

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON FEBRUARY 17, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by President Brent at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria. The following board members answered roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye. President Brent declared a quorum present. Also present were S. Schneider, K. Lafary, J. Burns, B. Rees, J. Pilger, C. Conlee, M. Frakes, N. Smith, N. Clark and several high school staff members.

CALL TO ORDER

President Brent then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PLEDGE

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

Under good news items the following items were highlighted:

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

- The following students were named Student of the Month for January: PE – Skyler Moede, Science – Bradon Annegers, CTE – Curtis Nichols, Social Studies – Grace Brent, Fine Arts – Conner Hill, English – Mallory Hennenfent, Math – Denis Casey.
- West Central High School Girls’ Basketball won the Regional Championship game.
- Seventh Grade student Kaitlyn Waugh won the Henderson County Spelling Bee. She will advance to Peoria on March 18, 2016.
- West Central Middle School Students Victor Smith and Nathan McBride received 3rd place at the WIU Science Olympiad for their rocket project.
- West Central Elementary School hosted our annual Pastries with Parents program to share information about the upcoming PARCC assessment. We had over 80 families in attendance at this event.
- West Central Elementary School continues to collect pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City. Currently, we are in third place in a competition among several school districts. Please send us your tabs prior to March 21st.
- Buzz, the Burlington Bees’ mascot, visited West Central Elementary School this week to promote a reading incentive program for our students.
- The West Central High School WYSE team was recognized for placing 3rd at the recently completed WYSE Team competition held at the Carl Sandburg College campus in Carthage, IL. They will be advancing on to the sectional competition.
- Whitney Finley was noted for advancing to the Sectional tournament of the IHSA State Girls’ Bowling Tournament.
- The West Central High School Boys’ Basketball team was recognized for how kind and polite they were at the Lincoln Trail Conference Basketball tournament that was recently held.
- There are currently twenty-six students enrolled in the ACT Prep Class.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE
AGENDA

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUEST FOR PRESENTATION

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

RECOGNITION
OF AUDIENCE

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Buss, seconded by Lumbeck to approve the consent agenda including the following items:

CONSENT
AGENDA

- The minutes of the January 20, 2016 regular meeting and the minutes of the Closed Session of January 20, 2016;
- The payment of all bills;
- The January 2016 activity account summaries for West Central High School, West Central Middle School and West Central Elementary School;
- The Treasurer’s Report for January 2016 as presented.

Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Arnold to approve the 2015-2016 Seniority Lists for support staff and certified personnel as presented. Roll call: Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye. Motion carried

SENIORITY
LISTS

Motion by Arnold, seconded by White to approve the request for the seventh grade field trip on May 6, 2016 to Six Flags Great America in Missouri as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, nay; Lenahan, aye. Motion carried.

7TH GRADE
FIELD TRIP

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Buss, to approve the bid of \$189,000 from Kemper Construction, Inc. for the General and Plumbing Repair Work at West Central Elementary School, West Central Middle School and West Central High School as presented. This will be paid from the Maintenance Grant and the Life Safety Amendment. Roll call: White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

PLUMBING
REPAIR WORK
MAINT GRANT
L/S AMEND

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck to approve the following proposed policy changes to the following board policies on first reading as presented.

BOARD
POLICIES

- Policy 2:160 – Board Attorney
- Policy 2:160-E – Exhibit – Checklist for Selecting a Board Attorney
- Policy 2:260 – Uniform Grievance Procedure
- Policy 4:50 – Payment Procedures
- Policy 5:50 – Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace; Tobacco Prohibition
- Policy 5:270 – Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment

- Policy 5:290 – Employment Termination and Suspensions
- Policy 6:140 – Education of Homeless Children
- Policy 7:10 – Equal Educational Opportunities
- Policy 7:40 – Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students
- Policy 7:310 – Restrictions on Publications
- Policy 7:325 – Student Fundraising Activities
- Policy 7:90 – Release During School Hours
- Policy 8:10 – Connection with the Community
- Policy 8:80 – Gifts to the District

Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye. Motion carried.

REPORTS

The Board reviewed and heard reports from the building principals and from Ben Rees, District Athletic Director. The Board reviewed a Technology Report from Melinda Frakes and a report from the District Psychologist and Special Education Director, Nancy Smith.

REPORTS

- Mrs. Lafary added that Send a Sucker brought in \$407 which will be donated to help pay medical expenses for Riley Thomas, a student at Monmouth-Roseville who was diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma Cancer on January 15, 2016.
- Mrs. Lafary reported that the elementary school received a check from Target in the amount of \$244.
- Mrs. Burns reported on the idea to have a sixth grade orientation in the spring for incoming sixth grade students and parents.
- Mr. Schneider updated the Board on dual credit offerings. There will also be two teachers (one high school and one middle school) and two administrators (one high school and middle school) participating in the Illinois State University and University of Illinois Education Job Fairs to try to attract new teachers to the West Central School District.
- Mrs. Frakes presented on the success of the Technology Team’s recent professional development offerings.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board heard an update from Mr. Rees regarding West Prairie’s request to coop golf with us. West Prairie currently has two boys and one girl interested.

COOP GOLF

The Board heard a presentation on the high school schedule and the pros and cons of going to an 8-period day versus a 7-period day. There were several teachers present to share their thoughts and concerns. At this time, the Board is just in the discussion phase of how to reduce conflicts in students’ schedules and how to increased offerings to them. The Board expressed their appreciation for the steps that have been taken toward dual credit and Work Study offerings as well as the efforts of all staff to offer a quality education.

HS SCHEDULE

The Board heard an idea about how to get more community members involved in homecoming activities.

HOMECOMING

The Board briefly reviewed the proposed 2016-2017 school calendar. As a result of this discussion, the Board directed Superintendent Markey to bring the calendar back to the March Board meeting as an action item. Some highlights of the proposed calendar include:

2016-2017
CALENDAR

- A starting date of Monday, August 15, 2016, as a Teachers Institute Day.
- The first day of student attendance will be Tuesday, August 16, 2016. This will be a full day of student attendance.
- A “Not in Attendance” day will be taken on Friday, November 18, 2016 and on Wednesday, November 23, 2016.
- Christmas Break will begin on Wednesday, December 21, 2016.
- Students and staff will return to school from Christmas break on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.
- An ending date, assuming all five emergency days are used will be Friday, May 26, 2017.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items identified by the Board.

FUTURE
AGENDA
ITEMS

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Anderson to adjourn to closed meeting to discuss personnel (administrative salaries, the appointment, employment, or dismissal of an employee or officer, negotiations, the compensation, discipline, and performance of specific employees) at 7:41 pm. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED
SESSION

The Board took a short break and reconvened at 7:45 pm for closed meeting in the Unit Office Conference room. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White, to return to open meeting at 8:55 pm. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried

After a short break the Board reconvened at 9:00 pm to open meeting in the elementary cafeteria. Roll call: Buss, aye; Lenahan, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye.

ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Arnold, seconded by White the Board accept the resignation of Scott Schneider as the West Central High School Principal effective June 30, 2016 with thanks for this service as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; Lenahan, aye. Motion carried.

S. SCHNEIDER
-RESIGN

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss the Board approve Megan Hills to teach the ACT Prep Class for the 2015-2016 school year with a stipend of \$1,000 as presented. Roll call: White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

ACT PREP
-M. HILLS

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lenahan the Board approve Tiffany Adams to teach the ACT Prep Class for the 2015-2016 school year with a stipend of \$1,000 as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye. Motion carried.

ACT PREP
-T. ADAMS

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss the Board approve Christina Ryba as a long-term substitute for two class periods at West Central Middle School for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year as presented. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye. White, aye, Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

C. RYBA
-LONG TERM
SUB

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Anderson the Board approve the employment of Robert Berry as a long-term substitute at West Central High School for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye, Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

R. BERRY
-LONG TERM
SUB

Motion by Buss, seconded by Lenahan the Board approve Monica Brooks as an unpaid West Central High School Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach pending a successful background check as presented. Roll call: Buss, aye; Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

M. BROOKS
-VOLT
ASSIST Sb
COACH

Motion by Arnold, seconded by Anderson the Board approve the resignation of Brandy Blender as the West Central High School Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 West Central High School girls' basketball season with thanks for her service. Roll call: Lenahan, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye. Motion carried.

B. BLENDER
-RESIGN HS
GBb ASSIST
COACH

FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Board was reminded that the next regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2016. This meeting will be held in the elementary cafeteria and will begin at 6 pm.

FUTURE MTG
DATE

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Arnold to adjourn at 9:04 pm. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 16TH DAY OF MARCH 2016.

Lonnie Brent, Board President

Jodi Arnold, Board Secretary

