

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY15 BUDGET AND OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2014.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Arnold at 5:30 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria. The following board members answered roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent. Vice-President Arnold declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Grimm, S. Schneider, R. Frakes, J. Nichols, K. Lafary, C. Conlee, N. Smith, M. Frakes, N. Clark and approximately 6 staff members.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Arnold then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PLEDGE

ROLL CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY15 DISTRICT BUDGET

The following board members answered roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent. Vice-President Arnold declared a quorum present.

BUDGET HEARING

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC REGARDING FY15 DISTRICT BUDGET

Vice-President Arnold asked the members of the audience if there were any comments or questions regarding the district's FY15 budget. There were no questions to come from the audience.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING

Vice-President Arnold declared the budget hearing adjourned at 5:31 pm. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Buss, aye; John, absent; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent.

ADJOURN FROM PUBLIC HEARING

RECESS

The board was recessed at 5:31 pm.

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During the recess each building principal introduced their new teachers. Vice-President Arnold introduced each of the board members. Following those introductions, the board members greeted and welcomed the teachers new to the district.

Amy John entered at 5:40 pm.

RECONVENED

The board reconvened at 6:00 pm in the elementary gymnasium. The following board members were present: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, absent.

RE-CONVENED

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

- The Board recognized the staff of the West Central Early Childhood Program for earning a Gold Level Circle of Quality award from ExceleRate, Illinois, the state’s new quality rating and improvement system for early learning and development programs that serve children from birth to age 3. Staff members of the program past and present were recognized.
- The Board recognized approximately 210 West Central students for exceeding standards on the state’s and districts standardized tests from Spring 2014. Each of the students had been invited to the ceremony and each student’s name was called with the test or tests that they exceeded standards on was identified and each student was presented a certificate. Following the award ceremony, the Board moved the meeting to the elementary cafeteria.

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

Kathy White entered the meeting at 6:10 pm.

ROLL CALL

The following Board members answered roll call at 6:49 pm: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye. Vice-President Arnold declared a quorum present.

ROLL CALL

GOOD NEWS ITEMS CONTINUED

- It was noted that this was Homecoming Week at West Central High School.
- The 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> grade West Central JFL team defeated Rushville 26-0 in their first game.

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE AGENDA

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUEST FOR PRESENTATION

There was no one in attendance to address the Board on any of the agenda items during the audience request for presentation.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to approve the consent agenda (Minutes of the August 20, 2014 regular meeting; minutes of August 20, 2014 closed session; the 2014-2015 application for recognition of schools; appoint Superintendent Grimm to serve as the board’s designee on the district’s safety committee; recommendation to continue elementary after school tutoring with an hourly rate of \$20 per hour for the tutor with the total not to exceed \$2420 for the fiscal year; employ Lisa Johnson, Laura Lewis, Julie Owings, Christina Ryba, Jessica Winters, and Amy Wolf as tutors for the Elementary After School Assistance program at the rate of \$20 per hour; the changes to the Delabar Articles of Cooperation; the donation from Midwest Bank in the amount of \$1600 from their Chalk Up Money for Schools program as presented. Roll call: Brent, absent; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

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

Motion by Anderson, seconded by John to approve the activity account summaries for August 2014 for West Central Elementary School, West Central Middle School, and West Central High School as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Buss, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck to approve the August 2014 treasurer’s report as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, absent, Buss, aye; John, aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent Grimm reported to the Board that here were not any percentages in the monthly financial report as the budget has not yet been approved. This will be available after the Board approves the FY15 district budget.

ACTION ITEMS

LIGHTING  
PROJECT  
REBATE  
PROGRAM

Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Buss to proceed with a formal application for the lighting project rebate program as presented. Roll call: White, nay; Anderson, aye; Arnold, nay; Brent, absent; Buss, aye; John, nay; Lumbeck, aye. Motion failed.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck, that the Board approve the FY15 Budget as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye. Motion carried.

FY15 DISTRICT  
BUDGET

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White that the Board approve the proposed revisions to the following board policies on first reading as presented.

POLICY  
REVISIONS

- Policy 2:20 – Board of Education: Powers and Duties of the Board of Education; Indemnification;
- Policy 4:60 – Operational Services; Purchases and Contracts,
- Policy 4:90 – Operational Services: Activities Fund;
- Policy 5:30 – General Personnel: Hiring Process and Criteria;
- Policy 5:260 – Professional Personnel: Student Teachers;
- Policy 5:330 – Educational Support Personnel: Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves;
- Policy 7:20 – Students; Harassment of Students Prohibited;
- Policy 7:180 – Students; Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment;
- Policy 7:240 - Student; Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities.

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

Motion by Anderson, seconded by John to accept the quote of .0067 cents per copy from Digital Copy Systems for the lease of 8 copy machines as outlined on the quote document as presented. Roll call: Brent, absent; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

COPIER LEASE

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss to approve the agreement with Mrs. Madison Mershon of LaHarpe IL to provide supervision services to Miranda Gullberg as follows: Payment of dues to ASHA; mileage for three (3) round trips from LaHarpe, IL to Biggsville, IL and payment of \$600 as presented. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, absent. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT FOR SUPERVISION SERVICES; SPEECH THERAPIST

Motion by Anderson, seconded John to approve the resolution regarding sale of district property. Roll call: John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Buss, aye. Motion carried.

SALE OF PROPERTY

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Buss to approve the request to hold the 2015 Jr-Sr Prom at the Loft in Burlington, IA on Saturday, May 2, 2015, from 7-11 pm as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Buss, aye; John, aye. Motion carried.

JR-SR PROM

### REPORTS

The Board reviewed reports from the building principals; a curriculum report from Superintendent Grimm; a technology report from Mrs. Frakes; a special education report from Mrs. Smith and a report from District Athletic Director Randy Frakes on the Fall middle school and high school sports.

REPORTS

The Board reviewed the 2013-2014 Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefit Report for 2013-2014. The report will be posted to the district web site.

ADMIN & TEACHER SALARY REPORT

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board was presented with the Sixth Day enrollment figures for 2014. The sixth day enrollment for the district Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade is 872 students.

6<sup>TH</sup> DAY ENROLLMENT

Superintendent Grimm reviewed with the Board the changes in the state standardized testing system. It was noted that the ACT test will be provided for our students by the Illinois State Board of Education for the spring of 2015, but there was no funding for this test going forward. The board also discussed the new testing timelines as well as how these new timelines may impact the school district calendar going forward.

CHANGES IN TESTING

As a result of changes to Illinois Laws regarding bullying and cyberbullying, the Board briefly reviewed Board Policy 7:20 – Harassment of Students Prohibited and Board Policy 7:1809 – Prevention of and response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment. The Board discussed the idea of forming a district wide bullying committee to address the proposed policy changes and how the district can better address bullying issues. The Board asked Superintendent Grimm to report back on the makeup of such committee at the October Board Meeting.

BOARD POLICIES

The Board reviewed a list of maintenance items that must be completed at West Central Middle School. The Board was informed that district staff is spread extremely thin at this point in time and there is a need for additional help in not just the maintenance department but in other areas as well. As for the list of items that must be completed at West Middle School, the Board gave Superintendent Grimm direction on how to proceed with this issue.

MS MAINT

The Board agreed that another Board Planning Retreat should be scheduled and asked Superintendent Grimm to work on finding an acceptable date for this meeting.

PLANNING  
RETREAT

The Board was informed that Superintendent Grimm has received a Detachment/Annexation Petition from some folks who have property adjacent to the United School District. Further the Board was informed that the petition was being presented due to the convenience of the parents and not as an indication of the quality of the programs in either district.

DETACHMENT/  
ANNEXATION  
PETITION

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items identified by the Board.

FUTURE  
AGENDA ITEMS

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to adjourn to closed session 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 8:26 pm. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED  
SESSION

The Board took a short break and reconvened at 8:30 pm for closed session in the Unit Office Conference Room. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to return to open meeting at 9:30 pm. Roll call: Brent, absent; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

The Board took a short break and reconvened at 9:35 pm in the elementary cafeteria. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye, Arnold, aye; Brent, absent.

Motion by Buss, seconded by White to accept the letter of resignation from Amanda Jack effective September 26, 2014, as presented. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, nay; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, absent. Motion carried

A. JACK  
RESIGN

Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to employ Richard Clifton as a district associate at the hourly rate of \$12.00 per hour as presented. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOY R.  
CLIFTON

<p>Motion by Anderson, seconded by John to employ Sara Hull as a part time (25 hours per week) Title I Associate at the hourly rate of \$12 per hour as presented. Roll call: Brent, absent; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.</p>	<p>EMPLOY -S. HULL</p>
<p>Motion by Anderson, seconded by John to approve Lynn Ragar as a long term substitute to cover the maternity leave of Emily Klossing from the end of October until January 5, 2015, at the daily rate of \$120 per day as presented. Roll call: Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, absent. Motion carried.</p>	<p>LONG TERM SUB – L. RAGAR</p>
<p>Motion by Buss, seconded by Anderson to approve Jamie Hennings as a long term substitute to cover a 12 week maternity leave of PJ Thompson at the daily rate of \$120 per day as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Buss, aye. Motion carried.</p>	<p>LONG TERM SUB – J. HENNINGS</p>
<p>Motion by White, seconded by Anderson to accept the letter of resignation of Wade O’Neal West Central High School Director as presented. Roll call: Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Buss, aye; John, aye. Motion carried.</p>	<p>RESIGN -W. O’NEAL</p>
<p>Motion by Lumbeck, seconded by Anderson to accept the letter of resignation of Luci Lox as West Central Middle School Speech Coach as presented. Roll call: White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye. Motion carried.</p>	<p>RESIGN -L. LOX</p>
<p>Motion by White, seconded by Buss to approve Mik Shockency as a volunteer West Central Middle School assistant football coach as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye. Motion carried.</p>	<p>M. SHOCKENCY VOL ASSIST MS Fb COACH</p>
<p>Motion by Anderson, seconded by White to employ Lisa Johnson and Shelly Morrison as West Central Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls’ basketball coaches as presented. Roll call: Arnold, aye; Brent, absent; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.</p>	<p>EMPLOY L. JOHNSON &amp; S. MORRISON 6<sup>TH</sup> GBb COACHES</p>
<p>Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lumbeck to employ Christina Holding as West Central High School assistant track coach as presented. Roll call: Brent, absent; Buss, aye; John, aye; Lumbeck, aye; White, aye; Anderson, aye; Arnold, aye. Motion carried.</p>	<p>EMPLOY C. HELDING ASSIST WCHS TRACK</p>
<p>The motion to approve the 1 year employment contracts for Scott Schneider as West Central High School Principal; Jeff Nichols as West Central Middle School Principal; Kathy Lafary as West Central Elementary School Principal; Randy Frakes as West Central High School Assistant Principal and District Athletic Director; Chris Conlee as West Central Elementary School Assistant Principal and Nancy Smith as District Special Education Coordinator/Psychologist was tabled.</p>	<p>TABLED ADMIN CONTRACTS</p>

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The Board was reminded that the next regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2014. This meeting will be held in the elementary cafeteria and will begin at 6:00 pm.

FUTURE MTG

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by White, seconded by Anderson to adjourn at 9:42 pm. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2014.

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Lonnie Brent, Board President

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Amy John, Board Secretary