

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON AUGUST 19, 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. The following were in attendance: J. Kirby, J. Peters, K. Lafary, S. Tucker, A. Frieden, and S. Ayer. Also present were C. Smith, E. Klossing, P. Torrance, several community members, Superintendent Markey and N. Clark. Approximately 56 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 #235 received a \$5,000 donation from the Twomey Foundation.
- The Fox Family donated the use of their skid steer to help with the installation of the scoreboard at the baseball field.
- The Board thanked Jaime Shultz for organizing the staff luncheon.

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the agenda with the following deletions:

- X. C. Consider Approval of Proposed Board Policy Revisions – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
- X. H. Consider Approval of West Central #235 Remote Learning Plan

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

- The minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 15, 2020;
- The minutes of the Closed Session of July 15, 2020;
- The minutes of the Special Meeting of July 21, 2020;
- The minutes of the Special Meeting of August 5, 2020;
- The payment of all bills;
- The June and July 2020 activity account summaries for West Central Elementary School, West Central Middle School, West Central High School;
- The Treasurer’s Report for July, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board held a conference call with District Attorney, Brian Braun. Attorney Braun discussed his concerns with the district's Reopening Plan. His main concern is that it does not allow for six feet of social distancing. Attorney Braun addressed several questions from the Board.

CONFERENCE  
CALL WITH  
DIST  
ATTORNEY

REPORTS

The Board reviewed and heard reports from the building principals; S. Tucker, Athletic Director and Shaila Ayer, Special Education Director.

REPORTS

ACTION ITEMS

The Board directed Superintendent Markey to work in coordination with the Henderson County Health Department to make decisions regarding school closures and a switch to remote learning if the situation should warrant it.

DIRECT SUPT  
TO WORK W/  
COUNTY  
HEALTH DEPT

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the West Central #235 2020-2021 School District Calendar as presented. Roll call: Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

FY21 DIST  
CALENDAR

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to approve the Administrative Procedure 3:70 – Succession Plan as presented. Roll call: Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye. Motion carried.

ADMIN  
PROCEDURE  
3:70

Motion by Spence, seconded by Bigger to accept the gift of \$5,000 from the Twomey Foundation as presented. Roll call: Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye. Motion carried.

DONATION  
-TWOMEY  
FOUNDATION

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Lumbeck to approve the Tentative FY21 District Budget as presented and direct Superintendent Markey to place it on public display for 30 days. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye. Motion carried.

TENTATIVE  
FY21 DIST  
BUDGET

Motion by Arnold, seconded by Lumbeck that the Board do not permit homeschool students to participate in West Central athletics. Roll call: Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, nay; Spence, nay; Bigger, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

HOMESCHOOL  
STUDENTS  
PARTICIPATE  
IN SPORTS

Motion by Spence, seconded by Clark that the Board approve changing the September 2020 Board Meeting date from September 16, 2020 to September 23, 2020. Roll call: Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye. Motion carried.

SEPT BD MTG  
CHANGE

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

FUTURE  
AGENDA  
ITEMS

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Lenahan to adjourn to closed meeting pursuant of the Illinois Open Meetings Act - 5ILCS 120/2 (2)(16) at 7:40 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. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the North Campus Library at 7:47 pm. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Arnold to return to open meeting at 8:36 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 8:38 pm. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye.

PERSONNEL ACTION

Motion by Spence, seconded by Bigger to approve the request to take a leave of absence for the first quarter of the 2020-2021 school year from P.J. Thompson, West Central Elementary Teacher as presented. Roll call: Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

P.J. THOMPSON  
-LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lumbeck to accept the resignation of Amy Fischer as a full-time District Associate as presented with thanks for her service to the district. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye. Motion carried.

A. FISCHER  
-RESIGN DIST  
ASSOC

Motion by Spence, seconded by Clark, to accept the resignation of Catherine Davis as a part-time District Associate as presented. Roll call: Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

C. DAVIS  
-RESIGN P/T  
DIST ASSOC

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve Brad Ferguson as a West Central Middle School Volunteer Softball Coach pending approval of all coaching and volunteer requirements. Roll call: Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye. Motion carried.

B. FERGUSON  
-VOL WCMS Sb  
COACH

Motion by Spence, seconded by Lenahan to approve Garrett Fisher as a West Central Middle School Volunteer Baseball Coach, pending all coaching and volunteer requirements. Roll call: Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye. Motion carried.

G. FISHER  
-VOL WCMS Sb  
COACH

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to approve the 2020-2021 Extra Duty Assignments as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye. Motion carried.

EXTRA DUTY  
ASSIGN

FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Board was reminded that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, September 23, 2020. A public hearing on the FY21 District Budget will be held at 5:30 pm. The hearing will be followed by the introduction of new staff members to the Board. The regular September Board Meeting will begin at 6:00 pm and be held in the elementary cafeteria.

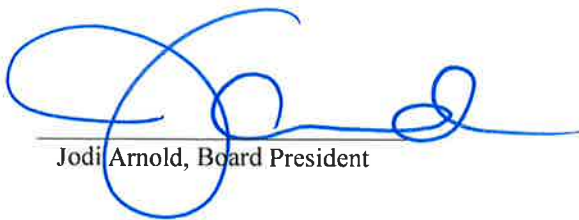
FUTURE MTG

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Lumbeck to adjourn at 8:40 pm. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 23rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020.

  
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Jodi Arnold, Board President

  
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Malinda Clark, Board Secretary