

TO: All Staff
FROM: Paula Markey
RE: July 21, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Summary

At the July 21, 2021, regular meeting of the West Central C.U.S.D. #235 Board of Education, the following items took place:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the West Central Elementary School cafeteria by Board President Brendan Schaley. All Board members were present at roll call with the exception of Jodi Arnold and Mike Lenahan. Also present were Superintendent Paula Markey, WCES Principal Kathy Lafary, WCES Assistant Principal Andrea Frieden, WCMS Principal Joe Peters, WCHS Principal Jason Kirby, WCHS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Joel Zaiser, and Wade Alexander, IT.
2. Vice President Schaley then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Under Good News Items, the following accomplishments were highlighted:
 - West Central Elementary School has 14 students and 6 teachers participating in the summer school tutoring.
 - Max Carnes was named MVP of the All-Star Illinois Shrine Football game.
4. The Board approved the agenda with one additional Discussion Item 8.E. WCHS RtI Plan.
5. There were no comments from the public.
6. The Board approved the Consent Agenda as presented. Items approved under the Consent Agenda included the following:
 - the minutes of the June 16, 2021, Regular Meeting and the Closed Session Minutes of June 16, 2021,
 - all bills as presented, and
 - the District Treasurer's Report as presented.
7. The Board heard a brief update from Superintendent Markey on the summer work progress.
8. Superintendent Markey presented the unaudited FY21 Budget Summary as of June 30, 2021. Preliminary numbers indicate that we operated in FY21 under budget in all areas and with a deficit in the Life/Safety fund only. As of July 17, 2021, the State of Illinois owes the District \$145,091.
9. Superintendent Markey informed the Board that the closing date for the sale of our FCC license is set for August 16, and \$425,00 from that sale should be deposited in the district's account by August 16.
10. The Board discussed possible uses of the ESSER III grant funds.

11. There were no administrative reports.
12. The Board approved a 12-month lease of a John Deere tractor and loader for a total hourly lease amount of \$26.00 per hour for 350 hours for a total lease amount of \$9,100 as presented.
13. The Board approved the 2021-2022 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan as presented.
14. The Board approved an Intergovernmental Agreement for Library Services Between West Central C.U.S.D. #235 and the Henderson County Library District for the period of September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2025 as presented.
15. The Board declared a 2002 Chevrolet Impala and a 2003 Chevrolet Venture as surplus for the purpose of selling/disposing of them as presented.
16. The following future agenda items were noted:
 - a. FY22 Tentative District Budget
17. The Board entered closed session at 6:34 p.m. to discuss the following subjects:
 - 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.
 - D. Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of school board approval of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as required by the Act.

The Board exited closed session at 6:58 p.m.

18. The Board took the following action in regards to personnel:
 - accepted the intent to retire of Barry Cisna as a District IT at the end of the 2021-2022 school year as presented and with thanks for his service to the District,
 - accepted the intent to retire of Charlotte Ackerman as a WCES elementary teacher at the end of the 2024-2025 school year as presented and with thanks for her service to the district,
 - accepted the intent to retire of Natalie Ensminger as a WCMS ELA teacher, effective October 3, 2025 as presented per Memorandum of Understanding A of the WCATS contract and with thanks for her service to the district,

- accepted the resignation of Shane Tucker as WCHS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director as presented and with thanks for his service to the District,
 - accepted the resignation of Ray Gautschy as WCHS Business/Social Studies teacher as presented and with thanks for his service to the District,
 - accepted the resignation of Nicole Kindig as the District Social Worker as presented,
 - accepted the resignation of Tonya Neira as a WCES Elementary teacher as presented and with thanks for her service to the district,
 - approved the employment of Brian Kreps as District Transportation Director, effective July 7, 2021 per the WCATS contract as presented,
 - approved the employment of Cindy Seibert as a WCHS part-time Science teacher as presented,
 - approved the employment of Joel Zaiser as the WCHS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director as presented,
 - approved the employment of Brian Sterett as Head Groundskeeper/Custodian, effective August 2, 2021, per the WCATS contract as presented,
 - approved the employment of Andrew Crause, as a WCMS Social Studies teacher per the WCATS contract as presented and pending completion of all pre-employment requirements.
 - approved the employment of Rachelle Evans as a WCHS Business/Social Studies teacher per the WCATS contract as presented and pending completion of all pre-employment requirements,
 - approved the employment of Kendrah Ruebush as a District School Counselor as presented and pending completion of all pre-employment requirements,
 - accepted the resignation of Jackson Kane as the WCHS Head Girls Basketball Coach as presented and with thanks for his service to the District,
 - approved the employment of Dustin Parker as the WCMS Head Baseball Coach per the WCATS contract and pending completion of all pre-employment and coaching requirements,
 - approved the employment of Andrew Crause as the WCMS Assistant Baseball Coach per the WCATS contract and pending completion of all pre-employment and coaching requirements, and
 - approved Maddie Byrne as a WCHS Volunteer Volleyball Coach pending completion of all volunteer and coaching requirements.
 - The Board approved the Resolution to release Closed Session minutes per Exhibits A and B as presented.
 - The Board approved the Revised Exempt Staff Salaries for 2021-2022 as presented.
 - The Board approved Memorandum of Understanding A and B with WCATS as presented.
 - The Board approved a 1-year contract for Paige Torrance as presented.
19. The Board was reminded that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the North Campus Library.
20. There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned their meeting at 7:15 p.m.

