

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON JULY 16, 2014.

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

Under good news items the following items were highlighted:

- Mr. Schneider and Mr. Roll were complimented by the Red Cross for their help.

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, absent; White, absent; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE AGENDA

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUEST FOR PRESENTATION

No one wished to address the Board on any agenda items.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

Lumbeck entered the meeting at 6:03 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Anderson, seconded by John to approve that consent agenda including the following items:

- Minutes of the June 25, 2014 regular Board meeting, closed session of June 25, 2014 and Budget Hearing for the Amended FY14 District Budget;
- The lease for the Driver Ed car for the 2014-2015 school year with Bruce Foote Chevrolet, Inc. of Monmouth for \$150 per month;
- Award the 2014-2015 bread products bid to the Bimbo Bakery Company;
- Award the 2014-2015 dairy products bid to Anderson Erickson Dairy Company;;
- The proposed revisions to the following Board policies on second reading:
 1. Policy 4:100 – Operations Services – Insurance Management
 2. Policy 4:160 – Operational Services – Environmental Quality of Building and Grounds
 3. Policy 4:170 – Operational Services – Safety
 4. Policy 4:175 – Operational Services – Convicted Child Sex Offender
 5. Policy 5:280 – Educational Support Personnel – Duties and Qualifications
 6. Policy 6:150 – Instruction – Home and Hospital Instruction
 7. Policy 7:250 – Students – Student Support Services

CONSENT AGENDA

- An agreement with McDonough District Hospital of Macomb to provide random student drug tests for the 2014-2015 school year. Current terms and testing procedures will be continued for the 2014-2015 school;

Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

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

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss to approve the June 2014 treasurer’s report as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Buss, aye. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

The Board discussed changing the fee charged for the elementary enrichment program which is currently \$25 per student. It was moved by Buss to lower the participation fee to \$10. The motion died for lack of a seconded.

ENRICHMENT FEE

REPORTS

No reports were provided to the Board this month.

REPORTS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board heard an update from Superintendent Grimm on the progress being made on cleaning the building by the district custodian and maintenance staff as well as progress being made on the 10 year Health Life Safety items currently underway.

UPDATE ON SUMMER PROJECTS

The Board heard a report on the FY14 district budget. Superintendent Grimm reported that a small surplus was realized at the conclusion of the budget year. It was noted that this was due to slightly higher revenues being received than anticipated and significantly reducing expenditures. It was also noted that the majority of the 10 year Health Life Safety items projected to be paid during FY14 were not completed or paid for and will be carried over into FY15.

SUMMARY OF FY14 BUDGET

The Board received the Tentative FY15 District Budget. It was noted that this budget is a deficit budget again as was the FY13 and FY14 tentative budget. The primary reason for the anticipated deficit is the carryover of the 10 year Health Life Safety items that will be completed and paid for during FY15. It was also noted that this budget is very preliminary and that more work needs to be done prior to presenting the final FY15 district budget in September. The Board by consensus accepted the tentative FY15 District Budget and directed the Superintendent to put the tentative budget on display.

TENTATIVE FY15 BUDGET

The Board heard a brief report from Superintendent Grimm about the activities being planned for the opening of the 2014-2015 school year. Superintendent Grimm informed the Board that 151 letters to staff regarding the start of the 2014-2015 school year had been sent earlier in the week. It was also noted that prior to the start of the 2005-2006 school year, the first year of the district, approximately 187 letters to staff had been sent. That figure represents a 19% reduction in staffing level from the start of the 2005-2006 school year.

OPENING OF
SCHOOL

The Board discussed the need to begin charging spectators who attend sixth grade sporting events. The consensus of the Board was to start charging \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and \$1 for students who attend sixth grade sporting events. The Board will approve this at the August 20, 2014, meeting.

ADMISSION
CHARGE FOR
6TH GRADE
EVENTS

The Board reviewed a quote to replace several windows at the district rental house. After a brief discussion the Board directed Superintendent Grimm to bring the quote back for approval at the August 20, 2014, Board meeting.

RENTAL
HOUSE
WINDOWS

The Board briefly reviewed a proposed revision to Board Policy 4:140 regarding waivers of fees. A clarification was proposed that would specify that the classroom portion of the Driver Ed program would be covered under a student fee waiver for those who qualify but the fee being charged for the Behind the Wheel portion of the Driver Ed program would not be waived. The Board agreed with this change and directed Superintendent Grimm to have the approval of this change on the August 20, 2014, Board meeting agenda.

BOARD
POLICY 4:140
REVISION

The Board heard a report from Superintendent Grimm about the information he had gathered relative to the selling of the property the district owns directly west of the baseball diamond on the south campus. After discussing the information presented, the Board directed Superintendent Grimm to proceed with gathering additional information about the selling of this property and to place this topic on the August 20, 2014, Board meeting agenda as a discussion item.

SELLING
EXCESS
PORPERTY

The Board discussed briefly the possibility of purchasing the equipment necessary to install a watering system for the football field on the north campus. The Board heard a report from Board Member Lumbeck that the preliminary estimate of the cost for the material was approximately \$10,000. Mr. Lumbeck indicated that he would coordinate the installation of the system with voluntary labor. After discussing this idea, the Board declined to proceed at this time. It was suggested that perhaps donations could be solicited to pay for the material.

Fb FIELD
WATERING
SYSTEM

The Board heard presentation on administrative staffing at the middle school from West Central Middle School Staff members Byron Helt, Jeremy Hennings and Connie Sue Torrance. Mr. Helt presented the Board with several options to consider that would provide additional administrative assistance to the middle school staff and students. The board requested time to review the material that Mr. Helt presented to them.

ADMIN
STAFFING FOR
MS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Under future agenda items, it was requested that the following items be included as part of the next meeting.

- District Lighting Project

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

CLOSED SESSION

The Board did not conduct a closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Buss, seconded by Anderson the Board employ Mary Ashby as a part-time district nurse at the hourly rate of \$12 per hour as presented. Roll call: Brent, absent; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

M. ASHBY – EMPLOY

Motion by Buss, seconded by Anderson, the Board employ Nancy Smith as the District Special Ed Coordinator/Psychologist for the 2014-2015 school year at the base salary of \$54,000 plus Board paid TRS, Board paid insurance (employee +2) and other benefits as per the WCATS contract as presented. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, absent. Motion carried.

N. SMITH – EMPLOY

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss the Board employ James Black as West Central High School English teacher and he be placed on the 2014-2015 salary schedule at BA step 0 (\$31,842) as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Buss, aye. Motion carried.

J. BLACK – EMPLOY

Motion by Buss, seconded by John the Board employ Jamie Hennings as a long term substitute starting Friday, August 15, 2014, and continuing for six weeks at the daily rate of \$120 as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Buss, aye; John, aye. Motion carried.

J. HENNINGS – LONG TERM SUB

Motion by Buss, seconded by Anderson the Board approve the revised exempt staff salaries for 2014-2015 as presented. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, absent. Motion carried.

REVISED EXEMPT STAFF SALARIES

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Board was reminded that the next regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 2014. This meeting will be held in the elementary cafeteria and will begin at 6:00 pm.

FUTURE MEETINGS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck to adjourn at 7:27 pm. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 20th DAY OF AUGUST 2014.

Lonnie Brent, Board President

Amy John, Board Secretary