

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL CUSD #235 BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON MARCH 17, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Arnold at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Cafeteria. The following board members answered roll call: Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye, via Zoom; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; 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, M. Stewart, T. Ouellette, J. Biggs, R. Gautschy, D. Robertson, D. Vancil, W. Alexander, N. Clark 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:

- On March 5th, the JBR Foundation presented a \$10,000 grant to West Central C.U.S.D. #235 to be used for the intent of Substance Abuse and/or Mental Health Education and Programs. We would like to thank the JBR Foundation for providing us with this generous opportunity to provide increased services to our students in these areas. We are extremely grateful and blessed.
- The Monmouth VFW Post #2301 recognized Sadie Lenz for winning the local Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Contest in January. The theme this year was, "Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?" After winning at the local level, Sadie then moved onto the district level and received first place in that as well. She advanced to the state level and was awarded 12th place. She was supposed to receive the award at their annual banquet in Springfield, but couldn't make it due to the weather. We are proud of you, Sadie!
- WCES surpassed their fundraising goal by collecting \$8,564.47 for the Kids Heart Challenge.
- Mady Reed reached 1000 points on February 19th versus Annawan. A ceremony was held on February 23rd to honor her.
- Jordon Roller was named to the 2nd Team All-Conference, and Brandon Olson was named to the Honorable Mention Team All-Conference in basketball.
- Mady Reed was named to the 1st Team All-Conference, Megan Schaley was named to the 2nd Team All-Conference, and Sadie Lenz and Lilly Bartels were named to the Honorable Mention Team All-Conference in basketball.

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

APPROVE AGENDA

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

- The minutes of the regular meeting of February 17, 2021;
- The payment of all bills;
- The February 2021 activity account summaries for West Central Elementary School, West Central Middle School, West Central High School;
- The Treasurer’s Report for February 2021;
- Direct the Superintendent to begin work on the FY22 district budget;
- The contract operator services for the wastewater services for the Biggsville campus with Larry Lawson of Oneida, IL;
- The request from Ebony Thompson, Morgan Campbell and Faith Dickenson to graduate at the end of the 1st semester of the 2021-2022 school year, pending completion of all graduation requirements as presented.

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

CONSENT
AGENDA

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lumbeck to approve the letter of agreement to contract the services of School Exec Connect to conduct the superintendent search as presented.

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

SCHOOL EXEC
CONNECT
LETTER OF
AGREEMENT

Motion by Clark, seconded by Spence to approve the request from Alyssa Hawk to use our softball/baseball facilities during the summer months as presented and after a formal agreement is signed by both parties. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent. Motion carried.

SUMMER USE
OF Bb/Sb
FACILITIES

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Jackie Biggs and Raymond Gautschy shared with the Board two classes that they would like to offer next year. Criminal Justice and Social Movements in U.S. History.

ADDITIONAL
SOCIAL STUDY
CLASSES

Tiffany Ouellette shared with the Board her ideas for the District Library Specialist Position she just acquired.

DIST LIB
SPECIALIST

Due to becoming more difficult to find officials, we are proposing to raise pay for basketball officials from \$90 to \$110 per night per official, volleyball officials from \$65 to \$75 per night per official, baseball/softball officials from \$55 to \$65 for a single game per official and from \$90 to \$110 for a DH per official. We do not propose changing official’s pay for football games at this time.

OFFICIAL PAY

The ESSER II Grant is the 2nd CARES grant. This grant could potentially be used for HVAC. The grant allows for addressing learning loss, preparing schools for reopening, and testing, repairing, and upgrading projects to improve air quality in school buildings. The allotted amount is \$564,441.

ESSER II
GRANT
-2ND CARES
GRANT

REPORTS

The Board reviewed and heard reports from the building principals; Melinda Frakes, District Technology Coordinator; Shaila Ayer, District Psychologist and Special Education Director.

REPORTS

The Board was updated on the recent Building and Grounds Committee meeting.

BLDG &
GROUNDS

The Board was updated on the school farm.

FARM

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Clark, seconded by Spence to approve the tuition wavier application waiving district tuition for children of full-time and part-time district employees as presented. Roll call: Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye. Motion carried.

TUITION
WAVIER
APPLICATION

Motion by Clark, seconded by Spence to approve the Resolution to Adopt the TRS Supplemental Savings Plan and its corresponding documents, the Supplemental Savings Plan Employer Participation Agreement and the Authorized Contact Form as presented. Roll call: Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye. Motion carried.

TRS SUPPL
SAVINGS PLAN

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Clark to approve the FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Application for Assignments of Authorization and Transfers of Control as presented. Roll call: Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

FCC LICENSE

Motion by Clark, seconded by Spence to approve offering and having our District Nurse administer a rapid BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card or antigen test to students and/or staff who are displaying COVID-like symptoms upon receiving a signed COVID-19 Screening Informed Consent and Wavier form. Roll call: Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye. Motion carried.

COVID-19
RAPID TEST

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lumbeck to approve separating Fund 50 – IMRF and Social Security by leaving Fund 50 for IMRF and establishing Fund 51 for Social Security so that the two can be tracked separately per auditor request. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye. Motion carried.

SEPARATE
IMRF FUND &
SS FUND

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lumbeck to approve a Life/Safety Amendment to replace the pressure main from the east manhole to the tank location as presented. Roll call: Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

L/S AMEND
-PRESSURE
MAINFUTURE 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 Clark to accept the resignation of Tamyra Rankin as a WCHS part-time science teacher effective May 21, 2021 as presented with thanks for her service to the district. Roll call: Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

T. RANKIN
-RESIGN P/T
SCIENCE
TEACHER

Motion by Clark, seconded by Spence to accept the resignation of Carl Cassiday as a district custodian effective March 15, 2021 as presented with thanks for his service to the district. Roll call: Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent, Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye. Motion carried.

C. CASSIDAY
-RESIGN DIST
CUSTODIAN

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Clark, to approve the employment of Makenzie Johnson as a District Associate as presented, per the WCATS contract, pending completion of all pre-employment requirements. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent, Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye. Motion carried.

M. JOHNSON
-EMPLOY DIST
ASSOC

Motion by Spence, seconded by Clark to approve the employment of Paige Leath as a Special Education Teacher as presented with salary and benefits per the WCATS contract pending completion of all pre-employment requirements and evidence of licensure. Roll call: Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye. Motion carried.

P. LEATH
-EMPLOY SP
ED TEACHER

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lumbeck to approve Carl Cassiday as a substitute custodian at the rate of \$13.07 per hour. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent. Motion carried.

C. CASSIDAY
-EMPLOY SUB
CUSTODIAN

Motion by Spence, seconded by Clark to approve Teresa Stevenson as a WCHS Volunteer Girls' Track Coach as presented pending completion of coaching requirements. Roll call: Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

T. STEVENSON
-VOL WCHS
GIRLS' TRACK
COACH

Motion by Clark, seconded by Spence to approve Amanda Smith as a WCHS Volunteer Volleyball Coach as presented pending completion of coaching requirements. Roll call: Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye. Motion carried.

A. SMITH
-VOL WCHS Vb
COACH

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lumbeck to approve Whitney Finley as a WCHS Volunteer Volleyball Coach as presented pending completion of coaching requirements. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye. Motion carried.

W. FINLEY
-VOL WCHS Vb
COACH

Motion by Clark, seconded by Schaley to accept the resignation of Cody Eaton as WCHS Assistant Baseball coach as presented. Roll call: Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

C. EATON
-RESIGN WCHS
ASSIST Bb
COACH

Motion by Spence, seconded by Lumbeck to accept the resignation of Quinn Leath as WCHS Head Baseball Coach as presented and with thanks for his service to the district. Roll call: Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye. Motion carried.

Q. LEATH
-RESIGN WCHS
HEAD Bb
COACH

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lumbeck to accept the resignation of Quinn Leath as WCMS Head Baseball Coach as presented and with thanks for his service to the district. Roll call: Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye. Motion carried.

Q. LEATH
-RESIGN
WCMS HEAD
Bb COACH

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lumbeck to approve the employment of Cody Eaton as the WCHS Head Baseball Coach as presented per the WCATS contract pending completion of coaching requirements. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent. Motion carried.

C. EATON
-EMPLOY
WCHS HEAD
Bb COACH

Motion by Spence, seconded by Clark to approve the employment of Jackson Kane as the WCMS 7th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach as presented per the WCATS contract pending completion of all coaching requirements. Roll call: Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, absent; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

J. KANE
- EMPLOY 7TH
GRADE GBb
COACH

FUTURE MEETING DATE

The April Regular Meeting of the West Central Board of Education will be on Wednesday, April 21, 2021. This meeting will be held in the elementary cafeteria and begin at 6:00 p.m.

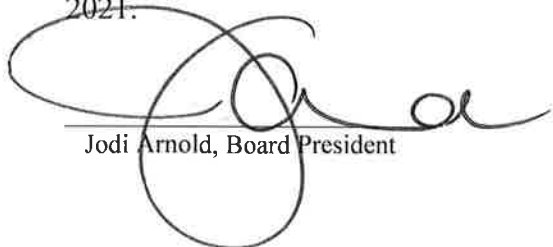
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ADJOURNMENT

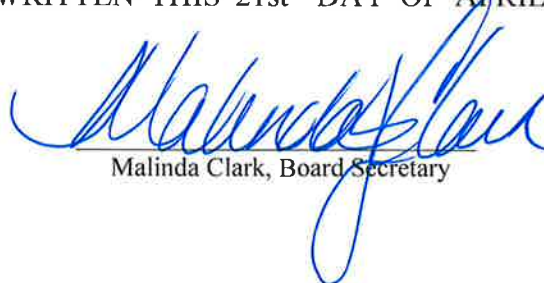
Motion by Spence seconded by Clark to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 21st DAY OF APRIL 2021.



Jodi Arnold, Board President



Malinda Clark, Board Secretary