

**TO: West Central Staff and Community**  
**FROM: Stacey Day, Superintendent**  
**DATE: January 22, 2024**  
**RE: Summary of January 17, 2024, Board of Education Regular Meeting**

At the January 17, 2024 Board of Education Regular Meeting, the following took place:

1. The Regular Board of Education Meeting was called to order by Vice President Vancil at 6:00 pm. Board members present were: Mindy Clark, Sarah Bigger, Dillan Vancil, and Josh Higgins. Absent was Brendan Schaley. Lauren Chockley arrived at 6:06pm and Karl Gullberg arrived at 6:15 pm. Also present for the meeting were: Superintendent Stacey Day, District Administrators: Kathy Lafary, Jason Kirby, Joe Peters and Recording Secretary Jaime Shultz.
2. Vice President Vancil led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The following items were presented as Good News:
  - a. Henderson County Handicapped Children's Trust, Charles Vaughn, TTEE donated \$3500 to our special education transportation fund.
  - b. We received a \$25,000 check for participating in the ISBE School Based Mental Health Project. We qualified for the program after hiring our new Social Worker this school year.
  - c. A big thank you to the Crossing Church for the meal they provided to the Board at our December meeting.
4. The agenda was approved, as presented, on a majority ayes by voice vote.
5. There were no members of the public present to speak to the Board.
6. The following items were approved by a 4-0 roll call vote as part of the consent agenda:
  - a. Meeting minutes from the Regular Meeting, December 19, 2023
  - b. Meeting minutes from the Closed Session, December 19, 2023
  - c. Approval for Payment of Bills
  - d. Approval of Activity Accounts
  - e. Approval of Treasurer's Report
  - f. Approval of 2023-2024 District Seniority List for Certified and Support Personnel
7. There was only one FOIA request for this month from Legal Action Chicago asking for information about unpaid meal money balances throughout the district. The request was responded to in the needed time frame.
8. A discussion was held on creating an Athletic Training Program for our students. Board Member Higgins asked for this item to be on the agenda. He has done some research on a couple different programs (Overtime Athletes and PLT4M) to consider for our PE and athletic programs to use. Mr. Kirby provided information on a Feed the Cats program he has researched and looked into from Camp Point Central. Mr. Kirby will work with coaches and PE teachers to determine what program and how to implement it for students to participate both in and out of school time.
9. Superintendent Day provided the Board with an update on the MS School Improvement Project they are working on with ISBE. Mrs. Ryner and Superintendent Day meet with

an ISBE assigned School Coordinator once a month. Middle School staff have completed the Illinois Quality Framework Rubric (IQF) and Mrs. Ryner is working to compile all of that information into one document for the SIP to review. The SIP team will use that information to create a final version of the IQF that will be submitted to ISBE. Those results, along with the information we receive after the Needs Assessment completed by the American Institute of Research later this spring, will be used to complete a Root Cause Analysis. The Board will continue to be provided updates as we work through the planning year the rest of this semester.

10. The Board held a discussion about projects on the 10-year Health-Life-Safety Survey. The Board agreed to not include paving all of the parking lots throughout the district (an estimated cost of \$1,200,000). Possible Life Safety Bond information was provided and the Board was asked to provide Superintendent Day with projects they feel must be on the list and projects they feel should not be included before the Building and Grounds Committee meet to put together the final list for the architects. The Building and Grounds Committee will meet (they were unable to do so prior to this meeting due to the holidays and the weather) to determine final projects and share that information with the architects. Then the architects will present the final list, with estimated costs, to the Board at our February meeting for approval.
11. Due to scheduling conflicts with athletic events, Mrs. Lafary was the only administrator able to attend the meeting and present her report. The remaining reports were presented on paper to the Board Members.
12. There was no Closed Session for this meeting.
13. The following personnel items were approved on the Personnel Agenda by a 6-0 roll call vote:
  - a. Hillary Peterson - Temporary SLP Monitor (Maternity Leave)
  - b. Bethan Nannen - Homebound Tutor
  - c. Peyton Jack - FACS (starting 2024-2025 school year)
14. The Board was reminded that the next Regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria.
15. The Board was also reminded that there is a Special Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the District Office Conference Room to discuss Superintendent's Evaluation. This meeting will have a Closed Session only and no action will be taken.
16. The Board adjourned at 7:45 pm.