# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL CUSD #235 BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON APRIL 21, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Arnold at 6:04 p.m. in the Elementary Cafeteria. The following board members answered roll call: Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye, via Zoom; 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, S. Tucker, A. Frieden, S. Ayer, W. Alexander, D. Vancil, Halle Porter, Ethan VanScoy, N. Clark, family members 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:

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

- Congratulations to Halee Porter and Ethan VanScoy for being selected as an Illinois State Scholar!
- COVID rapid testing is being offered to our students and staff.
- New West Central banners have been installed on our light posts at West Central Elementary School and West Central High School. More are coming for West Central Middle School. Thank you to Scott, Jenny and Jake Ford for installing them for us.
- Paige Torrance has successfully completed the program RNs in Schools-Expanding Your Special Education Role which will allow her to expand her services to West Central. Congratulations and well done, Mrs. Torrance!
- Sadie Lenz recently signed a letter-of-intent to attend Sauk Valley College and run track.
- Mady Reed was selected to play in the IBCA All-Star Game on June 26, 2021.

#### APPROVE AGENDA

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

- The minutes of the regular meeting of March 17, 2021;
- The minutes of the special meeting of March 30, 2021;
- The minutes of the closed session of March 30, 2021;
- The payment of all bills;
- The March 2021 activity account summaries for West Central Elementary School, West Central Middle School, West Central High School;
- The Treasurer's Report for March 2021;
- The proclamation regarding National Teacher Appreciation Day and National Teacher Appreciation Week;
- Continued participation in the Illinois High School Association;
- Continued participation in the Illinois Elementary School Association;
- The agreement with McDonough District Hospital for student random drug testing;
- The 2021-2022 School District Calendar;
- Pay for high school athletic officials as presented.

Roll call: Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, 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 June Regular Board meeting. Each building's School Improvement team will present their School Improvement Plan to the Board at the May Regular School Board Meeting.

A proposal was received from Laverdiere for parking lots re-pavement. After discussion it was the consensus of the Board to proceed with this project.

It has been suggested to the Board of Education to consider naming the football field press box after Dick Goff. Mr. Goff has been the announcer for the football games for several years. The Board was provided with a copy of the board policy of "Naming District Facilities".

#### **REPORTS**

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

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lumbeck to approve the proposal from WIPFLi LLA to conduct the 2021, 2022 and 2023 audits for West Central C.U.S.D. #235 as presented. Roll call: Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

SCHOOL IMP PLANS

PARKING LOT RE-PAVING

Fb FIELD PRESS BOX NAMING

REPORTS

WIPFLi LLA
-AUDITORS

# 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 6:39 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 disciplinary cases;
- D. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.

Board member Bigger exited the meeting.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the North Campus Library at 6:42 p.m. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Bigger, absent; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye.

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Schaley to return to open meeting at 7:25 p.m. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Bigger, absent; 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 7:27 p.m. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Bigger, absent; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye.

#### PERSONNEL ACTION

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lenahan to approve the transfer of Laura Lewis from WCES 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher to WCES Title I Teacher as presented. Roll call: Bigger, absent; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

L. LEWIS -TRANSER FROM 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE TO TITLE I

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lenahan to approve the transfer of Dylan Brooks from WCES Title I Teacher to WCES 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher as presented. Roll call: Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, absent. Motion carried.

D. BROOKS -TRANSFER FROM TITLE I TO 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE Motion by Clark, seconded by Lumbeck, to approve the employment of SeBeth Dolph as a District Custodian as presented, per the WCATS contract, pending completion of all pre-employment requirements. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Bigger, absent; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye, Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye. Motion carried.

S. DOLPH -EMPLOY DIST CUSTODIAN

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Schaley to approve the employment of Jennifer Johnson as a non-contractual, IMRF Student Support Specialist as presented pending completion of all pre-employment requirements. Roll call: Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, abstained; Arnold, aye; Bigger, absent; Clark, aye. Motion carried.

J. JOHNSON -EMPLOY STUDENT SUPPORT SPECIALIST

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lenahan to approve the resignation of Amy Olson as WCHS Assistant Softball Coach as presented with thanks for her service to West Central. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, absent; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye. Motion carried.

A. OLSON
-RESIGN WCHS
ASSIST Sb
COACH

Motion by Lenahan, seconded by Schaley to approve the resignation of Alicia Anderson as WCHS Head Volleyball Coach as presented with thanks for her service to West Central. Roll call: Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, absent; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

A. ANDERSON -RESIGN WCHS HEAD Vb COACH

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

J. HIGGINS -EMPLOY WCHS ASSIST Bb COACH

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lumbeck to approve the employment of Dylan Voyles as WCHS Assistant Softball Coach pending completion of all coaching requirements and per the WCATS contract as presented. Roll call: Bigger, absent; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

D. VOYLES -EMPLOYE WCHS ASSIST Sb COACH

Motion by Clark, seconded by Schaley to approve Brad Ferguson as WCHS Volunteer Softball Coach, pending completion of all volunteer and coaching requirements. Roll call: Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, absent. Motion carried.

B. FERGUSON -VOL Sb COACH

# **FUTURE MEETING DATE**

The Board was reminded that the next meeting is the Board Reorganization meeting on April 28, 2021, and that the next regular scheduled meeting is May 19, 2021. Each meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.

FUTURE MTG DATE

# **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 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2021.

Brendan Schaley, Board President

Malinda Clark, Board Secretary