

TO: West Central Staff and Community
FROM: Stacey Day, Superintendent
DATE: August 22, 2023
RE: Summary of August 16, 2023, Board of Education Regular Meeting

At the August 16, 2023 Board of Education Regular Meeting, the following took place:

1. The Meeting was called to order by President Schaley at 6:04 pm. Board members present were: Brendan Schaley, Mindy Clark, Lauren Chockley, Sarah Bigger, Josh Higgins and Karl Gullberg. Board members absent: Dillian Vancil. Also present for the meeting were: Superintendent Stacey Day, District Administrators: Kathy Lafary, Jason Kirby, Joe Peters, Joel Zaiser, District Technology Coordinator Jeremy Hennings and Recording Secretary Jaime Shultz.
2. President Schaley led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The following items were presented as Good News:
 - a. We had LOTS of West Central students participate in a variety of activities and events during the Henderson County Fair. Congratulations to all who participated!
 - b. The elementary school received a \$6000 donation from the Cavins Family that will be used to purchase a Classroom Interactive TV.
 - c. A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Ryner (and her husband Joe) for helping out to mow and trim the softball field before a game a few weeks ago.
4. There were no comments from the public.
5. The following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda by a 6-0 roll call vote
 - a. Minutes of the Special Meeting Board Meeting on August 1, 2023
 - b. Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting held on August 1, 2023
 - c. Payment of Bills received
 - d. July 2023 Treasurer's Report
 - e. Activity Accounts for June and July 2023
6. There were no FOIA Requests this month.
7. 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.
8. 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.

9. There was a discussion held about cell phone use by students during school. Josh 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Superintendent Day presented the FY24 Tentative Budget. It will be on display in the District Office. We will hold a Budget Hearing at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, prior to our 6:00 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting. As a reminder, this is a tentative budget and numbers may change between now and September 20. The budget is a best estimate/guess on how spending will be done for the school year, but it's a working document and if needed, will be amended in June to accurately reflect revenue and expenses during the fiscal year. The Board approved the FY24 Tentative Budget by a vote of 6-0.
13. The Board approved by a 6-0 vote the updated District Threat Assessment Policy. This will be on file with the ROE and is an annual requirement by ISBE. The policy contains steps that the district takes to determine if a threat exists to students or staff in the district when concerns are brought to teachers or administration.
14. The Board approved, by a 6-0 vote, an updated lease agreement for a John Deere Tractor for district use. The tractor was delivered in early August and the lease is for one calendar year.
15. The Board approved the following as 2023-2024 District Goals, by a vote of 6-0:
 - a. Facilities - By the end of the 2023-2024 school year the Building and Grounds Committee (in collaboration with administration, staff and others) will present a facilities plan for the future of the district. This plan will include information from the 2023 10-Year Life Safety Survey and other needs/wants for district facilities, as collected by stakeholders throughout the district.
 - b. Curriculum/Instruction - By the end of the 2023-2024 school year, the administration will present its research findings on the need, financial impact and effectiveness of a District Curriculum Director. Each building will focus on their individual goals as stated in their 2023-2024 School Improvement Plans.

- c. Staff Recruitment/Retainment - A new Teacher Mentoring Program will be implemented during the 2023-2024 school year and will be used as a base for future programs to support new staff members.
16. 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.
17. The Board entered Closed Session to discuss Personnel and Negotiations at 7:37 pm.
18. The Board returned from Closed Session and took the following action at 8:19 pm:
 - a. The following personnel appointments were approved 6-0 by a roll call vote - Ayes: Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Higgins, Schaley and Gullberg.
 - i. Employ Kayla Johnson as a District Paraprofessional, placed at the elementary school
 - ii. Employ Lene Lox as a Middle School English Teacher
 - iii. Employ Carrie Todd as HS Assistant Golf Coach
 - iv. HS Kelsy Scott as HS Choir Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year at a rate of ¼ Daily Long Term Sub Pay
 - v. Provide a \$2500 stipend to both Cindy Boyd and Jacque Clark for their additional work with Elementary Music for the 2023 Fall Semester
 - vi. Employ Tracy Eastin as a District Custodian (in addition to her District Cook position)
 - vii. Approved a maternity leave for Mallory Nelson, District School Psychologist
 - viii. Change in Assignment for Jesse Molyneux as a MS Paraprofessional
 - ix. Resignation of Ross Parcel as HS Assistant Baseball Coach
 - x. Resignation of Cheyanne Lee as District Custodian
 - xi. Retirement of Joe Peters as Elementary Assistant Principal at the end of the 2023-2024 school year
 - b. The board took no action on Dustin Parker, as a Volunteer for MS Baseball
19. The Board was reminded our next Regular Board of Education Meeting is on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria. Prior to that at 5:30 pm we will hold our annual FY24 Budget Hearing.
20. The Board adjourned at 8:21 pm.