent Grimm highlighted a few comments that were made in the district curriculum report.

Mrs. Frakes reviewed the technology report.

The board briefly reviewed Mrs. Farniok's report regarding the district special education program.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The board heard a request from Henderson County Fair Association Board members Joe Kane and Barry Dowell to either use or purchase some of the district ground on the south campus for the construction of a horse arena. It was the consensus of the board that both men should meet with Superintendent Grimm and the Board Building and Grounds Committee.

HEND CO FAIR
ASSOC
REQUEST

The board heard a report on proposed changes to the district Math Curriculum that would align to the Integrated Math Pathways approach to math curriculum. The board indicated that the math teachers should continue working out the details of the proposed change and that it should be brought back to the board for approval at the April, 2014 board meeting.

INTEGRATED
MATH
PATHWAYS

Board member reported on some maintenance items that need to be addressed at the house the district owns. The board directed the superintendent to seek quotes to make the necessary repairs.

RENTAL
HOUSE
MAINT

Board member Lumbeck shared with the board information about a possible lighting grant that the district could use to replace outdoor light fixtures. After a brief discussion, the board gave Mr. Lumbeck permission to continue gathering information about the lighting grant and discuss it with Superintendent Grimm.

OUTDOOR
LIGHTING

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A request was made to have on next months' agenda the discussion of building maintenance and general cleanliness.

FUTURE
AGENDA
ITEMS

ACTION OF PERSONNEL

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White that the board approve the letter of resignation of Ryan Casper as West Central High School Assistant Baseball Coach effective immediately as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, absent; John, aye. Motion carried.

R. CASPER
RESIGN

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Arnold that the board accept the letter of resignation of Roger Kerfoot as West Central High School PE Teacher, West Central High School Head Football Coach and District Athletic Director as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, absent; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

R. KERFOOT
RESIGN

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Arnold that the board accept the letter of resignation from Kris Peterson as part-time Title I Reading Associate effective immediately as presented. Roll call: Buss, absent; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

K. PETERSON
RESIGN

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White that the board approve the retirement of Bonnie Henry as district associate effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, absent. Motion carried.

B. HENRY
RETIRE

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Arnold that the board employ Amanda Jack as the District Treasurer at a monthly stipend of \$150 per month as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, absent. Motion carried.

EMPLOY A.
JACK DIST
TREAS

Motion by Arnold, seconded by John that the board approve the request of West Central High School Baseball Coach Scott Schneider to have Steve Lumbeck serve as a volunteer West Central High School baseball assistant coach for the 2014 season as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, abstained; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, absent; John, aye. Motion carried.

S. LUMBECK
VOL HS
BASEBALL
COACH

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White, that the board employ Jessica Booton as middle school assistant track coach for the 2014 track season as presented. White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, absent; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOY J.
BOOTON MS
TRACK COACH

FUTURE MEETING DATES

FUTURE MTG

The board was reminded that the next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2014. This meeting will be held in the elementary cafeteria and will begin at 6 pm.

The board took a short break at 7:30 pm and reconvened at 7:42 pm. The following board members answered roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, absent; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye.

The board conducted a working session concerning district finances. Superintendent Grimm has informed the board that it is possible that General State Aid could be prorated to 65% for the 2014-2015 school year and if that happens, the district stands to lose approximately an additional \$720,000 of GSA. In order to prepare for this possibility, the board reviewed a list of approximately 35 potential budget cuts and reductions for the FY15 budget. As a result of the discussion, the board directed Superintendent Grimm to do a cost analysis of the items presented for discussion and be prepared to report back to the board. Toward the end, the board will conduct a special meeting on Monday, March 31, 2014, at 6 pm in the north campus library to continue discussing the items presented. A second special meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, to take any action necessary relating to the list of proposed cuts. Areas identified for possible reductions or cuts include: Personnel, Extra-Curricular, Maintenance, Transportation and Miscellaneous. No specific dollar amount of reductions was identified at this meeting although the board was encouraged to consider making as many reductions or cuts now that could be rescinded later when more definitive information regarding FY15 funding is available.

BOARD
WORKING
SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by White, seconded by Lumbeck to adjourn to closed meeting at 9:50 pm to discuss matters pertaining to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District of legal counsel for the District. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, absent; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye. Motion carried.

Buss entered via telephone at 10:00 pm.

Buss exited via telephone at 10:30 pm.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Arnold to return to open session at 10:45 pm. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, absent; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Arnold, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn at 10:46 pm. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 16th DAY OF APRIL 2014.

Lonnie Brent, Board President

Amy John, Board Secretary

CLOSED
SESSION

ADJOURN