

TO: WC CUSD #235 Employees  
FROM: Ralph Grimm, Superintendent  
DATE: August 23, 2012  
RE: August 22, 2012 Regular Meeting of the WC CUSD #235 Board of Education

On Wednesday, August 22, 2012 the West Central CUSD #235 Board of Education conducted their regular meeting. As a result of this meeting the following items took place.

1. Board President Brent called the meeting to order at 7 pm in the elementary cafeteria. All board members were present at roll call except Renee Goff.
2. President Brent then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Under good news items the following successes were highlighted:
  - The board recognized 12 high school students as Academic Excellence Award recipients for the 2011-12 school year. Those students were recognized for having a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale were Brad Bavery, Evan Bell, Sydney Bigger, Caitlin Gyovai, Emily Hopping, Andrew Lewis, Thomas Lewis, Caleb Paulus, Taylor Rice, Katie Robertson, Austin Schneider, and Angelica Strack. The members of the Class of 2012 who earned this recognition were presented their award during their graduation ceremony last May.
  - The Middle School held a “Back to School Dance” in the back parking lot last Friday and it went well. An outdoor movie night is being planned.
  - The Middle School baseball team is off to a great season with a record of 8-1.
  - The Elementary “Meet the Teacher” evening was well attended with over 80% of the students and their parents in attendance.
  - The changes in the lunch program have been well received by the students and special thanks to the kitchen staff for their hard work.
  - The High School had 61 students participate in the Freshman Jump Start program prior to school beginning.
  - The High School held their first PRIDE assembly where over 100 students were recognized for outstanding behavior and academic success during last semester.
  - The board was thanked for the wonderful lunch that was served on the Teacher Institute Day.
  - Supt. Grimm thanked the Twomey Group for providing a water truck and water to keep the football field alive during the heat of the summer.
  - Supt. Grimm thanked all of those involved in registration including the building secretaries and all of the staff volunteers.
4. The agenda was approved as presented.
5. There was no one present to address the board on any of the agenda items.
6. The board approved the consent agenda as presented. Items approved under the consent agenda included:
  - Minutes of the June 27, 2012 regular board meeting;
  - Minutes of the June 27, 2012 closed session;
  - Minutes of the August 1, 2012 special meeting;
  - Minutes of the August 2, 2012 rescheduled meeting.

7. Under financial activity, the board approved the payment of all bills. The board also approved the June and July 2012 activity accounts and the June and July 2012 treasurer's reports. Supt. Grimm made a few brief comments about the district's financial report as well.
8. The board approved a loan in the amount of \$250,000 from the working cash fund to the transportation fund for FY13. This is the third consecutive year such a loan is being made. The loan is necessary due to the lack of state reimbursement for transportation expenses.
9. The board approved an agreement with McDonough District Hospital to continue providing the random drug testing that has been in place in the district for the last three years. All terms and conditions of the program from FY12 will be carried over into FY13. It was noted that the testing will take place during the months school is in session and that 10 students will be tested each month at a cost of \$35.00 per student per test.
10. The board approved a change in the November board meeting date from Tuesday, November 20, 2012 to Monday, November 19, 2012.
11. The board approved a request from Jenny Halcomb to provide baton twirling lessons to those students who wish to sign up for this type of activity.
12. The board approved a request from Supt. Grimm to carry over 15 unused vacation days from FY12 to FY13.
13. The board approved a quote from FSS, Inc for the replacement of the sound system in the high school gym. The total cost of the replacement project is estimated to be \$7,389.20. This replacement project will replace all components of the current sound system except for the 4 speakers currently hanging in the gym.
14. The board heard and reviewed the Principal's reports, the curriculum report, the technology report and the special education report. Time was spent discussing the amount of time that the administrators have spent on the new teacher and principal evaluation program as required by the State of Illinois.
15. Supt. Grimm provided the board with an update on district summer work and life safety work. The board was informed that the door project and the replacement of the bus garage doors has been completed and the district custodial staff was complimented on how nice and clean the buildings look as we start the 2012-13 school year.
16. Supt. Grimm provided the board with a brief summary on the opening of school activities that occurred August 15-17<sup>th</sup>. Specifically, Supt. Grimm highlighted for the board some the changes that were put in place as a result of having only one teacher institute day at the beginning of the year compared to the two days of teacher's institute that we have had in the past.
17. The board reviewed a comprehensive summary of the 2011-12 ISAT, PSAE and ACT scores. Supt. Grimm presented the board with a 6 year summary of student performance on ISAT and PSAE in terms of the percentage of students meeting or exceeding standards. The board was also given an ISAT/PSAE longitudinal data report which highlights the performance of each class in the

primary areas tested. In addition, the board was given a summary of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade EXPLORE test results from 2011-12.

As part of the presentation, the board was informed that overall the percentage of students meeting or exceeding standards at the district level last year increased in the area of reading, attendance rate and graduation rate. The board was also informed that the district as a whole did not make AYP in math or reading. At the building level, the board was informed that West Central Elementary School **did** make AYP, West Central Middle School did not make AYP and West Central High School did not make AYP for the 2011-12 school year.

18. The board reviewed a list of proposed Superintendent performance objectives. It was pointed out that the list presented to the board was a very general list to gauge the board's opinion of the items being presented for consideration and then further development of the detail for these goals would be completed. The board indicated that the proposed list of four goals relative to student performance were appropriate and asked Supt. Grimm to continue developing these goals by providing more detail.
19. The board discussed the creation of a board sub-committee to study district finances. As a result of that discussion, it was the consensus of the board to create such a committee. The formal approval of a district finance committee will take place at the September board meeting. Board President Brent will appoint two members of the board to serve on this committee at that time. The primary purpose of this committee will be to review current district finances while looking ahead and creating plans to deal with the future funding of the district given the current financial condition of school funding in Illinois.
20. There were no items listed for future agendas.
21. The board entered closed session at 8:32 pm to discuss matters pertaining to personnel, student discipline and to review closed session minutes from the previous six months.
22. The board exited closed session at 9:00 pm and took the following action:
  - Approved the transfer of Season West from part time Title associate to full time ECC associate;
  - Employed Jamie Hennings as a long term sub for Nikki Mills;
  - Employed Jay Ragar as a part time groundskeeper for the south campus baseball diamond and the north campus football field;
  - Employed Peggy Shutwell as a substitute cook;
  - Transferred Kris Judd from 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball coach to 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball coach;
  - Employed Steve Arnold and Matt Hennings as WCHS class sponsors;
  - Employed Tina Droste as 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball coach;
  - Employed Cindy Seibert, Chris Singleton, and Jeanne Seitz as WCHS student council sponsors;
  - Approved a 2.25% base pay rate increase for Jay Blender, Larry Ives and Jeanette Johnson;
  - Approved a resolution to release closed session minutes as per exhibit "A" and "B";
  - Approved a stipend and season pass for Sarah Bigger for assisting with the WCHS volleyball team.
23. The board was reminded that their next meeting is Wednesday, September 19, 2012 and that meeting will be held in the elementary cafeteria. It was pointed out that the board will convene at

6:30 pm to conduct a hearing on the FY13 budget. The board will then meet and greet the teachers new to District #235. The regular September meeting will then begin at 7 p.m.

24. There being no other business to come before the board, the board adjourned their meeting at 9:10 pm.