

MINUTES OF THE TRUTH-IN-TAXATION HEARING AND THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON DECEMBER 18, 2019.

The Truth-In-Taxation Hearing was called to order by President Arnold at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria. The following board members answered roll call: Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye. President Arnold declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Markey, K. Lafary, J. Peters, J. Kirby, A. Frieden, S. Ayer, C. Smith, J. Shultz, M. Stewart, D. Cory, E. Jones, W. Stewart, N. Clark and D. Bowman.

CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Markey showed a power-point presentation.

President Arnold asked the audience if there were any questions or comments. There were no questions or comments.

Motion by Spence, seconded by Bigger to adjourn the Truth-In-Taxation Hearing. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Hearing adjourned at 6:29 pm.

ADJOURN HEARING

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CALL TO ORDER

President Arnold then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

Under good news items the following items were highlighted:

- The district received a donation of \$3500 from Henderson County Handicapped Children's Trust.
- The elementary school, middle school and high school music programs were extremely well done.
- The elementary has collected over 1000 nonperishable items for their food drive.
- The recent middle school dance was well attended.

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Spence to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; 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 Bigger, seconded by Clark to approve the consent agenda including the following items:

CONSENT AGENDA

- The minutes of the regular meeting of November 19, 2019, closed session minutes of November 19, 2019;
- The payment of all bills;
- The November 2019 activity account summaries for West Central Elementary School, West Central Middle School, West Central High School;
- The Treasurer’s Report for November 2019;

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board reviewed Board Policy 8:30 – Visitors to and Conduct on School Property. If any board member would like any changes made to this policy, they were asked to contact Superintendent Markey with any suggestions.

BD POLICY 8:30

Superintendent Markey is in the process of finalizing job descriptions for: Maintenance Director, Head Custodian, Transportation Director/Grounds Keeper and Bus Drivers.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

REPORTS

The Board reviewed and heard reports from the building principals as well as a report from our District Psychologist and Special Education Director, Shaila Ayer.

REPORTS

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Spence to approve the 2019 Tax Levy certificate calling for a total amount of \$6,131,233 which represents an 8.29% increase over the 2018 extension amount as presented. Roll call: Lenahan, nay; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, nay; Clark, aye. Motion carried.

2019 TAX LEVY

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lumbeck to approve submitting a School Maintenance Grant application using the underground fuel storage tank Life/Safety Amendment as the basis for the matching funds as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye. Motion carried.

SCH MAIN GRANT

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to approve West Central High School Graduation Ceremony be held on Sunday, May17, 2020, at 2:00 pm. Roll call: Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye. Motion carried.

WCHS GRAD DATE

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the West Central High School transition to 8-Man football for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. Roll call: Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

8-MAN  
FOOTBALL

Motion by Clark, seconded by Schaley to approve the Illinois Crop-Share Cash Farm Lease to run from March 1, 2020 to February 28, 2025 with Darryl Lenz as the Lessee as presented. Roll call: Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

FARM LEASE

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board members were asked to contact Superintendent Markey with any future agenda items.

FUTURE  
AGENDA  
ITEMS

#### CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lumbeck to adjourn to closed meeting pursuant of the Illinois Open Meetings Act - 5ILCS 120/2 (2)(16) at 6:59 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.

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

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the Unit Office Conference room at 7:05 pm. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye.

Motion by Spence, seconded by Lumbeck to return to open meeting at 7:36 pm. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye. Motion carried.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the elementary cafeteria at 7:38 pm. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye.

PERSONNEL ACTION

Motion by Spence, seconded by Clark to accept the resignation of Amy Bole effective December 12, 2019 as presented with thanks for her service to the district. Roll call: Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye. Motion carried.

A. BOLE  
-RESIGN

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the employment of Carl Cassidy as a district custodian per the WCATS contract pending completion of all pre-employment requirements as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye. Motion carried.

C. CASSIDY  
-EMPLOY DIST  
CUSTODIAN

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the employment of Cody Eaton as West Central High School Assistant Baseball Coach per the WCATS contract pending completion of all coaching requirements. Roll call: Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

C. EATON  
-EMPLOY  
WCHS ASSIST  
Bb COACH

Motion by Spence, seconded by Clark to approve Matt Beverly as a West Central High School Boys' Basketball Volunteer Coach as presented pending completion of all coaching requirements. Roll call: Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye. Motion carried.

M. BEVERLY  
-VOL WCHS  
BBb COACH

Motion by Spence, seconded by Clark to approve Blake Bichsel as a West Central High School Boys' Basketball Volunteer Coach as presented pending completion of all coaching requirements. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye. Motion carried.

B. BICHSEL  
-VOL WCHS  
BBb COACH

FUTURE MEETING DATE

The January Regular Meeting of the West Central Board of Education will be on Wednesday, January 15, 2020. This meeting will be held in the elementary cafeteria and begin at 6:00 pm.

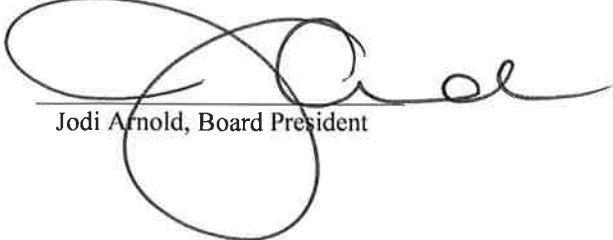
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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Spence to adjourn at 7:40 pm. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 15th DAY OF JANUARY 2020.



Jodi Arnold, Board President



Malinda Clark, Board Secretary