

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON MARCH 18, 2020.

The meeting 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, B. Phillips and N. Clark.

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:

- Ms. Lewis, along with her 5<sup>th</sup> grade helpers, raised \$377.30 during the Send A Sucker to a Friend event, which has been donated to the P.E. Department for new equipment.
- Miss Young coordinated the Kids Heart Challenge and raised \$5,787.21 for the American Heart Association.
- WCES Kindergarten classes collected pennies for the 100<sup>th</sup> Day celebration and later donated the 8,658 pennies to the Henderson County Library for new materials.
- The Middle School Science Olympiad Team participated at Western Illinois University. Congratulations to Bella Short, Teegan Rodeffer, and Drake Vancil on a second place on their collaborative project. Teegan and Drake also received a first place for their ping pong ball parachute. Teegan and Drake presented their project to the rest of the school at the March school assembly.
- Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball team received quite a bit of praise at the United Regional. Several of their workers were very impressed by how our young ladies handled themselves during this saying they were by far the most respectful team there. Our girls played the #1 seed Lewistown to a three game match. They lost the first game 25-6 and had every reason to quit; however, they led the whole second game and were a point away from winning at 24-16 when Lewistown came back and served but WC went on to win at 29-31. The last match Lewistown got ahead 10-1, but again our girls refused to quit. They got within three before Lewistown pulled away to win 25-15. As their Principal, I could not have been prouder of our team and how they conducted themselves and represented West Central.
- Wesley Stewart qualified for the state finals in the WYSE.
- Landen Beelman was named to the 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference, and Nathan Bigger was named to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference in basketball.

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

- Board Members Bryan Spence and Sarah Bigger participated in the Active Shooter drill March 10, 2020. Overall, the drills went smoothly. The District staff will reflect on the drill and make any necessary changes.

#### APPROVE AGENDA

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

- The minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 19, 2020, the closed session minutes of February 19, 2020,
- The payment of all bills, the WCES and WCMS activity account summaries for February, 2020; the WCHS activity account summaries for December, 2019, January 2020 and February 2020, the Treasurer's Report for February 2020,
- Continued participation in the Illinois High School Association,
- Continued participation in the Illinois Elementary School Association,
- Direct the Superintendent to begin work on the FY21 district budget,
- The contract for operator services for the wastewater services for Biggsville campus with Larry Lawson,
- Approval of amended 2019-2020 school district calendar,
- Authorize Nancy Clark to take the steps necessary to change signatory names on the WCHS activity account from Jennifer Hoogerwerf to Emily Schaley,
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- Designate the 2003 Chevrolet Cutaway Carryall as surplus for the purpose of selling/disposing of it,
- Approval of the 2020-2021 school district calendar,
- The request from Reagan Spence to attend half days during the 2020-2021 school year,
- The request from Liam Reid to attend half days during the 2020-2021 school year as presented.

CONSENT  
AGENDA

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board was provided copies of the West Central Elementary School, West Central Middle School and West Central High School, School Improvement Plans for review and possible approval at the May 20, 2020 Regular Board meeting. Each building's School Improvement teams will present their School Improvement Plan to the Board at the April 15, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting.

SIP PLANS

The Board discussed a proposed E-Learning plan for use during the mandated school closure.

REPORTS

The Board reviewed reports from the building principals; Shane Tucker, Athletic Director; Melinda Frakes, District Technology Coordinator; and Shaila Ayer, District Psychologist and Special Education Director. The Board also heard a report from the Building and Grounds Committee regarding current and upcoming projects. Mr. Bill Phillips, the District Architect was in attendance to present to the Board information about the potential to apply for and receive a State Construction Grant. The Board also heard a report from the Farm Committee regarding the recent sale of cattle.

REPORTS

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lumbeck to approve the bid for elementary restroom work from Laverdiere Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$73,765 as presented. Roll call: Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye. Motion carried.

WCES  
RESTROOM  
WORK BID

Motion by Bigger, seconded Clark to approve the Life/Safety Amendment to replace the unit ventilator steam coil in the West Central Middle School art classroom as presented. Roll call: Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye. Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye. Motion carried.

L/S AMEND  
WCMS STEAM  
COIL

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Spence to approve replacing the backstop fence on the baseball field at West Central Middle School by Trout Fencing as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye. Motion carried.

Bb BACKSTOP  
FENCE

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lumbeck to approve the Warranty Deed and supporting documents to give, with no monetary exchange, Parcel 09-25-263-001 to the Village of Stronghurst as presented. Roll call: Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

DEED PROPERTY  
TO THE  
VILLAGE OF  
STRONGHURST

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the proposed changes to the following Board policies as presented on 1<sup>st</sup> reading: **Policy 2:20** – Powers and Duties of the Board of Education; Indemnification; **Policy 2:70** – Vacancies on the Board of Education – Filling Vacancies; **Policy 2:100** – Board Member Conflict of Interest; **Policy 2:105** – Ethics and Gift Ban; **Policy 2:110** – Qualifications, Term and Duties of

BOARD  
POLICIES

Board Officers; **Policy 2:200** – Types of Board of Education Meetings; **Policy 2:220** – Board of Education Meeting Procedure; **Policy 2:260** – Uniform Grievance Procedure; **Policy 4:15** – Identity Protection; **Policy 4:30** – Revenue and Investments; **Policy 4:60** – Purchases and Contracts; **Policy 4:80** – Account and Audits; **Policy 4:150** – Facility Management and Building Programs; **Policy 4:190** – Targeted School Violence and Prevention Program; **Policy 5:10** – Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment; **Policy 5:20** – Workplace Harassment Prohibited; **Policy 5:30** – Hiring Process and Criteria; **Policy 5:50** – Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition; **Policy 5:90** – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting; **Policy 5:100** – Staff Development Program; **Policy 5:120** – Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest; **Policy 5:200** – Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal; **Policy 5:220** – Substitute Teachers; **Policy 5:250** – Leaves of Absence; **Policy 5:290** – Employment Termination and Suspensions; **Policy 5:330** – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves; **Policy 6:20** – School year Calendar and Day; **Policy 6:60** - Curriculum Content; **Policy 6:150** – Home and Hospital Instruction; **Policy 6:300** – Graduation Requirements; **Policy 7:20** – Harassment of Students Prohibited; **Policy 7:150** – Agency and Police Interviews; **Policy 7:180** – Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment; **Policy 7:270** – Administering Medicines to Students; **Policy 8:30** – Visitors to and Conduct on School Property as presented. Roll call: Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to approve establishing a West Central Softball Program. Roll call: Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye. Motion carried.

WCMS  
SOFTBALL  
PROGRAM

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to approve the purchase of a 2019 12-passenger Chevrolet Express 3500 Van at \$25,985.00 from Bruce Foote Chevrolet as presented. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye. Motion carried.

PURCHASE  
2019 12-PASS  
VAN

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

FUTURE  
AGENDA  
ITEMS

#### PERSONNEL ACTION

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Spence to accept the resignation of Shane Tucker as West Central High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director as presented with thanks for his service to the district. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye. Motion carried.

S. TUCKER  
-RESIGN

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to accept the resignation of Jacalyn Kendall as a District Bus Driver as presented with thanks for her service to the district. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye. Motion carried.

J. KENDALL  
-RESIGN

Motion by Spence, seconded by Clark the Board approve the employment of Allison Harden as a WCES Pre-K Teacher as presented per the WCATS contract and pending completion of all pre-employment requirements. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye. Motion carried.

A. HARDEN  
-EMPLOY  
PRE-K  
TEACHER

Motion by Clark, seconded Lumbeck the Board approve the employment of Heather Davis as a Homebound Instuctor as presented. Roll call: Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

H. DAVIS  
-EMPLOY  
HOMEBOUND  
INSTRUCTOR

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lumberk to accept the resignation of Quinn Leath, WCMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Coach as presented with thanks for his service to the district. Roll call: Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

Q. LEATH  
-RESIGN  
WCMS BBb  
COACH

FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Board was reminded that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the West Central Elementary cafeteria.

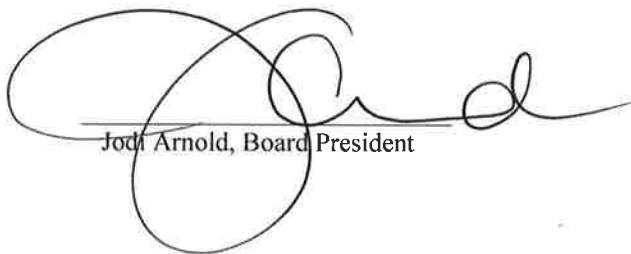
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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Spence to adjourn at 7:51 pm. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

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

  
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Jodi Arnold, Board President

  
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Malinda Clark, Board Secretary