

TO: All Staff  
FROM: Paula Markey  
RE: April 17, 2019, Regular Board Meeting Summary

At the Wednesday, April 17, 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 were present at roll call.
2. President Arnold led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Under Good News Items the following items were highlighted:
  - Congratulations to our Regional Office of Education #33 Excellence in Education Award recipients: Jessica Burrell, Amy Olson, and Belinda Atlogic!
  - Congratulations to our OSF Nutrition Poster Contest Winners: Liam Sullivan, Maci Murray, Wyatt Goff, Hayli Strange, Zari McCraw, Ayva Hicks, and Makayla Bennett.
  - West Central Middle School will be starting our Therapeutic Thursdays where teachers are invited to participate in the Physical Education classes during their prep periods. This will provide our teachers with an opportunity to get some physical activity while bonding with students outside of their classes.
  - West Central Middle School has also started to allow students who arrive to school early to do some physical activity. Previously the students were required to sit in the bleachers.
  - West Central faculty, staff, and students did a fantastic job during the first two days of IAR testing.
  - We have new Guests and Home signs in the gym that Alyssa made that replace the paper ones.
  - The 8th grade boys won their first track meet and Kaiden Droste broke two 8th grade track records in the 100 and 400.
  - The West Central Middle School play will be May 2-4.
  - West Central High School students and staff assisted the Oquawka Township with sandbagging on Friday, April 5. Students and staff filled over 2,000 sandbags.
  - The West Central High School play, Beauty and the Beast was phenomenal and well attended! We have some very talented individuals at West Central.
  - Ebony Thompson broke the school record in the Discus with 97'7½" and Shot Put with 35' in a recent track meet.
  - Sadie Lenz broke the school record in Triple Jump with 34'10" in a recent track meet.
  - The middle school Harry Potter Club competed in a Quidditch match with students from Monmouth College.
4. The agenda was approved as presented.
5. There were no comments from the public.

6. The Board approved the Consent Agenda. Items approved under the Consent Agenda included the following:
  - The minutes of the March 20, 2019, Regular Meeting and Closed Session and
  - The March 2019 bills, March 2019 building Activity Account Reports, the March 2019 Treasurer's Report, and review of the District Financial Snapshot.
7. The Board heard electronic and oral presentations from the WCES, WCMS, and WCHS School Improvement Teams regarding their proposed School Improvement Plans.
8. The Board discussed two calendar options presented by Superintendent Markey.
9. The Board discussed proposed student fees for 2019-2020. All fees would remain the same with the exception of lunch prices. It was proposed to possibly increase lunch prices by \$.10 as a result of a possible mandate to do so. The District is waiting for the calculation tool to become available to determine if this will be necessary.
10. The Board was presented with and discussed proposed FFA Trapshooting/Archery Competition guidelines.
11. The Board discussed the continuation of selecting Student Representatives to the Board of Education. It was decided to proceed with this process and to select two representatives for the 2019-2020 school year from those that apply. The Board directed Superintendent Markey to prepare and disseminate the applications.
12. Each member of the Board was presented with the book The Art of Boardmanship by Jim Burgett as a resource and discussed scheduling a Special Board meeting for the purpose of Board training with Mr. Burgett called Boardmanship 101. The Board directed Superintendent Markey to gather additional information about this training.
13. The Board reviewed and heard reports from the building principals; Shane Tucker, Athletic Director; Melinda Frakes, District Technology Coordinator; and Shaila Ayer, District Psychologist and Special Education Director.
  - West Central will be hosting Softball Regionals.
14. The Board approved a resolution proclaiming May 6-10, 2019 as National Teacher Appreciation Week and May 7, 2019 as National Teacher Appreciation Day.
15. The Board approved a resolution proclaiming the following dates as Support Staff Days:
 

April 24, 2019	Administrative Professionals Day	
April 25, 2019	Paraprofessional Day	
April 26, 2019	Custodians/Maintenance Day	
April 30, 2019	Bus Driver Day	
May 1, 2019	Technology Support Day	
May 2, 2019	Counselor/School	Psychologist/Speech-Language
	Pathologist/Social	
	Worker Day	

- May 3, 2019                      Food Service Day
16. The Board discussed and approved the West Central C.U.S.D. #235 Acceleration Policy as presented.
  17. The Board discussed and approved the West Central C.U.S.D. #235 Consolidated District Plan as presented.
  18. The Board received one bid for the elementary restroom project. As a result, the Board tabled approval of the elementary restroom bid from Hein Construction Co., Inc. This project will be put on hold, and the district will put out another request for bids at a later date.
  19. The Board approved the request of two students to attend half days during the 2019-2020 school year to take college courses.
  20. The Board approved the purchase of a 15' flex wing grooming mower from JCB.
  21. The Board approved the following proposed Board policy revisions on First Reading as presented:
    - Policy 2:20 – Powers and Duties of the Board of Education; Indemnification
    - Policy 2:40 – Board Member Qualifications (5-Year Review)
    - Policy 2:50 – Board Member Term Office (5-Year Review)
    - Policy 2:60 – Board Member Removal from Office (5-Year Review)
    - Policy 4:30 – Revenues and Investments
    - Policy 4:100 – Insurance Management
    - Policy 4:110 – Transportation
    - Policy 4:150 – Facility Management and Building Programs
    - Policy 4:160 – Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds
    - Policy 4:190 – Targeted School Violence Prevention Program – New
    - Policy 5:330 – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
    - Policy 6:15 – School Accountability
    - Policy 6:65 – Student Social and Emotional Development (5-Year Review)
    - Policy 8:95 – Parental Involvement (5-Year Review)
  22. The Board entered Closed Session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss the following:
    - 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.
    - 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.
    - Student disciplinary cases.
    - The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.

- Emergency security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to actual danger to the safety of employees, students, staff or public property.

The Board exited Closed Session at 9:40 p.m.

23. The Board took the following action in regards to personnel:
  - accepted the intent to retire of Joni Alecock as District Cook as presented and with thanks for her service to the District,
  - accepted the resignation of Leigh Erlandson as an Art teacher as presented and with thanks for her service to the District,
  - accepted the resignation of Debra Paulus as a part-time Cook as presented and with thanks for her service to the District,
  - approved the employment of Rhonna Hand as an Elementary teacher as presented pending completion of all pre-employment requirements,
  - approved the employment of Bobby Allaman as a part-time, temporary Special Education Associate for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year pending completion of all pre-employment requirements,
  - approved the employment of Ben Alexander as a WCHS Science teacher as presented pending completion of all pre-employment requirements.
  - approved the employment of Shane Tucker as the WCHS Head Girls' Basketball Coach as presented pending completion of all coaching requirements, and
  - accepted the resignation of Leigh Erlandson as the WCHS Art Club Sponsor and the WCHS Sophomore Class Sponsor as presented and with thanks for her service to the District.
24. The Board was reminded that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the West Central Elementary cafeteria. The Board will hold a Board Reorganization meeting on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 in the West Central Elementary cafeteria.
25. There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned their meeting at 9:48 p.m.