

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON AUGUST 16, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by President Schaley at 6:03 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria. The following board members answered roll call: Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, and Schaley. Vancil was absent. President Schaley declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Day, J. Shultz, K. Lafary, J. Peters, J. Kirby, J. Zaiser, and J. Hennings.

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

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

Under good news items the following items were highlighted:

- Henderson County Fair Participants
- \$6000 Cavins donation for an Interactive TV for the Elementary
- A huge thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Ryner for helping out to mow and trim the softball field before a game.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to approve the agenda as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, and Schaley. 6-0 Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comment from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- The minutes of the Special Board Meeting of August 1, 2023;
- The closed session minutes of August 1, 2023;
- The payment of all bills;
- The Treasurer's Report for July 2023;
- The approval of all activity accounts.

On roll call the following members voted aye: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley and Bigger. 6-0 Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no FOIA Requests this month.

Superintendent Day provided a quick update on the opening of school and registration. We held our initial teacher institute days on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 15 and 16. It was great to have all of our staff back. On Tuesday evening we held our annual Backpack Nights in all of the buildings. We heard many compliments on holding it on Tuesday, instead of the night before school started, to give teachers and families time the next day/evening to finish preparations for the first day of school. On Wednesday, the elementary and middle school staff participated in a training on Auditory Processing presented by Dr. Tena McNamara, while the high school staff participated in an MTSS training. Then in the afternoon all staff participated in a Restorative Circles training, presented by Dr. Scott Adreon. Lunch on Tuesday was provided by the Board of Education and on Wednesday by Grand Canyon University.

A discussion was held about the creation of a Board of Education Athletic Committee. Board member Josh Higgins presented the idea with the intention of working with the Superintendent, Principals and Athletic

Directors to clean up athletic processes, and create long-term plans for our programs and athletic facilities. Board member Higgins will meet with President Schaley and Superintendent Day before the next Regular Board Meeting to discuss details and will present the committee for formal approval at the next meeting.

There was a discussion held about cell phone use by students during school. Board Member Higgins provided some research and ideas about how to clean up our policy, which was very similar to the current policy for the 2023-2024 school year. The Superintendent and Administration will review his proposal and see what changes may need made to our current policy/procedures in order to clean up what we do and will present that information at the next Regular Board Meeting.

A short discussion was held about scheduling future Work Session Dates for the Board of Education. This was a request after our July Board Retreat to hold these more frequently. We will look to schedule our next Work Session on a Saturday in January, giving the Board the opportunity to talk about goal progress and next steps.

REPORTS

Verbal updates/reports were provided by building administrators, the Athletic Director and Jeremy Hennings (District Technology Coordinator). Administrators discussed registration and plans for the first few days of school.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to approve the tentative FY24 District Budget as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, Bigger and Chockley. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the threat assessment plan as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, Bigger, Chockley and Clark. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Chockley to approve the John Deere Tractor Lease as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Higgins, Schaley, Bigger, Chockley, Clark and Gullberg. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Gullberg to approve the 2023-2024 District Goals as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Schaley, Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, and Higgins. 6-0 Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board requested the following items be listed on the agenda for the next Regular Board of Education Meeting: Board Athletic Committee and District Lunch 2nds Program/Plan.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Clark, seconded by Chockley to adjourn to closed meeting pursuant of the Illinois Open Meetings Act - 5ILCS 120/2 (2) (16) at 7:37 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 7:42 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, and Schaley. Also present was S. Day.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Higgins to return to open session at 8:17 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, and Schaley. 6-0 Motion carried.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the elementary cafeteria at 8:19 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, and Schaley.

PERSONNEL ACTION

West Central School District School Board Meeting Personnel Items for Board Approval Tuesday, August 16, 2023		
<i>Please note: the following new appointments are pending completion of all certifications, requirements, and clearance on the state required background investigation.</i>		
Personnel Changes		
Name	Title	Salary
New Appointments:		
Kayla Johnson	District Paraprofessional	WCATS Contract
Lene Lox	WCMS English Teacher	WCATS Contract
Carrie Todd	WCHS Assistant Golf Coach	WCATS Contract
Kelly Scott	HS Choir - 2023-2024 School Year	¼ Daily Long Term Sub Pay (\$43.75/day)
Cindy Boyd	\$2500 Stipend - Elementary Music - Fall 2023	WCATS MOU
Jacque Clark	\$2500 Stipend - Elementary Music - Fall 2023	WCATS MOU
Tracy Eastin	Custodian (she's is already hired as a Cook and will work a shift that includes Cook and Custodian hours)	WCATS Contract
Leave:		
Mallory Nelson	Maternity Leave - School Psychologist	N/A
Change of Assignment:		
Jesse Molyneux	WCMS Paraprofessional (from PT-Title/PT-MS Para)	WCATS Contract

Resignations:		
Ross Parcel	WCHS Assistant Baseball Coach	
Cheyenne Lee	District Custodian	
Retirement:		
Joe Peters	WCES Assistant Principal	

The board took no action on Dustin Parker, as a Volunteer for MS Baseball.

Motion by Chockley, seconded by Gullberg to approve the personnel items as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, and Schaley. 6-0 Motion Carried

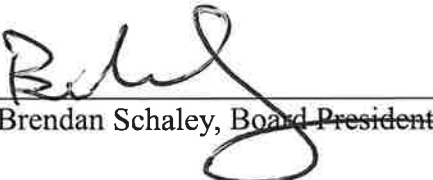
FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Board was reminded that the FY24 Budget Hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., in the elementary cafeteria. The regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

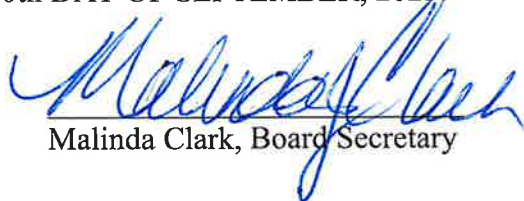
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clark, seconded by Gullberg to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 20th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023.



 Brendan Schaley, Board President



 Malinda Clark, Board Secretary