

TO: All Staff
FROM: Ralph Grimm, Superintendent
RE: Thursday, January 22, 2015, Board Meeting Summary
DATE: Monday, January 26, 2015

At the Thursday, January 22, 2015, regularly scheduled meeting of the West Central CUSD #235 Board of Education, the following items took place:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6 pm in the WCES Cafeteria by Board President Brent. All Board members except Mrs. White and Mrs. John were present at roll call.
2. President Brent led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Under Good News Items, the following items were highlighted:
 - Board President Brent read a letter to the Board from IASA Executive Director Brent Clark updating the Board on the work of Superintendent Grimm on the Vision 20/20 Project and the writing of the Illinois District Accountability Model.
 - Board President Brent informed the Board that Superintendent Grimm has been designated as the Western Region of the IASA Superintendent of Distinction and is now a candidate for IASA Superintendent of the Year.
 - It was noted that the high school Science classes have been going well since the change of instructors took place at the beginning of second semester.
 - It was noted that the FAA Donkey Basketball game was a huge success.
 - Board President Brent offered his compliments and thanks to the maintenance staff, custodial staff, and to Jaime Shultz for the extra work they put in on Monday, January 19, 2015, during the power outage and subsequent clean up.
 - Mrs. Frakes was recognized for her work assisting the district staff in preparing for the upcoming PARCC state mandated testing.
 - It was noted that the fifth grade and seventh grade students had recently received their Chromebooks. The principals of both buildings thanked the Board on behalf of their staff for approving this purchase.
 - The elementary food drive conducted in December collected 792 items. Those items were donated to the Family Outreach Community Center in Stronghurst.
 - Mrs. Lafary reported that the Box Top Collection campaign for first semester resulted in WCES receiving a check for \$1,114.35.
4. The Board approved the agenda with the addition of Discussion Item I, West Entrance of North Campus.
5. No one addressed the Board during audience request for visitors.
6. The Board approved the Consent Agenda as presented. Items approved under the Consent Agenda included:
 - The minutes of the Regular December 17, 2014, meeting and the Closed Session minutes of December 17, 2014.

- Overload stipends for certain WCHS staff members.
- A request to seek formal bids for the WCMS Locker Replacement project and the HVAC and Plumbing work as outlined in the most recent Ten Year Health Life Safety Amendment. The Board approved a request to seek quotes for bleacher handrail work at WCMS, Tuck-pointing at both campuses and roof repair work at the north campus also as part of the most recent Ten Year Health Life Safety Amendment.
- The Board approved the revisions to the following Board Policies on Second Reading:

Policy 4:45 –Operational Services – Insufficient Fund Checks and Debt Recovery – Policy 4:110 – Operational Services – Transportation – Policy 4:150 – Operational Services – Facility Management and Building Programs - Policy 5:10 – General Personnel Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment – Policy 5:185 – General Personnel – Family and Medical Leave – Policy 5:220 _ Professional Personnel – Substitute Teachers – Policy 5:250 – Professional Personnel - Leaves of Absence – Policy 6:20 - Instruction – School Year, Calendar and Day – Policy 6:60 – Instruction – Curriculum Content – Policy 6:110 – Instruction – Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program – Policy 6:280 – Instruction – Grading, Promotion and Retention – Policy 6:300 – Instruction – Graduation Requirements – Policy 6:340 – Instruction – Student Testing and Assessment Program – Policy 7:50 – Students –School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools – Policy 7:100 – Students – Health, Eye and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students – Policy 7:270 – Students - Administering Medicine to Students

- Approved a recommendation to pay SIP Team members a \$1000 dollar stipend for their year of service on the building level SIP team.
7. The Board approved the payment of all bills as presented; the building activity accounts for December and the December, 2014, Treasurers Report. The Board heard from Superintendent Grimm that the revenue received at the end of December was 72.8% of budget and expenditures were at 46.18% of budget. It was also pointed out that the State of Illinois currently owes District #235 \$240,210.98.
 8. The Board approved a request to have District Architect Bill Phillips conduct and oversee a formal study of the heating systems in each building and to prepare a list of recommendations and/or options to be considered by the Board to address the many problems that have occurred with those systems.
 9. The Board heard reports from the three building principals concerning the activities that they have been involved in since the December Board meeting.
 10. The Board reviewed the District Curriculum Report submitted by Mr. Grimm.
 11. The Board reviewed the District Technology Report submitted by Mrs. Frakes and the District Special Ed Report as submitted by Mrs. Smith.

12. The Board reviewed and discussed briefly the district 5 Year Enrollment Projection as prepared by Superintendent Grimm. The report showed our current K-12 enrollment at 820 students and the projected enrollment for the next three years to drop by 8 students.
13. The Board briefly reviewed an update on the district Integrated Math Curriculum put in place at WCHS this year.
14. The Board heard a report on the Illinois Vision 20/20 Project. The Board was informed that this was an initiative started by the IASA and supported by the various school management groups. The result of the two year project was a series of policy briefs that will be presented to the general public and Illinois legislators as a blueprint to improve education into the future. The Board learned that there are four main areas of focus in the initiative. They are as follows: Highly Effective Educators; 21st Century Learning; Shared Accountability and Equitable and Adequate Funding. After discussion, the Board passed a resolution of support for the Illinois Vision 20/20 Initiative.
15. The Board was given a brief update on the status of the Special Ed Program review being conducted by Denise VanDaele. The Board was informed that the administrative team would most likely be recommending the employment of an additional Special Ed teacher at the February, 2015, Board meeting for the 2015-2016 school year.
16. The Board by consensus felt it would be appropriate to create a district Facebook page as another way to push out information to the district stakeholders. The Board asked the admin team to continue working on this and to get the page operational as soon as practical to do so.
17. The Board heard a report from the Board Building and Grounds committee regarding the committee meeting of Tuesday, January 6, 2015. The Board reviewed a list of potential projects that should be considered for further action. It was decided that further discussion of the list of topics will take place at an upcoming Board meeting.
18. The Board agreed to conduct a Board Planning Retreat on Thursday, February 26, 2015, from 5 – 9 pm and on Saturday, February 28, 2015, from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm.
19. Mr. Grimm asked to Board to table further discussion on several proposed Board policy revisions. The Board did discuss the suggestion of having school issued email accounts and they agreed that this was appropriate to do so. Mr. Grimm and Mrs. Frakes will work on making those new email addresses operational.
20. The Board briefly discussed concerns about how dark the west entrance to the north campus appears to be. The Board directed Superintendent Grimm to report back to them on this at the February, 2015, Board meeting.
21. Under Future Agenda Items, it was noted that certain proposed Board policy revisions be brought for action on second reading and the possible employment of a HS special ed teacher be added to the February, 2015, Board meeting agenda.

22. The Board took the following action regarding personnel:
 - Approved the resignation of Teri Cole as WCMS Cook
 - Employed Peg Ingles as a long term sub
 - Employed Tiffany Spiker as a WCMS Cook
 - Employed Quinn Leath as WCHS Assistant Baseball Coach
 - Employed Steve Arnold as WCHS Head Track Coach
 - Accepted the resignation of Jeff Housel as WCHS Head Football Coach
 - Approved Logan Wood as a WCHS Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach

23. The Board entered closed session at approximately 7:45 pm to discuss matters relating to personnel including the Superintendents Evaluation. The Board returned to Open Session at 8:50 pm.

24. There being no other business the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:51 pm.