

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY
UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON
APRIL 16, 2014.

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; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye. President Brent declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Grimm, J. Nichols, J. Farniok, M. Frakes, K. Lafary, S. Schneider, C. Robertson, C. Conlee, R. Frakes and N. Clark.

CALL TO
ORDER

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

PLEDGE

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

GOOD NEWS
ITEMS

- The recent successful events that our FFA, FBLA, Art and WYSE students have participated in were highlighted.
- The PARCC Pilot Testing went well.
- West Central Elementary School had a very good turnout for the recently completed Special Persons Day.
- The West Central Middle School track team is doing very well this season.
- West Central Middle School had a staff dress up day on April 16, 2014, and it was well received by students and staff.
- The recently completed spring music concerts were highlighted.
- The West Central Middle School spring play was highlighted.
- The West Central High School play is coming up.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to approve the agenda with the addition of personnel item XV.D.5. Resignation from Rodney Brent, West Central Middle School Sixth Grade Boys' Basketball coach. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE
AGENDA

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUEST FOR PRESENTATION

The Board heard presentations from the building School Improvement Plan teams regarding their 2014-2015 school improvement plans. Each team presented the Board a presentation on the highlights of the plans that have been submitted. Each presentation was followed by a question/answer session. After the final presentation, the Board thanked the teams for their work over the course of the last year in developing these plans and for their presentation.

AUDIENCE
REQUEST

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board pulled three proposed Board Policy revisions from the Consent Agenda. The three proposed policy revision were:

- Policy 5:35 – General Personnel – Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act
- Policy 7.190 – Students – Student Discipline
- Policy 8.95 – Community Relations – Parental Involvement

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss to approve that consent agenda including the following items: (The minutes of the March 19, 2014 regular meeting, the minutes of the March 31, 2014, and April 9, 2014 special meetings and the closed session minutes of March 19, 2014 and April 9, 2014; the resolution regarding the National Teachers Appreciation Day and National Teacher Appreciation Week; approve the proposed revisions to the following Board Policies on second reading and adoption: Policy 2:30 – Board of Education – District Elections; Policy 2:110 Board of Education – Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers; Policy 4:30 – Operational Services – Revenue and Investments; Policy 5:10 – General Personnel – Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment; Policy 5:30 – General Personnel – Hiring Process and Criteria; Policy 5:125 – General Personnel – Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct; Policy 5:180 – General Personnel – Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity; Policy 5:190 – Professional Personnel – Teacher Qualifications; Policy 5:240 – Professional Personnel – Suspension; Policy 7:20 – Students – Attendance and Truancy; Policy 7:40 – Students – Search and Seizure; Policy 7:180 – Students – Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment as presented; approve Ralph E. Grimm, Jr. as the Interim District Treasurer as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck to approve payment of all bills as presented. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to approve the March activity account summaries for West Central High School, West Central Middle School and West Central Elementary School as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Arnold to approve the treasurer's report for November and December 2013 as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye. Motion carried.

The board heard that as of the end of March actual expenditures and revenue to budget should have received and expended 75% of the fiscal year budget. It was reported that actual revenue received was at 90.35% and that actual expenditures were at 57.55%. It was also noted that as of April 16, 2014, the State of Illinois owed District #235, \$173,366.

CONSENT
AGENDA

FINANCIAL
ACTIVITY

ACTION ITEMS

After additional discussion of the proposed revised Board policy revisions, it was moved by Buss, seconded by John that the Board approve the following policies on second reading and adoption. Policy 5:35 – General Personnel – Compliance with Fair Labor Standards Act; Policy 7:190 – Students – Student Discipline; Policy 8:95 – Community Relations – Parental Involvement as presented. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

POLICY
REVISION

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by White that the Board raise the Driver Education course fee to \$150 effective June 1, 2014 as presented. Roll call: White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

DRIVER ED
FEE

Motion by Anderson, seconded by John that the Board approve the recommendation to lease two fewer (total to be leased will be 16) 2015 Thomas Saf-T-Liner 71 Passenger School busses for the 2014-2015 school year as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye. Motion carried.

BUS LEASE

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Buss that the Board approve the recommendation to eliminate ninth grade sports teams, schedules, transportation and coaches beginning with the 2014-2015 school year as presented. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

ELIMINATION
OF 9TH GRADE
SPORTS

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White that the Board grant permission to Katlyn Johnson and Emily Ferguson to attend West Central High School in the mornings during the 2014-2015 school year in order that they may attend Southeastern Community College classes in the afternoon as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

K. JOHNSON &
E. FERGUSON
ATTEND ½
DAYS

Motion by Buss, seconded by Anderson that the Board approve a revised lease price of \$14,265 per bus for 13 2015 71 Passenger Thomas Saf-T-Liner busses from Midwest Bus Sales as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye. Motion carried.

REVISED BUS
LEASE PRICE

Motion by John, seconded by White that the Board approve the elimination of the after school, between campus shuttle bus beginning with the 2014-2015 school year as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye. Motion carried.

ELIMINATION
OF AFTER
SCHOOL BUS
SHUTTLE

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Arnold that the Board approve the recommendation to not purchase any new uniforms for extracurricular activities for the 2014-2015 school year as presented. Roll call: White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

SPORT
UNIFORMS

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck that the Board approve the creation of the Sharri Richard Memorial Scholarship and that the Superintendent be directed to open the necessary account at Midwest Bank as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye. Motion carried.

S. RICHARD
MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP

REPORTS

The board heard reports from the building leaders Mrs. Lafary, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Schneider. As part of his report, Mr. Nichols informed the Board that West Central Middle School would be working with the HMW ROE to submit a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant for the 2014-2015 school year.

REPORTS

Superintendent Grimm highlighted a few comments that were made in the district curriculum report.

Mrs. Frakes reviewed the technology report.

The board briefly reviewed Mrs. Farniok's report regarding the district special education program.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board briefly discussed the 2014-2015 building school improvement plans.

SCH IMPROV
PLANS

The Board reviewed the proposed changes to the 2014-2015 Student Parent Handbooks as submitted by each building assistant principal.

HANDBOOKS

The Board briefly discussed building cleanliness and maintenance issues.

MAINT ISSUES

The Board continued their discussion on possible budget reductions/cuts. As a result of that discussion the Board decided the following:

BUDGET
REDUCTIONS/
CUTS

- The random student drug testing program will continue as is.
- The administrative team is to collect additional information on student participation fees and bring that information to the Board at the May Board meeting.
- The Board will continue discussing possible changes to the Certified Nursing Assistants program.
- The Board asked that a list of programs paid for by the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant be provided to them at the May Board meeting.

The fundraising project currently being conducted by the Stronghurst Boosters Organization for a water park in Stronghurst was briefly discussed by the Board. At this time, the Board decided to not allow our students to participate in that fundraising event as part of the school day.

FUNDRAISING

The Board learned that there will be a phone conference call with District Math Consultant Fern Tribbey on Monday, April 28, 2014, and the district Math teachers to continue discussing issues related to the Integrated Math Curriculum under consideration for adoption in the district.

MATH
CONSULTANT

The Board briefly discussed the request of the Henderson County Fair Board to lease or purchase approximately 1.5 acres of district ground on the south campus. At this time, the Board does not wish to pursue such an agreement with the Fair Board.

HEND CO FAIR
ASSOC
REQUEST

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items identified.

FUTURE
AGENDA
ITEMS

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck to adjourn to closed meeting at 8:40 pm to discuss matters pertaining to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED
SESSION

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to return to open meeting at 9:12 pm. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White that the Board approve the request of Tonya Neira for a six week maternity leave beginning on August 18, 2014 as presented. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

T. NEIRA-
MATERNITY
LEAVE

Motion by Buss, seconded by John that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Matt Henning as District Instrumental Music Instructor effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye. Motion carried.

M. HENNING-
RESIGNATION

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck that the Board approve the employment of Jerry Spiker as a substitute custodian at the rate of \$8.25 per hour as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOY J.
SPIKER-SUB
CUSTODIAN

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White that the Board employ Cindi Smith as a long term sub beginning on March 31, 2014, at the daily rate of \$120 as presented. Roll call: White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOY C.
SMITH- LONG
TERM SUB

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Arnold that the Board accept the resignation from Donna Hilton as West Central Middle School Cheerleading Sponsor effective immediately. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye. Motion carried.

D. HILTON –
RESIGNATION

Motion by Arnold, seconded by White that the Board employ Jeff Housel as West Central High School High Football Coach at a stipend as per the 2014-2017 WCATS Contract as presented. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent aye; Buss, nay; John, aye; Lumbeck, nay; White, aye; Anderson, nay. Motion carried.

EMPLOY J.
HOUSEL –
HEAD FB
COACH

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White that the Board employ Randy Frakes as the District Athletic Director beginning with the 2014-2015 school year and that he be paid a stipend of \$4,138 as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOY R.
FRAKES – AD

Motion by Anderson, seconded by John that the Board approve Melinda Frakes as the 2013-2014 National Honor Society sponsor as presented. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

M. FRAKES-
NAT'L HONOR
SPONSOR

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Rodney Brent as the 6th grade boys basketball coach effective immediately. Roll call: John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, abstained; Buss, aye. Motion carried.

R. BRENT –
RESIGNATION

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The Board was reminded that the next regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2014. This meeting will be held in the elementary cafeteria and will begin at 6 pm.

FUTURE MTG

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by White, seconded by Anderson to adjourn at 9:18 pm. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 21ST DAY OF MAY 2014.

Lonnie Brent, Board President

Amy John, Board Secretary