

TO: WC CUSD #235 Employees  
FROM: Ralph Grimm, Superintendent  
DATE: September 26, 2012  
RE: September 19, 2012 Regular Meeting of the WC CUSD #235 Board of Education

On Wednesday, September 19, 2012 the West Central CUSD #235 Board of Education conducted a public hearing and their regular meeting. As a result of these meetings the following items took place.

1. The board began the meeting in the elementary cafeteria at 6:30 pm. Board President Brent convened the board at 6:30 pm for the purpose of conducting a public hearing for the FY13 district budget. Board members Brad Arnold and Amy John were absent at roll call.
2. President Brent opened the floor for comments from the public regarding the FY13 budget. No one was present to address the Board regarding the FY 13 Budget. There being no questions to come from the audience, Board President Brent adjourned the public hearing at approximately 6:31 pm.
3. Following the budget hearing, each Building Principal introduced the teachers new to their building to the board. The board then spent time visiting with each of the teachers new to the district.
4. At 7:00 pm, Board President Brent called the regular meeting of the West Central CUSD #235 to order. All board members except Mrs. John were present at this roll call.
5. President Brent then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
6. Under good news items the following items were highlighted:
  - Midwest Bank presented a check in the amount of \$2400 for the “Chalk it Up for Schools” program;
  - Congratulations to the MS baseball team on their regional win;
  - An ice cream award party was held in the elementary for those 137 students who participated in the summer reading program;
  - The MS has a surprise fire drill today and everything went very smoothly;
  - The board thanked the new teachers for coming to the meeting;
  - Approval for the salad bar grant written by Shelly Nelson has been received if funds are appropriated;
  - We have secured a low cost large salad bar from WIU.
7. The board was informed of a couple of agenda changes. Supt. Grimm informed the board that action item X (I). Consider Approval of Life Safety amendment for replacement of MS dishwasher was being tabled due to the lack of information available and the addition of action item XV.(4) the employment of Rachel Ford as a part time Title associate. The board then approved the agenda with the above changes.
8. There was no one in attendance to address the board on any of the agenda items during the audience request for presentation.
9. The board approved the consent agenda. Items approved under the consent agenda included:
  - Minutes of the August 22, 2012 regular board meeting;
  - Minutes of the closed session of August 22, 2012;

- The 2012-13 Application for Recognition of Schools;
  - Designated Superintendent Grimm as safety committee designee;
  - The architects report on the inspection of the temporary buildings;
  - The recommendation to continue elementary after school tutoring with an hourly pay rate of \$20 for the tutor with the total not to exceed \$2360 for the fiscal year;
  - The corrected 2012-13 salary for Justin Rakestraw;
  - Pay building level teachers who serve as SIP team members a stipend of \$1000;
  - Pay district mentors a stipend of \$1000;
  - Request for WC FFA to attend National FFA convention in Indianapolis, IN;
  - Request for WC FBLA to attend Regional convention in Indianapolis, IN;
  - Approved artwork for WC Elementary gymnasium and cafeteria;
  - Appointed Sharri Richard and Nancy Clark as designated representative of the board secretary to distribute and receive election material
10. Under financial activity, the board approved the payment of all bills as presented. The board also approved the activity accounts for each building and the treasurer's report as presented. Supt. Grimm then made a few remarks about the district's financial report. Supt. Grimm indicated to the board that he would have more comment to make about the district's financial report next month once the new budget figures for FY13 were added to that report.
  11. The board reviewed and approved a quote in the amount of \$29,530 from Ghelardini, Inc of Pekin, IL for the replacement of the entrance doors at the middle school. An alternate quote in the amount of \$14,668 to replace the interior doors to the main entrance of the middle school was not approved. The board was reminded that the funds for this project will come from the School Maintenance Grant that was recently awarded to West Central by the Illinois State Board of Education.
  12. The board approved a quote from G-M Mechanical of Canton, Inc to replace the water drinking fountain at the south campus in the amount of \$3,950. There were two quotes received for this work and this work will take place during a time when students are not in attendance. This work will also be paid for from the School Maintenance Grant.
  13. The board reviewed and approved a quote from Riddell Roofing in the amount of \$15,080 for foam roof repair for portions of the roof at Media and Stronghurst. This roof repair will also be paid from the School Maintenance Grant.
  14. The board approved the creation of an ad-hoc board sub-committee to study and review the district finances. Following the approval of the creation of the committee, Board President Brent appointed himself and Dr. Robbins to that committee. Following the meeting, Dr. Brent, Dr. Robbins and Supt. Grimm met and decided that the first meeting of the committee will be on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm in the unit office conference room. Subsequent meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. These will also begin at 4:30 pm and be held in the unit office conference room.
  15. The board heard a brief presentation regarding the FY 13 district budget from Supt. Grimm. He pointed out to the board that the FY13 budget is a deficit budget in the amount of \$1,159,604. It was also pointed out that the budgeted expenditures for FY13 are \$86,521 less than last year's expenditures. It was also pointed out that general state aid is decreasing in excess of \$500,000 for

FY13. Following a brief question and answer session between the board members and Supt. Grimm, the board approved the FY13 district budget as presented.

16. The board reviewed reports from the building Principals and the Assistant Principals. The board also reviewed a curriculum report as presented by Supt. Grimm. A significant amount of time was spent discussing a recent meeting that he had attended with area Superintendents and Carl Sandburg College President and her leadership team. The board was updated on some of the college initiatives to increase their partnership with the K-12 districts that make up the Carl Sandburg Community College district. The board also reviewed the district technology report from Mrs. Frakes and a special education report from Mrs. Farniok. During Mrs. Farniok's report she provided the board with the required mandated reporter training and informed the board that they are all mandated reporters. The board also reviewed the participation numbers for the fall sports teams as provided by Mr. Kerfoot. The board also reviewed the FY12 Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefit Report. Supt. Grimm highlighted for the board the changes in the format and content of the report that are being made in this year's report as a result of recent legislation.
17. The board briefly discussed the 6<sup>th</sup> day enrollment report. As of August 23, 2012 the district has seen a decline in enrollment of 70 students from the same time period of one year ago. Supt. Grimm suggested again, that he feels the primary reason for such a steep decline in enrollment was due to things related to the economy and not because of dissatisfaction on the part of the stakeholders of District 235
18. The board decided to postpone until further notice the originally scheduled October 13<sup>th</sup> district planning retreat.
19. The board reviewed a proposed list of Supt. performance goals with details. Following a brief discussion on the performance goals, the board indicated that these goals should be brought back to the board at their October meeting for approval.
20. Supt. Grimm discussed with the board a series of changes that are begin made to the district's employee health insurance program. Also as part of that discussion, Supt. Grimm updated the board on some changes that will take effect on January 1, 2013 and other contemplated changes that are being considered.
21. There were no future agenda items identified by the board.
22. The board did not enter closed session and therefore took the following action:
  - Accepted the resignation of Dana Dutton Gulick as a WCMS associate;
  - Approved the transfer of Debra Eckley from a part time Title I associate to a full time WCMS associate;
  - Employed Cheryl Gaylord as a part time Title I associate;
  - Employed Amy Wolf, Lynn Ragar, Lisa Johnson, Amanda Hennenfent, Julie Ricketts, Melissa Bittner, Jamie Meier, Jesse Winters, Zach Freiley, Renee Russell and Julie Courtois as elementary tutors;
  - Employed Debra Paulus as a part time cook (2 days per week, 2 hours per day);
  - Employed Rachel Ford as a part time Title I associate

23. The board was reminded that the regular October meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2012. This meeting will be held in the elementary gymnasium and will begin at 7pm for student recognition and then will move to the elementary cafeteria when this program ends.
24. There being no other business to come before the board, the board adjourned their meeting at 8:40 pm.