

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON NOVEMBER 16, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by President Schaley at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Cafeteria. The following board members answered roll call: Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye, Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Vancil, aye. President Schaley declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Markey, J. Kirby, J. Peters, K. Lafary, S. Ryner, W. Alexander, K. Lumbeck, N. Clark, some members of the WCMS Speech team, their families, and Speech Team sponsors Danna Cory and Lisa Lox. There were also six additional community members present in person.

CALL TO
ORDER

President Schaley 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

- Brady McGraw was named the Hawkeye Athlete of the Week.
- Mason Carnes was named the WMOI-WRAM Athlete of the Week.
- The West Central Middle School Fall Fun Run fundraiser was a success! Profit was \$1414.45. These funds will be used to provide incentives to students.
- The West Central Middle School Veterans Day Program was held on Wednesday, November 10 at 9:30 a.m. The program was very well done. The band and choir sounded wonderful. Thank you to Mr. Jim Blender for being the keynote speaker and to the Henderson County American Legion Post #765 for the Presentation and Retirement of the Colors.
- Congratulations to Cora Kaup for winning the Patriot Pen Essay competition.
- WCES and their families went above and beyond our goal and bought around \$6,915 or over 850 books total during our book fair (including in person and online sales)! This has provided our library with \$3,460.52 Scholastic Dollars that we can use to help update our Elementary library collection and provide additional resources for classrooms. Thank you to our WCES families for their support of reading and our school!
- West Central Elementary School PTC Fall Festival was a success! Thank you to all of our sponsors and volunteers for their supportive efforts.
- Congratulations to the following student athletes for being selected to the All-Conference 1st Team: Parker Meldrum, Dexter Ricketts, Brady McGraw and Kaiden Droste.
- Congratulations to the following student athletes for being selected for All State: Dexter Ricketts, Brady McGraw and Kaiden Droste.
- Congratulations to the following student athletes for being selected for Academic All State: Dexter Ricketts, Brady McGraw and Kaiden Droste.
- West Central Middle School Speech Team recently hosted and competed in a speech contest on Saturday, November 13. They had seven performances. Of those performance, four received 1st place and three received 2nd place. Of the four that received 1st place, three of them earned a Judge's Choice Award.

First Place

- Isabelle Koch, "Opening Night - Mother Goose" by Ken Bradbury (Judge's Choice Award)
- Irelynn Boyle, "Mom Always Liked Her Best" Author Unknown
- Mason Schaley and Jaxon Endress, "Acting Up" by Ken Bradbury (Judge's Choice Award)
- Drake Vancil, Jainy Nicholson, and Josh Covert, "Le Cafe Internationale" by Ken Bradbury (Judge's Choice Award)

2nd Place

- Maddie Gridley and Lauryn Robertson, "A Fine Line" by Ken Bradbury
- Ethan Bullen, "Wolf Tale" by Ken Bradbury
- Blake Ricketts, Zoey Kriz, Lexie Bell-Canfield, and Corri DeMent, "Overacting on the Prairie" by Ken Bradbury

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Vancil, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE
AGENDA

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUEST FOR PRESENTATION

The following individuals addressed the Board during the Comments for the Public Section of the agenda: Mary Grace Carlson, Stephanie Evans and Lauren Chockley on the topic of parent access to the school during the school day.

RECOGNITION
OF AUDIENCE

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CONSENT
AGENDA

- The minutes of the special meeting of October 1 & 2, 2021, closed session minutes of October 1 & 2, 2021;
- The minutes of the special meeting of October 16, 2021, closed session minutes of October 16, 2021;
- The minutes of the regular meeting of October 20, 2021, closed session minutes of October 20, 2021;
- The payment of all bills;
- The West Central Elementary School, West Central Middle School and West Central High School activity accounts for October 2021;
- The Treasurer's Report for October 2021;

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Markey presented the Board with a proposal for the installation of a district-wide access control card system in the amount of \$23,664.00. The Board will take action on this proposal at the December 15, 2021 Board meeting.

ACCESS
CONTROL
CARD SYSTEM

Superintendent Markey updated the Board on the most recent Building and Grounds Committee meeting.

B & G MTG
SUMMARY

The Board discussed a possible plan and guidelines to permit additional access to our school buildings during the school day. The administrative team will work with staff to develop a plan and implement the plan beginning Monday, November 29, 2021.

PARENT
ACCESS TO
BUILDINGS

Superintendent Markey presented the Board with a proposed ESSER III Spending Plan. This Spending Plan will be shared with stakeholders on our District website and via email for the purpose of accepting public comments on the plan until Wednesday, December 8. At the conclusion of the public comment time period, the ESSER III Spending Plan will be reevaluated and possibly revised if necessary based on stakeholder feedback.

ESSER III
GRANT

REPORTS

The Board reviewed and heard reports from the building principals as well as a Technology Report from Mrs. Frakes and Mr. Alexander and Special Education Report from Mallory Nelson. The Board received an update from Superintendent Markey regarding updated COVID related numbers.

REPORTS

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the 2021 Tentative Tax Levy certificate calling for a total extension amount of \$6,753,184, which represents a 4.98% increase over the 2020 extension amount as presented. Roll call: Vancil, aye; Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye. Motion carried.

2021
TENTATIVE
TAX LEVY

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Lumbeck to designate the 2006 Dodge Grand Caravan as surplus for the purpose of selling/disposing of it as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Vancil, aye; Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye. Motion carried.

2006 DODGE
GRAND
CARAVAN
SURPLUS

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Vancil to approve the request of Ashley Shultz to attend West Central High School half days during the 2nd semester of the 2021-2022 school year as presented. Roll call: Schaley, aye; Vancil, aye; Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

STUDENT TO
ATTEND ½
DAYS

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger that the rate of pay for long term substitute teachers be increased to \$140.00/day as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Vancil, aye; Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye. Motion carried.

LONG TERM
SUB RATE

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 Bigger to adjourn to closed meeting pursuant of the Illinois Open Meetings Act - 5ILCS 120/2 (2)(16) at 8:13 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. Student Discipline;

C. Collective negotiation matters between the school board and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees;

D. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.

E. Litigation

CLOSED
SESSION

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

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the Unit Office Conference Room at 8:19 p.m. Roll call: Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Vancil, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Lumbeck, to return to open session at 9:07 p.m. Roll call: Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Vancil, aye. Motion carried.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the elementary cafeteria at 9:10 p.m. Roll call: Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Vancil, aye.

PERSONNEL ACTION

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the retirement of Jane Alexander as WCHS Family & Consumer Science Teacher effective December 17, 2021 as presented with thanks for her service to the district. Roll call: Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Vancil, aye; Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye. Motion carried.

J. ALEXANDER
-RETIRE
FAMILY &
CONSUMER
TEACHER

Motion by Vancil, seconded by Clark to approve the retirement of Jenny Lenz as a district cook effective June 15, 2022 as presented with thanks for her service to the district. Roll call: Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Vancil, aye; Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye. Motion carried.

J. LENZ
-RETIRE DIST
COOK

Motion by Clark, seconded by Vancil to approve the resignation of Karen Gall as a WCHS Special Education Teacher effective November 15, 2021 as presented with thanks for her service to the district. Roll call: Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Vancil, aye; Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye. Motion carried.

K. GALL
-RESIGN SP ED
TEACHER

Motion by Vancil, seconded by Clark, to approve the employment of Tyler Jones as a WCHS Physical Education Teacher effective January 3, 2022 as presented per the WCATS contract and pending completion of all pre-employment requirements. Roll call: Schaley, aye; Vancil, aye; Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

T. JONES
-EMPLOY
WCHS PE
TEACHER

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to approve the employment of Joleen Kelly as a WCES Part-Time Title I Associate as presented pending completion of all pre-employment requirements. Roll call: Vancil, aye; Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye. Motion carried.

J. KELLY
-EMPLOY
WCES P/T
TITLE I ASSOC

Motion by Clark, seconded by Vancil to approve the employment of Cheyanne Lee as a Special Education Bus Monitor with pay and benefits equivalent to a Paraprofessional in the CBA as presented pending completion of all per-employment requirements. Roll call: Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Vancil, aye; Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye. Motion carried.

C. LEE
-EMPLOY BUS
MONITOR

The motion to employ Andrew Crause as a WCMS 6th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach as tabled.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to approve the employment of Jonah Marlow as a WCHS Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach as presented per the WCATS contract, pending completion of all coaching and pre-employment requirements. Roll call: Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Vancil, aye; Arnold, absent. Motion carried.

J. MARLOW
-EMPLOY
WCHS ASSIST
GBb COACH

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Bigger to approve the employment of Teresa Stevenson as a WCHS Track Coach as presented per the WCATS contract pending completion of all pre-employment and coaching requirements. Roll call: Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Vancil, aye; Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye. Motion carried.

T. STEVENSON
-EMPLOY
WCHS TRACK
COACH

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark, to approve Dan Bowman as a WCHS Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach as presented pending completion of coaching requirements. Roll call: Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Vancil, aye; Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye. Motion carried.

D. BOWMAN
-VOL WCHS
GBb COACH

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to pay Jill Colley to teach one additional section of special education courses for the remainder of the 1st semester of the 2021-2022 school year. Roll call: Vancil, aye; Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye. Motion carried.

J. COLLEY
-OVERLOAD
PAY

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lumbeck to pay Cody Eaton to teach one additional section of special education courses for the remainder of the 1st semester of the 2021-2022 school year. Roll call: Arnold, absent; Bigger, aye; Clark, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; Schaley, aye; Vancil, aye. Motion carried.

C. EATON
-OVERLOAD
PAY

FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Board was reminded that the next regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 15, 2021. The regular December Board Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and be held in the elementary cafeteria.

FUTURE MTG
DATE

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to adjourn at 9:14 p.m. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 15th DAY OF DECMEBER, 2021.


Brendan Schaley, Board President


Malinda Clark, Board Secretary