

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON JANUARY 20, 2021.

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, J. Peters, J. Kirby, A. Frieden, S. Tucker, S. Ayer, D. Cory, M. Stewart, C. Smith, N. Mills, W. Alexander, N. Clark, J. Booton, D. Vancil and several staff and community members via Zoom.

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:

- West Central C.U.S.D. #235 received a \$3,500 donation from the Henderson County Handicapped Children’s Trust fund to be applied toward transportation costs associated with the handicapped children in Henderson County.
- Congratulations to Max Carnes for making the Illinois Shrine Game at Illinois Wesleyan! The game is currently scheduled for June 19, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.
- Congratulations to Grant Sibley for being selected into the ILMEA All-State Chorus.
- Congratulations to Ashley Shultz for being named to the Carl Sandberg Dean’s List, for part-time students.
- Congratulations to Liam Reid and Carter Shultz for being named to the Carl Sandburg Honor’s List, for part-time students.

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

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

Jessica Booton addressed the Board regarding educational concerns.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- The minutes of the regular meeting of December 16, 2020;
- The payment of all bills;
- The December 2020 activity account summaries for West Central Elementary School, West Central Middle School, West Central High School;
- The Treasurer’s Report for December 2020;

CONSENT AGENDA

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Markey presented the five-year enrollment projections. It is anticipated that enrollment will decline by approximately 23 students over the next five years.

ENROLLMENT
PROJECTIONS

The Board discussed a possible 3-year bus lease with Midwest Bus Sales and the purchase of the leased activity bus. The Board will take action on this 3-year bus lease at the February 17, 2021, Regular Board meeting.

BUS LEASE

The Board discussed the Reopening Plan for the 2020-2021 school year. With the hope of being able to extend the academic day when it is safe and feasible to do so following the state guidelines, the administrative team will continue to work on plans to extend the academic day to 2:00 p.m. dismissal then leading to return to a normal dismissal time.

2020-2021
REOPENING
PLAN

REPORTS

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.

REPORTS

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the following proposed Board policies on 2nd reading as presented: **Policy 3:40** – Superintendent; **Policy 4:80** – Accounting and Audits; **Policy 4:90** – Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds; **Policy 4:150** – Facility Management and Building Programs; **Policy 5:270** – Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment; **Policy 6:20** – School Year Calendar and Day; **Policy 6:300** – Graduation Requirements; **Policy 6:310** – High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-entering Students; **Policy 6:315** – High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8; **Policy 6:320** – High School Credit for Proficiency; **Policy 6:340** – Student Testing and Assessment Program; **Policy 7:100** – Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students; **Policy 7:140** – Search and Seizure; **Policy 7:300** – Extracurricular Athletics. Roll call: Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye. Motion carried.

BOARD
POLICIES

Motion by Spence, seconded by Bigger to accept Alternative Bid # 1 for casement windows in the amount of \$146,809 and Alternative Bid # 2 for blinds in the amount of \$8,599 from Laverdiere Construction to replace the windows and blinds in West Central Elementary School as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye. Motion carried.

WINDOW
REPLACEMENT
-WCES

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to accept the bid in the amount of \$88,500 from Carroll Seating Company to replace the hallway lockers in West Central High School as presented. Roll call: Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

HALLWAY
LOCKER
REPLACEMENT
-WCHS

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Lumbeck to approve a purchase agreement with T-Mobile for the sale of the District's FCC license for \$425,000 with no closing costs to the district with the exception of the cost of our attorney to look over the purchase agreement as presented. Roll call: Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

SALE OF FCC
LICENSE TO T-
MOBILE

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the 2020-2021 Seniority Lists for support staff and certified personnel as presented. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye. Spence, aye. Motion carried.

SENIORITY
LISTS

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

SAT PREP
CLASS

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to approve the request from Nevaeh Stimpson to graduate at the end of 1st semester of the 2021-2022 school year as presented and pending completion of all graduation requirements. Roll call; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

EARLY GRAD
REQUEST

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lumbeck to approve the following changes to the West Central High School Activity Account as presented. 1. Transfer \$156.06 from the Scholarship Account to the Alta Mae Brokaw Scholarship Account. 2. Close the Scholarship Account after the \$400.00 scholarship is awarded at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call: Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye. Motion carried.

WCHS
ACTIVITY
ACCT
CHANGES

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 Bigger to adjourn to closed meeting pursuant of the Illinois Open Meetings Act - 5ILCS 120/2 (2)(16) at 7:26 p.m. 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: Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye, Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the North Campus Library at 7:31 p.m. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye.

Motion by Spence, seconded by Bigger to return to open meeting at 9:16 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 9:19 p.m. 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 approve the employment of Ryan Muegge as a SAT Prep Course Instructor with a \$1,000 stipend. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye. Motion carried.

R. MUEGGE
-EMPLOY SAT
PREP COUSE

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

M. HOLLORAN
-EMPLOY SAT
PREP COURSE

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, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye. 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 17, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the West Central Elementary cafeteria. Prior to the Regular Board meeting West Central C.U.S.D. #235 will hold a hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment on a proposed waiver application to allow children of non-resident District employees to attend a West Central School either free or at a reduced tuition rate.

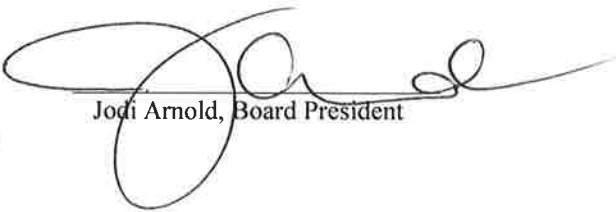
FUTURE MTG

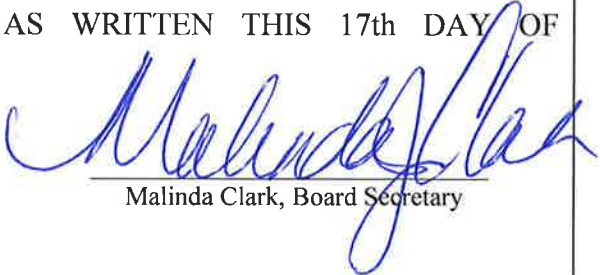
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bigger seconded by Clark to adjourn at 9:22 p.m. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 17th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021.


Jodi Arnold, Board President


Malinda Clark, Board Secretary