

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON APRIL 19, 2023.

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, Bigger, Clark, Lenahan, Lumbeck, Schaley and Vancil. President Schaley declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Day, J. Shultz, K. Lafary, J. Peters, S. Ryner, J. Kirby, J. Zaiser, J. Hennings, L. Chockley, K. Gullberg, Danielle Covert, Beth Weber, Brenton Gray and Jordan Gray.

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

### GOOD NEWS ITEMS

Under good news items the following items were highlighted:

- West Central Elementary students participated in the OSF Nutrition Poster Contest. Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievement: Eli Gullberg (1st), Noah Hass (1st), Hailey Thompson (1st), Raileigh Russell (1st), SinCora Hernandez (1st), Oliver Russell (2nd), Russ Chandler (2nd), Nezy Lodwick (2nd), John Sury (2nd), Elisabeth Smith (2nd), Wyatt Goff (2nd), Evelyn Lewis (3rd), Vivian Higgins (3rd), Aden Swank (3rd), Grayson Gregg (3rd), Ellie Mae Shaner (3rd), and Kenzley Winters (3rd).
- Islia Rodeffer earned Best of Day award at IESA Solo and Ensemble Contest.
- Brady Lenahan, Islia Rodeffer and Chole Smith are participating in ILMEA EGM in Princeton this coming Saturday with Danna Cory.
- Rebecca Hinshaw earned 2nd place finish in overall high points for girls in the 13-14 age group at the 2023 YMCA North Central Regional Championship Swim Meet. Becca is part of the 400 yard free relay State Championship team and new record holders. Becca's relay team's time was 3:49.14. Becca tied for a 3rd place finish in overall high points for girls 13-14 age group at the Minnesota Youth Athletic Services Regional Swim Meet.
- Rachel and Sally from Country Financial brought drinks and muffins for all of the staff last Monday. Thank you for thinking of our staff!
- Elementary Spring Concerts were earlier this week and all students did a great job! Congratulations to Ms. Cory for another great concert.
- The Middle School Play is the WRAM Program of the Month and will be receiving a \$150 donation from the radio station.
- The High School play, The Plot, Like Gravy, Thickens, was a big success!

### APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to approve the agenda as presented. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no remarks from the public at this meeting.

### CONSENT AGENDA

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

- The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2023;
- The minutes of the Closed Session of March 15, 2023;
- The payment of all bills;

- The activity accounts;
- The Treasurer's Report for March 2023;
- The resignation of Danna Cory as WCHS Play Director;
- The resignation of Adam Boyle as WCHS Golf Coach;
- The approval of maternity leave request from Cheyenne Lee;
- The approval of the Proclamation Regarding National Teacher Appreciation Week;
- The approval of WCHS Student Hannah Parkins to graduate early;
- The approval of continued participation in the Illinois High School Association;
- The approval of continued participation in the Illinois Elementary School Association;

On roll call the following members voted aye: Bigger, Clark, Lenahan, Lumbeck, Schaley, Vancil, and Arnold 7-0 Motion carried.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no FOIA requests for this month.

School Improvement Plans for all three buildings were provided to the Board of Education. They will be presented and formal approval will be voted on at the May Board of Education Meeting.

The current Student Random Drug Testing Program was discussed, as it was time to consider approval of continuation of the program. The Board discussed the current program and does not wish to make changes to it at this time, so the program will continue as currently in place.

A quick update was given on the work at the football field. A lot of work has been done already, there is still some grading and shaping that needs done and then the sod will be put into place.

A discussion was held on the process for paying people who work at athletic games (gatekeepers, score book, clock, etc). Currently, payment (\$15/game) for employees goes through payroll and non-employees receive an imprest check. That results in employees receiving less pay, due to taxes being taken out, while non-employees receive the full amount. Superintendent Day will check with the auditors if they have recommendations for alternative payment processes and report back to the Board.

A discussion was held about an upcoming Board Training on June 10, 2023 provided by the ROE. This training will cover all required Board Member training, except for FOIA and Open Meetings Act. It also offers a legal update provided by a school law firm from Illinois. Superintendent Day recommended that all board members attend as a refresher for everyone. Board members will RSVP to Superintendent Day in the next week so she can register everyone for the training.

A short discussion was held to select dates for the upcoming Summer Board Retreat. The purpose of the retreat will be to work on selecting goals for the following year(s) of the school district. Superintendent Day provided July 8 and July 22 as possible dates that the Henderson County Public Library has available. Once a final date is determined, additional details of the retreat will be organized and provided to everyone.

### REPORTS

The Board reviewed and heard reports from the Building Principals K. Lafary, S. Ryner, J. Kirby, District Technology Coordinator J. Hennings and Athletic Director J. Zaiser.

## ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the Resolution to Participate in ISDLAF as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Clark, Lenahan, Lumbeck, Schaley, Vancil, Arnold, and Bigger. 7-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Lumbeck to set the 2023-2024 Registration fees at \$55.00 for the Elementary, \$65.00 for the Middle School, and \$85.00 for the High School as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Lenahan, Lumbeck, Schaley, Vancil, Arnold, Bigger and Clark. 7-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Vancil to approve the Trap Shooting program as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Lumbeck, Schaley, Vancil, Arnold, Bigger, Clark, and Lenahan. 7-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Vancil to approve the PRESS Issue 111 Policies on the first reading as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Schaley, Vancil, Arnold, Bigger, Clark, Lenahan, and Lumbeck. 7-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Lumbeck to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Resolution with Galesburg Area Vocational Center (GAVC) as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Vancil, Arnold, Bigger, Clark, Lenahan, Lumbeck, and Schaley. 7-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Vancil to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Resolution with Delabar CTE System as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Arnold, Bigger, Clark, Lenahan, Lumbeck, Schaley, and Vancil. 7-0 Motion carried.

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

## CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Lumbeck to adjourn to closed meeting pursuant of the Illinois Open Meetings Act - 5ILCS 120/2 (2) (16) at 6:40 p.m. to discuss the following subjects:

- A. Personnel - 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. Negotiations - 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;

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the District Office conference room at 6:43 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Arnold, Bigger, Clark, Lenahan, Lumbeck, Schaley, and Vancil. Also present were S. Day.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Lenahan to return to open session at 6:57 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Arnold, Bigger, Clark, Lenahan, Lumbeck, Schaley, and Vancil. 7-0 Motion carried.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the West Central Elementary Cafeteria at 6:59 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Arnold, Bigger, Clark, Lenahan, Lumbeck, Schaley, and Vancil.

#### PERSONNEL ACTION

Motion by Arnold, seconded by Bigger to approve the employment of Danielle Taulbee as a WCHS Teacher as presented. On roll call the following member voted aye: Arnold, Bigger, Clark, Lenahan, Lumbeck, Schaley, and Vancil. 7-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Bigger to approve the employment of Bethany Nannen Miller as a District Band and Special Education Teacher as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Bigger, Clark, Lenahan, Lumbeck, Schaley, Vancil, and Arnold. 7-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Arnold, seconded by Lumbeck to approve the employment of Nicole Ebert as a WCHS Paraprofessional as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Clark, Lenahan, Lumbeck, Schaley, Vancil, Arnold, and Bigger. 7-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lenahan to approve the employment of Ariel Dillard as a District Social Worker as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Lenahan, Lumbeck, Schaley, Vancil, Arnold, Bigger, and Clark. 7-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Arnold, seconded by Bigger to approve the employment of Henry Sutton as a WCHS Science Teacher as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Lumbeck, Schaley, Vancil, Arnold, Bigger, Clark, and Lenahan, 7-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Clark to approve the transfer of Tiffany Byers from Groundskeeper/Custodian to District Head Groundskeeper effective May 1, 2023, as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Schaley, Vancil, Arnold, Bigger, Clark, Lenahan, and Lumbeck. 7-0 Motion carried.

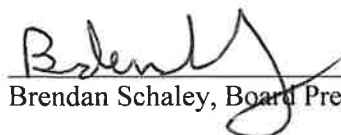
#### FUTURE MEETING DATE

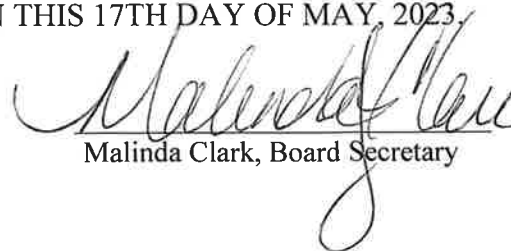
The Board was reminded that the reorganization meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the elementary cafeteria. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, and will begin at 6:00 p.m., in the elementary cafeteria.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lumbeck to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 17TH DAY OF MAY, 2023.

  
Brendan Schaley, Board President

  
Malinda Clark, Board Secretary