

TO: West Central C.U.S.D. #235 Staff and Community
FROM: Paula Markey
RE: October 21, 2020, E-Learning Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting
Summary

At the Wednesday, October 21, 2020, E-Learning Public Hearing and Regular Board meeting of the West Central C.U.S.D. #235 Board of Education, the following took place:

1. The E-Learning Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the West Central Elementary School cafeteria by Board Vice President Brendan Schaley. All Board members were present at roll call except Board President Jodi Arnold and Board Member Steve Lumbeck. Also present were Nancy Clark Superintendent Markey, WCHS Principal Jason Kirby, WCMS Principal Joe Peters, WCES Principal Kathy Lafary, and IT Wade Alexander. WCES Assistant Principal Andrea Freiden and Technology Director Melinda Frakes joined the meeting via Zoom. Some Academic Excellence Award recipients and their families were also in attendance.
2. The Board conducted a Public Hearing on the West Central C.U.S.D. #235 E-Learning Program. There were no comments offered by any member of the public on the E-Learning Program.
3. The E-Learning Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.
4. The Regular Board meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. in the West Central Elementary School cafeteria by Board Vice President Brendan Schaley. All Board members were present at roll call except Jodi Arnold and Steve Lumbeck. Also present were Nancy Clark Superintendent Markey, WCHS Principal Jason Kirby, WCMS Principal Joe Peters, WCES Principal Kathy Lafary, and IT Wade Alexander. WCES Assistant Principal Andrea Freiden and Technology Director Melinda Frakes joined the meeting via Zoom. Some Academic Excellence Award recipients and their families were also in attendance.
5. Vice President Schaley led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
6. Under Good News Items the following items were highlighted:
 - Congratulations to our 2019-2020 West Central #235 Board of Education Academic Excellence Award Recipients: Parker Brownlee, Elaina Fisher, Christopher Ford, Halee Porter, Brynna Seitz, Alexis Strack, Ross Vancil, and Kaitlyn Waugh.
 - The WCMS Softball team won their regional final game and are the Regional Champions!
 - WCHS Girls' Golf finished second at the LTC Conference meet. Elaina Fisher, Olivia Hines, and Allie Strack earned All-Conference.
 - Elaina Fisher and Olivia Hines both qualified for the Sectional golf meet by being in the top 4 individuals at the Regional Meet once the top two teams were removed.
7. The Board approved the meeting agenda as presented with no additions or deletions.
8. There were no comments from the public.

9. The Board approved the Consent Agenda. Items approved under the Consent Agenda included the following:
 - The minutes of the September 23, 2020 FY21 District Budget Hearing
 - The minutes of the September 23, 2020, Regular Meeting
 - The September 2020 bills, September 2020 Building Activity Account Reports, the September 2020 Treasurer's Report, and review of the District Financial Report. We are 25% into the FY21 fiscal year. We have received 63.5% of our anticipated revenue and have expended 19% of our budgeted expenditures.

10. The Board heard a report from the Building and Grounds Committee from their meeting on October 20, 2020. The following items are scheduled to be completed in FY21:
 - a. Replace hallway lockers at West Central High School.
 - b. Replace flooring and doors in football press box at West Central High School.
 - c. Remove visitor wooden bleachers by football field at West Central High School.
 - d. Address traffic flow concern at West Central High School.
 - e. Replace backstop baseball fencing at West Central Middle School.
 - f. Repair backup boiler at West Central Middle School.
 - g. Replace windows at West Central Elementary School.
 - h. Install remaining water bottle filling stations.
 - i. Replace underground fuel tank on the north campus.
 - j. Replace wooden fencing around sewer pits.
 - k. Replace faded exterior signs on both the north and south campuses.
 - l. Remove dead trees on both the north and south campuses.
 - m. Oil and chip bus parking lot.
 - n. Explore options to repair West Central Elementary School parking lots.

11. The Board discussed an FCC license owned by West Central School District. The Board will explore leasing or potentially selling this license.

12. The Board reviewed and heard reports from the building principals as well as a Technology Report from Mrs. Frakes, and an Athletic Report from Shane Tucker. The following items were noted in the reports:
 - Approximately 70 students returned on Monday, October 19, 2020, from remote learning to in-person learning.
 - A potential announcement from IHSA regarding winter and spring sports is expected on October 28.
 - Athletic Director Shane Tucker demonstrated the new camera systems that have been installed in the West Central High School gymnasium and at the football field. These camera systems will allow the West Central School District to stream a variety of events including athletic events, music concerts, and potentially graduation.

13. The Board approved the FY20 District audit report as presented. West Central C.U.S.D. #235 received a Total Profile Score of 4.00 out of 4.00 and a Financial Profile Designation of RECOGNITION. We thank the District office staff Nancy Clark, Shelly Nelson, and Jaime Shultz and the building secretaries and administration for their outstanding work to ensure accurate record keeping.

14. The Board approved the approved the following Board Policies on 1st reading as presented:
Policy 2:260 – Uniform Grievance Procedure; **Policy 2:265** – Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure (NEW); **Policy 5:10** – Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment; **Policy 5:20** – Workplace Harassment Prohibited; **Policy 5:100** – Staff Development Program; **Policy 5:220** – Substitute Teachers; **Policy 7:10** – Equal Educational Opportunities; **Policy 7:20** Harassment of Students Prohibited; **Policy 7:180** – Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment; and **Policy 7:185** – Teen Dating Violence Prohibited.
15. The Board approved a Resolution to Adopt an e-Learning Program in Lieu of the District’s Scheduled Emergency Days as presented.
16. The Board approved the West Central C.U.S.D. #235 E-Learning Program as presented.
17. The Board did not hold a Closed Session.
18. The Board took the following action in regards to personnel:
 - approved the maternity leave request for Kara Keating, and
 - approved the employment of Alyssa Hawk as a WCMS Student Council Sponsor.
19. The Board was reminded that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the West Central Elementary cafeteria.
20. There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned their meeting at 7:29 p.m.