MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON AUGUST 5, 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, J. Kirby, J. Peters, S. Tucker, K. Lafary, A. Frieden, M. Frakes. Several staff and community members were also present and approximately 80 staff and community members via zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

President Arnold then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE

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

Garrett Fisher addressed the board regarding home school students participating in West Central sponsored sports.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

Jane Alexander and Cathy Smith representing the WCATS addressed the board regarding the results of the survey that was put out to the West Central staff with regards to the reopening school plan.

The staff survey results showed 60.4% of the staff did not feel safe returning under the current plan with 85.7% of the staff either concerned or highly concerned returning to school under the current plan. 41.1% felt a hybrid approach, with half of the student population in-person, was the best option, 35.6% felt full remote was the best option, and 23.3% felt full in-person was the best option.

Jenny Ford, a West Central Elementary teacher, Doug Smith and Nathan Corzatt community members addressed the board regarding the reopening school plan.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The board discussed several options of reopening school.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the resolution affirming reopening of school plan for the 2020-2021 school year with students will attend in-person four (4) days per week and remote learn one (1) day per week as presented. Roll call: Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, nay; Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Arnold, nay. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION OF SCHOOL PLAN TO RE-OPEN

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

CLOSED SESSION

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There was no closed session.

M. FRAKES -RETIRE

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Spence, seconded by Bigger to accept the letter of retirement from Melinda Frakes effective June 6, 2020 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.

L. LEWIS -TRANSFER FROM TITLE I TO 2ND GRADE

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the transfer of Laura Lewis from a West Central Elementary Title I Teacher to a West Central Elementary Second Grade Teacher. Roll call: Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye. Motion carried.

H. DAVIS -TRANSFER FROM ASSOC TO WCMS MATH TEACHER

Motion by Clark, seconded by Spence to approve the transfer of Heather Davis from West Central Middle School Associate to a West Central Middle School Math Teacher per the WCATS contract pending completion of all pre-employment requirements and evidence of licensure as presented. Roll call: Schaley, aye; Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

D. BROOKS -EMPLOY WCES TEACHER

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to employ Dylan Brooks as a West Central Elementary School Teacher as per the WCATS contract, pending completion of all preemployment requirements and evidence of licensure as presented. Roll call: Spence, aye; Arnold, aye; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye. Motion carried.

FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Board was reminded that the next regular scheduled meeting is August 19, 2020. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:00 pm.

ADJOURN

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Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 19th DAY OF AUGUST 2020.

Jodi Arnold, Board President

Malinda Clark, Board Secretary