

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 IN THE NORTH CAMPUS LIBRARY ON JANUARY 17, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Vancil at 6:00 p.m. in the north campus library. The following board members answered roll call: Bigger, Clark, Higgins, and Vancil. Board Members Chockley, Gullberg, and Schaley were absent. Chockley entered at 6:05 p.m. and Gullberg entered at 6:15 p.m. Vice President Vancil declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Day, J. Shultz, K. Lafary, and J. Peters. Principal J. Kirby was in attendance from 6:10 - 6:30 p.m.

Vice President Vancil then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

- Henderson County Handicapped Children's Trust, Charles Vaughn, TTEE donated \$3500 to our special education transportation fund.
- 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.
- The Board thanked The Crossing Church out of Monmouth for providing the Board supper at the December Board Meeting.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There was no one present who wished to address the Board on any agenda items.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- The minutes of the regular meeting of December 19, 2023;
- Closed Session minutes of December 19, 2023;
- The payment of all bills;
- All activity accounts;
- The treasurer's report for December 2023;
- The 2023-2024 District Seniority List for Certified and Support Personnel.

On roll call the following members voted aye: Clark, Higgins, Vancil, and Bigger. 4-0 Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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.

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.

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.

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.

REPORTS

The Board reviewed and heard reports from Building Principal K. Lafary.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

**West Central School District
School Board Meeting
Personnel Items for Board Approval
Wednesday, January 17, 2024**

Please note: the following new appointments are pending completion of all certifications, requirements, and clearance on the state required background investigation.

Personnel Changes

Name	Title	Salary
New Appointments:		
Hillary Peterson	Temporary - SLP Monitor (Maternity Leave Coverage)	\$15.20/hour
Bethany Nannen	Homebound Tutor	\$20.00/hour
Peyton Jack	WCHS FACS Teacher	WCATS Contract

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


FUTURE MEETING DATE

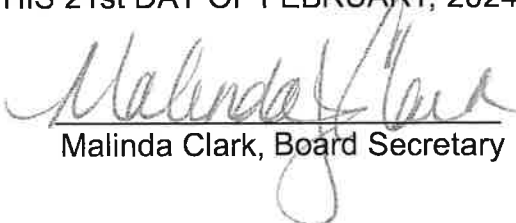
The Board was reminded that a Special Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday February 21, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.


Brendan Schaley, Board President


Malinda Clark, Board Secretary