

TO: All Staff
FROM: Paula Markey
RE: August 10, 2021, Special Board Meeting Summary

At the Tuesday, August 10, 2021, Special Board meeting of the West Central C.U.S.D. #235 Board of Education, the following items took place:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the West Central High School gymnasium by Board President Brendan Schaley. All Board members were present in person at roll call with the exception of Mindy Clark. Board Member Clark was present via Zoom. Also present were Superintendent Paula Markey; District Attorney Brandon Wright; Board Secretary Nancy Clark; West Central Elementary School Principal Kathy Lafary; West Central Middle School Principal Joe Peters; West Central High School Principal Jason Kirby; West Central High School Assistant Principal Joel Zaiser; District IT Wade Alexander; approximately 125 staff, students, and community members; and approximately 90 attendees via Zoom.
2. President Schaley led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The agenda was approved as presented with no additions or deletions.
4. President Schaley addressed those in attendance regarding the guidelines of Board Policy 2:230 – Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings and Petitions to the Board. Superintendent Markey then addressed the Board and those in attendance, using a PowerPoint presentation, to review implications of not following Executive Order 2021-18. District Attorney Brandon Wright then answered questions from the Board.
5. The following individuals addressed the Board during the Comments for the Public Section of the agenda: Bailee Ferguson (Student), Carly Tate (Student), Michael Reynolds (Parent), Stephanie Evans (Parent), Bailey Ryan (Student), Emily Klossing (Staff Member and Parent), Lauren Chockley (Parent), Austin Chandler (Parent), Josh Higgins (Parent), and Neil Anderson (State Senator).
6. After much discussion and deliberation, the Board voted on a 5-2 vote to stay with the current 2021-2022 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Plan and to not adhere to Executive Order 2021-18.
7. The Board did not enter into Closed Session.
8. The Board took the following action in regards to personnel:
 - accepted the resignation of Andrea Frieden as the WCES Assistant Principal as presented and with thanks for her service to the district,
 - approved the transfer of Julie Ricketts from a WCES Title I teacher to a WCES 4th grade teacher as presented,

- approved the transfer of Megan Bailey from a WCES 4th grade teacher to a WCES Kindergarten teacher as presented, and
 - approved the transfer of Janel Young from a WCES Kindergarten teacher to a WCES Pre-Kindergarten teacher as presented.
9. The Board was reminded that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.
 10. There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned their meeting at 7:39 p.m.