

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON JANUARY 15, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Schaley at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria. The following board members answered roll call: Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, absent; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye. Vice-President Schaley declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Markey, K. Lafary, J. Peters, J. Kirby, A. Frieden, S. Ayer, D. Cory, E. Jones, N. Clark, J. Booton and Jennifer Mills.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Schaley then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

Under good news items the following items were highlighted:

- West Central C.U.S.D. #235 has received a FY20 School District Library Grant in the amount of \$750.
- West Central C.U.S.D. #235 received a \$1,146 donation from the Oquawka United Methodist Church to be applied toward unpaid lunch accounts.
- The elementary continues to collect Box Tops. We just received our quarterly check of \$287.60 for those collected from our community members. Please download the app and keep sending them our way.
- The elementary collected 1,094 non-perishable food items during the month of December. These items were donated to FOCC to assist individuals within our community.
- The third graders at West Central Elementary opted to collect goodies for the Western Illinois Animal Rescue, a local animal shelter, instead of having a gift exchange in the classroom.
- The following 5th and 6th grade students were selected to participate in ILMEA All-State: Alex Bell-Canfield, Josh Covert, Corri DeMent, Tucker DeVries, Simon Fisher, Brody Foley, Katelyn Ford, Cooper Gibb, Rebecca Hinshaw, JT Hurka, Marissa Spiker, Miley Stimpson and Aiden Todd. Twenty West Central students were nominated. Of those 20, 13 were selected. Congratulations!
- Congratulations to Jay Blender for being selected to be inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Coach Blender will be recognized by West Central between the JV and the Varsity Boys' Basketball games on Friday, February 14th.
- West Central C.U.S.D. #235 received a \$1,502 donation from West Central Athletic Association to be applied toward unpaid lunch accounts.

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, absent; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE AGENDA

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUEST FOR PRESENTATION

There was no one in attendance to address the board on any of the agenda items during the audience request for presentation.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Spence, seconded by Clark to approve the consent agenda including the following items:

CONSENT AGENDA

- The minutes of the regular meeting of December 18, 2019, closed session minutes of December 18, 2019;
- The payment of all bills;
- The December 2019 activity account summaries for West Central Elementary School, West Central Middle School;
- The Treasurer’s Report for December 2019;

Roll call: Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, absent; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, absent. Motion carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Markey presented the five-year enrollment projections. It is anticipated that enrollment will decline by approximately 14 students over the next five years.

ENROLL PROJECTIONS

Superintendent Markey presented the Board with tentative job descriptions for the positions of Maintenance Director, Head Custodian, Custodian, Transportation Director/Grounds Keeper, and Bus Driver. The Board will review these over the next month and take action on them at the February 19, 2020, Board Meeting.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

REPORTS

The Board reviewed and heard reports from the building principals; Jason Kirby on behalf of Shane Tucker, Athletic Director; Melinda Frakes, District Technology Coordinator; and Shaila Ayer, District Psychologist and Special Education Director.

REPROTS

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to approve Board Policy 8:30 – Visitors to and Conduct on School Property as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, absent; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent. Motion carried.

BD POLICY 8:30

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the pay rate of \$9.25 per hour for substitute cooks, custodians and associates as presented. Roll call: Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, absent. Motion carried.

RATE OF PAY FOR SUBS

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the 2019-2020 Seniority Lists for support staff and certified personnel as presented. Roll call: Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, absent; Schaley, aye. Spence, aye. Motion carried.

SENIORITY LISTS

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the Corporate Resolution for the West Central C.U.S.D. #235 Flexible Benefits Plan with American Central Insurance as presented. Roll call: Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent, Lumbeck, absent; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, absent. Motion carried.

CORP
RESOLUTION
FLEX BENE
PLANS

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to approve the Life/Safety Amendment for West Central Elementary to replace an existing HVAC rooftop unit as presented. Roll call: Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, absent; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye. Motion carried.

L/S AMEND
-HVAC
ROOFTOP

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Spence to approve offering a SAT Prep Class as presented. Roll call: Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, absent; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye. Motion carried.

SAT PREP
CLASS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board member Spence asked that middle school softball be put on future agendas.

FUTURE
AGENDA
ITEMS

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Spence, seconded by Bigger to adjourn to closed meeting pursuant of the Illinois Open Meetings Act - 5ILCS 120/2 (2)(16) at 6:24 pm to discuss the following subjects:

CLOSED
SESSION

- 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. 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;
 - C. Student Discipline Cases;
 - D. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.
 - E. Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, for purposed of semi-annual review of the minutes as required.
- Roll call: Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, absent; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye. Motion carried.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the Unit Office Conference room at 6:27 pm. Roll call: Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, absent; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye.

Motion by Schaley, seconded by Spence to return to open meeting at 7:42 pm. Roll call: Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, absent; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye. Motion carried.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the elementary cafeteria at 7:45 pm. Roll call: Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, absent; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye.

PERSONNEL ACTION

Motion by Spence, seconded by Bigger to approve the letter of Intent to Retire of Deb Lesscallett effective the last day of the 2019-2020 school year as presented with thanks for her service to the district. Roll call: Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, absent; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye. Motion carried.	D.LESSCALLETT -RETIRE
Motion by Spence, seconded by Clark to approve the resignation of Toni Henderickson as part-time Title Associate effective December 20, 2019 as presented, with thanks for her service to the district. Roll call: Lumbeck, absent; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent. Motion carried.	T. HENDERICKSON -RESIGN
Motion by Clark, seconded by Spence to approve the resignation of Jennifer Hoogerwert as a WCHS Secretary and the District Substitute Coordinator effective December 31, 2019 as presented, with thanks for her service to the district. Roll call: Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, absent. Motion carried.	J. HOOGERWERT -RESIGN
Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to approve the employment of John Martinez as a District Custodian as presented per the WCATS contract, pending completion of all pre-employment requirements. Roll call: Spence, aye; Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent, Lumbeck, absent; Schaley, aye. Motion carried.	J. MARTINEZ -EMPLOY DIST CUSTODIAN
Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the employment of Mike Lewis as a District Associate as presented, per the WCATS contract, pending completion of all pre-employment requirements. Roll call: Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, absent; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye. Motion carried.	M. LEWIS -EMPLOY DIST ASSOC
Motion by Spence, seconded by Bigger to approve the employment of Gayla Todd as a District Associate as presented, per the WCATS contract, pending completion of all pre-employment requirements. Roll call: Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent. Lumbeck, absent; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, absent. Motion carried.	G. TODD -EMPLOY DIST ASSOC
Motion by Bigger, seconded by Spence to approve the employment of Connie Sue Torrance as the District Substitute Coordinator with a stipend of \$1,500 per school year and prorated at \$750 for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Roll call: Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, absent; Schaley aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, absent, Bigger, aye. Motion carried.	C. TORRANCE -EMPLOY DIST SUB COORD
Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the employment of Melinda Whiteman as a WCHS Secretary per the WCATS contract, pending completion of all pre-employment requirements. Roll call: Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, absent; Schaley, nay; Spency, nay; Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye. Motion failed.	M. WHITEMAN -WCHS SECRETARY MOTION FAILED
Motion by Spence, seconded by Clark to approve the employment of Ryan Muegge as a SAT Prep Course Instructor with a \$1,000 stipend. Roll call: Lumbeck, absent; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent. Motion carried.	R. MUEGGE -EMPLOY SAT PREP COURSE

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the employment of Michael Holloran as a SAT Prep Course Instructor with a \$1,000 stipend. Roll call: Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, absent. Motion carried.

M. HOLLORAN
-EMPLOY SAT
PREP COURSE

Motion by Spence, seconded by Clark to approve Nichole Johnson as a volunteer 6th grade volleyball coach pending completion of all volunteer and coaching requirements. Roll call: Spence, aye; Arnold, absent, Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, absent; Schaley, aye. Motion carried.

N. JOHNSON
-VOL 6TH Vb
COACH

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to amend the motion of the August 6, 2019 Board meeting to hire Jennifer Hoogerwerf as the District Substitute Coordinator to include the stipend amount of \$1,500 per year as presented. Roll call: Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, absent; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye. Motion carried.

AMEND
MOTION FOR
DIST SUB
COORD PAY

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the Resolution to release Closed Session minutes per Exhibits A and B as presented. Roll call: Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, absent; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION
TO RELEASE
CLOSED MTG
MINUTES

FUTURE MEETING DATE

The February Regular Meeting of the West Central Board of Education will be on Wednesday, February 19, 2020. This meeting will be held in the elementary cafeteria and begin at 6:00 pm.

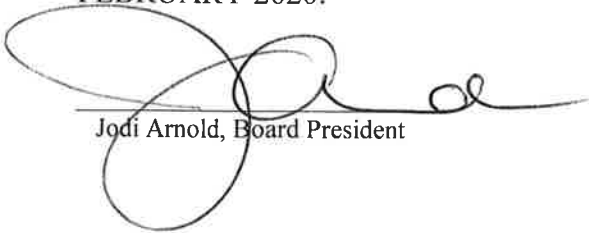
FUTURE MTG

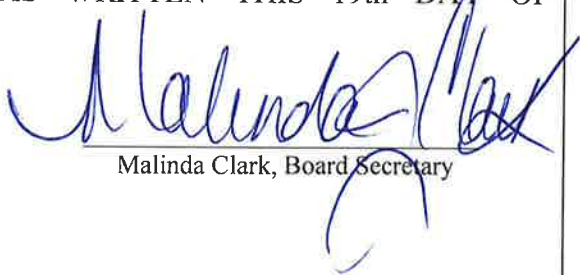
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Spence seconded by Bigger to adjourn at 7:50 pm. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 19th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020.


Jodi Arnold, Board President


Malinda Clark, Board Secretary