

TO: All Staff
FROM: Ralph Grimm, Superintendent
RE: Thursday, February 19, 2015, Board Meeting Summary
DATE: Friday, February 20, 2015

At the regularly scheduled Thursday, February 19, 2015, meeting of the West Central CUSD #235 Board of Education meeting the following items took place.

1. At 6 pm it was determined that a quorum of the Board was physically present in the elementary cafeteria. Mr. Grimm then moved those present to the Unit Office conference room to conduct the meeting. Board President Brent was contacted and he then led the meeting via phone. Board members present in the unit office conference room were Mr. Anderson, Mrs. White, Mr. Buss and Mr. Lumbeck. Board President joined the meeting by telephone.
2. Board President led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Under Good News Items, the following items were highlighted:
 - Fifty-two students attended Freshman Orientation.
 - Pastries for Parents was well attended.
 - The Thursday, February 12, 2015, Early Dismissal for SIP activities was conducted. The afternoon spent working with Anne Weerda was very well received.
4. The Board approved the agenda as presented.
5. No one was present to address the Board on any agenda items.
6. The Board approved the Consent Agenda as presented. Items approved under the Consent Agenda included:
 - The minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2015; the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 2, 2015; the Closed Session Minutes of January 22, 2015 and February 2, 2015.
 - The 2014-2015 Seniority List for licensed and support staff with a couple of minor changes to the total years of service for a couple of employees.
7. The Board approved all bills for payment as presented. The Board approved the activity accounts as presented as well as the January, 2015 Treasurers report. Mr. Grimm informed the Board that at the end of the 7 month of the fiscal year, revenue and expenditures should be at 58.33% of budget. Actual revenue received at the end of January was at 77.44% and actual expenditures at the end of January were at 51.71%. The Board was also informed that the State of Illinois owes District 235 \$240,484 in funds that have been vouchered but not yet received by the district.
8. The Board reemployed Mrs. Lafary, Mr. Conlee, Mr. Frakes, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Gullburg to their current positions for the 2015-2016 school year. Salaries will be determined at a later time.

9. The Board approved a request to advertise for an additional special ed teacher for the 2015-2016 school year.
10. The Board approved a Health Life Safety Amendment for repairs to the high school boiler room that were caused by a raccoon.
11. The Board heard reports from the three building principals regarding the activities that they have been involved in since the January board meeting. Mrs. Lafary highlighted the recently completed Pre-K screening and the significant number of people who helped with the activity.
12. Mr. Grimm briefly reviewed the Curriculum Report he submitted to the Board. Staff members were complimented for their efforts preparing our students and themselves for the upcoming PARCC tests.
13. Mrs. Frakes reviewed her Technology Report with the Board. The Board was informed that the District Face Book page should be operational next week.
14. Mrs. Smith reviewed her Special Ed Report with the Board. The Board was informed that we have an immediate opening for a Special Ed Associate and to please help spread the word that this need exists.
15. The Board reviewed the proposed district calendar for the 2015-2016 school year. Specifically the Board was informed of the following:

We will start the school year on Monday, August 17, 2015, with a Teacher Institute. The first day of student attendance is Tuesday, August 18, 2015, and it will be a full day of attendance. This calendar also includes a Not in Attendance Day for Friday, November 20, 2015, which is the first day of shotgun deer hunting season. This calendar is calling for a full two week break at Christmas next year. The Christmas break will begin on Saturday, December 19, 2015, and students and staff will return to school on Monday, January 4, 2016. You will also note that this calendar calls for an ending date of May 27, 2016, if we use all of our snow days.

The Board had no concerns about the proposed calendar. Mr. Grimm informed the Board that this calendar will be on the March Board meeting agenda as a Consent Agenda item.

16. The Board was reminded that the Board Planning Retreat dates are Thursday, February 26, 2015, from 5-9 pm and Saturday, February 28, 2015, from 8 am – 5 pm. The retreat meetings will be held at the south campus.
17. The Board decided to carry over to the March Board meeting the review of the District Special Ed department audit and the bi-annual sports interest survey.
18. No Future Agenda Items were identified.

19. The Board did not convene to closed session.
20. The Board took the following personnel action:
 - Accepted the resignation of Brandi Livermore as WCES Associate and Christina Holding as WCHS Math Teacher and Cheerleading Sponsor.
 - Approved a leave request for WCHS Spanish Teacher Michelle Tutor beginning approximately August 30, 2015.
 - Approved the resignation of WC District Associate Cindy Wilkins.
 - Employed Jesse Winget as WCHS Science Teacher beginning in August of 2015.
21. The Board was reminded that their next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 18, 2015, beginning at 6 pm in the WC Elementary cafeteria.
22. There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned the meeting at 6:49 pm.