

TO: All Staff  
FROM: Paula Markey  
RE: November 19, 2019, Board Meeting Summary

At the Tuesday, November 19, 2019, regular Board meeting of the West Central C.U.S.D. #235 Board of Education, the following items took place:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the West Central Elementary School cafeteria by Board President Jodi Arnold. All Board members except Mike Lenahan were present at roll call. Student Representatives to the Board of Education Emijah Jones and Wesley Stewart were in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Markey, WCHS Principal Jason Kirby, WCMS Principal Joe Peters, WCES Principal Kathy Lafary, WCES Assistant Principal Andrea Freiden, Technology Director Melinda Frakes, and Music Teachers Matt Stewart and Danna Cory. Illinois State Scholars and their families were in attendance. Mrs. Lox and some members of the WCMS Speech team were present to present. Some members of Boy Scout Troop 60 were present to observe the Board meeting as an assignment.
2. President Arnold led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Under Good News Items the following items were highlighted:
  - Several members of the middle school Speech team performed their speeches for the Board.
  - Congratulations to Board Members Mindy Clark and Bryan Spence for earning Master Board Member Level 1 recognition.
  - Recognition of Illinois State Scholars: Macy Bengel, Dylan Gibbs, Tucker Peterson, Eric Rathbone, and Steve (Wesley) Stewart.
  - Thank you to Security Savings Bank for their donation of \$775.
  - Thanks to all for supporting the Scholastic Book Fair this year. We profited \$2,030.93, which results in more books being purchased for the library.
  - Congratulations to the following athletes for making the LTC All-Conference Team in volleyball: Mady Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team and Megan Schaley, Honorable Mention.
  - Congratulations to the following student athletes for earning LTC All-Academic in volleyball: Jayde Henry, Brianna Kinkaid, Sadie Lenz, Halee Porter, Bailey Ryan, and Reagan Spence.
  - Congratulations to the following athletes for making the LTC All-Conference Team in football: Nathan Bigger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Full Back; Max Carnes, 1st Team Defensive Back; John Steck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Offensive Line; and Kaiden Droste, Honorable Mention Running Back
  - Congratulations to the following student athletes for earning LTC All-Academic in football: Nathan Bigger, Max Carnes, Kaiden Droste, Liam Reed, Dexter Ricketts, John Steck, and Wesley Stewart.
4. The Board approved the meeting agenda with one addition: 8C. Farm Committee Report.
5. There was no request to address the Board during Public Comment.

5. The Board approved the Consent Agenda. Items approved under the Consent Agenda included the following:
  - The minutes of the October 16, 2019, Regular Meeting, and
  - The October 2019 bills, October 2019 building Activity Account Reports, the October 2019 Treasurer's Report, and review of the District Financial Report.
6. The Board heard a report from the Building and Grounds Committee regarding the November 4, 2019, committee meeting.
7. The Board was presented with information by Coach Jason Kirby regarding 8-man football. The Board is considering moving to 8-man football for the 2020-2021 school year and will take action on it at the December 18, 2019, Board meeting.
8. The Board heard a report from the Farm Committee regarding 2019 crops.
9. The Board reviewed and heard reports from the building principals as well as a Technology Report from Mrs. Frakes.
10. The Board approved Board Policy 8:20 – Community Use of School Facilities as presented.
11. The Board approved a Tentative 2019 Tax Levy as presented. This year's tentative tax levy calls for an extension amount of \$6,131,233 which is an increase over the 2018 levy extension amount of 8.29%. The Tentative 2019 Tax Levy is now on display in the District Office. The board will vote to approve the Final 2019 Tax Levy at the December 18, 2019, Board meeting.
12. The Board approved the 2019 District and School Report Cards as presented. They will now be put on display on our District website.
13. The Board approved a student request to attend a shortened school day during the 2020-2021 school year in order to attend Carl Sandburg College as presented.
6. The Board entered closed session at 8:31 p.m. to discuss the following topics:
  - A. A The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.
  - B. Student discipline.
  - C. Collective negotiating matters between the school board and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.
  - D. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.

The Board exited closed session at 9:23 p.m.

14. The Board took the following action in regards to personnel:
  - accepted Glenn McClanahan's intent to retire on December 31, 2019, as presented with thanks for his service to the District,
  - accepted the resignation of Keith Blair as the WCMS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Coach as presented with thanks for his service to the District,
  - accepted the resignation of Tyler Klossing as the WCMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Coach as presented with thanks for his service to the District,
  - accepted the resignation of Logan Wood as the WCHS Assistant Boys' Baseball Coach as presented with thanks for his service to the District,
  - approved the employment of Andy Lewis as the WCMS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Coach pending completion of all employment and coaching requirements,
  - approved the employment of Keith Blair as the WCMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Coach as presented,
  - approved the employment of Rosemary Griffin as the WCMS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach pending completion of all coaching requirements, and
  - approved providing part-time Associates and part-time Cooks with one personal day per academic year as presented.
15. A Truth-in-Taxation Hearing will be held Wednesday, December 18, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the West Central Elementary cafeteria. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, December 18, 2019, in the West Central Elementary cafeteria immediately following the Truth-in-Taxation Hearing.
16. There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned their meeting at 9:23 p.m.