

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON DECEMBER 18, 2013.

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, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye. President Brent declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Grimm, J. Nichols, J. Farniok, M. Frakes, C. Robertson, S. Schneider, C. Conlee, R. Frakes, K. Lafary, and N. Clark.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

The following board members answered roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye.

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

There were approximately 40 people in attendance and several members of the audience spoke about the proposed property increase.

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by White, to conclude the truth in taxation hearing at 6:50 pm. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by John, seconded by Arnold to approve the 2013 tax levy with a total extension of \$4,465,539 as presented. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, nay; Anderson, nay. Motion carried.

2013 TAX LEVY

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

The following items were identified as good news items:

- The board recognized WCHS students Sydney Bigger, Andy Lewis, Tommy Lewis, and Caleb Paulus for being designated as Illinois State Scholars;
- Sixty-four Christmas Angels were taken care of by the West Central community this year. Special thanks to Deb Gillam, Jaime Shultz, Joanne Hilligoss and Mrs. Farniok for leading this project again this year;
- There was significant improvement in the Freshman Explore test since the early Fall administration;
- The middle school and high school concert were well attended and nicely done;
- The high school girls' basketball team place 1<sup>st</sup> at the Cranberry Classic;
- Ms. Reynolds was awarded a \$500 grant for her classroom library;
- The 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball team placed 1<sup>st</sup> at the St. Paul Tournament;
- The 8<sup>th</sup> grade visited the elementary recently;
- The 6<sup>th</sup> grade visits Oak Lane regularly;
- The middle school recently held a fund raiser for Sharri Richard and family and had their money matched by Mr. Nichols;
- The annual elementary can food drive collected 988 items;

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

- Bethel Lutheran Church was recognized for their recent donations for supplies for the district nurse;
- District Librarian Renee Russell recently submitted a grant that has been funded by the Books for Schools PaperBack Swap program;
- A recently retired English/Language Arts teacher from the Chicago Suburbs is donating her entire classroom library of books to West Central;
- The third grade team was complimented for their efforts raising their students reading levels since the beginning of the year;
- Mrs. Lumbecks third grade class is donating books to a Drs. Office for patients to take home and read;
- Jerry Spikers retirement party was held recently and deemed a success.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to approve the agenda with the following additions: XII. C. Add Julie Ricketts for payment for SIP team member. Add item XII.D. Consider Approval of Request to Pay Stipends to WCES RtI Team. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Motion carried.

APPROVE  
AGENDA

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUEST FOR PRESENTATION

Under recognition of audience request for presentation, Richard Clifton updated the board on the high school boys' basketball program.

AUDIENCE  
REQUEST

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck to approve the consent agenda including the following items: (The minutes of the November 19, 2013, Regular Meeting; and November 19, 2013, Closed Session; WCHS graduation ceremony to be held on Sunday, May 18, 2014, at 2:00 pm and the WCMS promotion ceremony to be held on Monday, May 19, 2014, at 7:00 pm; the proposed policy revisions on first reading as presented: Policy 3:60 – General School Administration – Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal, Policy 4:100 – Operational Services – Insurance Management, Policy 5:50 – General Personnel – Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace; Tobacco Prohibition, Policy 5:90 – General Personnel – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting, Policy 5:100 – General Personnel – Staff Development Program Policy 5:120 – General Personnel – Ethics and Conduct, Policy 5:200 – Professional Personnel – Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal, Policy 6:60 – Instruction – Curriculum Content, Policy 6:250 – Instruction – Community Resource Persons and Volunteers, Policy 6:130 – Instruction – Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs, and Course Substitutions, Policy 7:185 – Students – Teen Dating Violence Prohibited, Policy 7:300 – Students – Extracurricular Activities, Policy 8:30 – Community Relations – Visitors to and Conduct on School Property; the payment of a \$1000 stipend to the SIP Team Members: Emily Klossing, Jesse Winters, Charlotte Ackermann, Laura Lewis, Cathie Smith, Julie Ricketts, Natalie Ensminger, Terri Copeland, Byron Helt, Jeremy Hennings, Lisa Lox, Tammi Rankin, Darrell Gittings, Adam Boyle, Megan Smith, Erik Davis, and Michelle Tutor). Roll call: Buss, aye; Brent, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

CONSENT  
AGENDA

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

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

FINANCIAL  
ACTIVITY

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss to approve the activity account summaries for November 2013 as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss to approve a request to a pay a \$1000 stipend for the WCES RtI members Chris Wright, Laura Lewis, and Amanda Hennenfent. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye. Motion carried.

REPORTS

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The board reviewed reports from the building Principals and the Assistant Principals. The board also reviewed a curriculum report as presented by Superintendent Grimm. The board briefly reviewed the district technology report from Mrs. Frakes and a special education report from Mrs. Farniok.

The board briefly reviewed an update on the progress that Superintendent Grimm has made on his performance objectives.

The board reviewed the minutes of the recently completed Board Buildings and Grounds committee meeting. The board was updated on the progress on the installation of the water line from Biggsville to the north campus, that the stage curtains will be replaced over Christmas Break, that the boiler work in the high school may or may not completed during Christmas Break depending on the temperatures and that the clock system in the high school has been repaired.

BUILDING &  
GROUNDS  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT

The board heard a presentation from Mr. Schneider and Ms. Smith, WCHS Math Teacher on the progress of students who have successfully completed the Power Math Class and the Math Lab at WCHS. As part of the report, the board heard a presentation requesting the inclusion of an accelerated Algebra and Geometry class into the WCHS Curriculum. After discussing the request, the board directed Superintendent Grimm to bring the request to them for approval at the January, 2014, Board Meeting.

MATH  
CURRICULUM  
REPORT

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Board President Brent briefly discussed the process for board members to complete the Superintendent's evaluation.

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EVALUATION

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items identified by the board.

FUTURE  
AGENDA  
ITEMS

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by White to enter closed meeting at 8:08 pm to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District of legal counsel for the District. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White that the Board return to open session at 9:15 pm. Roll call: White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED

Motion by Arnold, seconded by Buss that the Board accept the resignation of Tyler Klossing as WCMS 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball coach as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION T. KLOSSING

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss to employ Mike Lenahan as WCMS 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball coach as presented. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

WCMS 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE B-BALL COACH

Motion by Arnold, seconded by White to employ Scott Schneider as WCHS baseball coach as presented. Roll call: Arnold, aye; White, aye; Lumbeck, aye; John, aye; Buss, aye; Anderson, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

WCHS BASEBALL COACH

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by John to employ Wade O'Neal as WCHS Play Director as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

WCHS PLAY DIRECTOR

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The board was reminded that the next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2014. This meeting will be held in the elementary cafeteria and will begin at 6 pm.

FUTURE MTG

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Buss, seconded by Arnold to adjourn at 9:20 pm. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOUR

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2014.

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Lonnie Brent, Board President

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Amy John, Board Secretary

