

TO: West Central Staff and Community
FROM: Stacey Day, Superintendent
DATE: September 26, 2022
RE: Summary of September 21, 2022 Regular Board of Education Meeting and FY23 Budget Hearing

At the September 21, 2022 Regular Board of Education Meeting and FY23 Budget Hearing, the following took place:

1. The FY23 Budget Hearing was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Schaley. Board members present for the hearing were: Brenden Schaley, Mindy Clark, Sarah Bigger, Mike Lenahan, Dillan Vancil and Jodi Arnold. Steve Lumbeck was absent from the budget hearing. President Schaley asked audience members if there were any comments that anyone wanted to make regarding the proposed FY23 Budget. Seeing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn the budget hearing and the hearing was adjourned.
2. A short social was held between the Budget Hearing and Regular Board meeting for our new staff to meet the Board of Education members. Introductions were made by all board members and the new staff members in attendance and some time to talk and get to know each other, prior to the 6:00 pm Regular Meeting.
3. The Regular Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President Schaley at 6:00 pm. Board members present were: Brenden Schaley, Mindy Clark, Sarah Bigger, Mike Lenahan, Dillan Vancil, Jodi Arnold and Steve Lumbeck. Also present for the meeting were: Superintendent Stacey Day, Recording Secretary Jaime Shultz, District Administrators: Jason Kirby, Joel Zaiser, Sara Ryner, Kathy Lafary and Joe Peters, and District Technology Coordinator Jeremy Hennings and District Transportation Director Brian Kreps.
4. President Schaley led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. The following items were shared as Good News to Celebrate District Accomplishments:
 - a. We were awarded \$1000 to both the MS and HS Athletic Departments through a Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation Grant
 - b. We appreciate our continued partnership with the Farm Bureau and their sponsorship for Safety Day and Ag Day for our elementary students.
 - c. We appreciated the continued support from the Stronghurst Lion's Club who provides vision screenings at our early childhood screenings.
 - d. Our middle school collected over 300 cans to donate to the FOCC.
 - e. Our middle school softball team won their regional and their sectional, at the time of the meeting they were preparing for their state qualifying competitions (as of the date of this summary they competed at State and earned a 3rd place finish in the IESA Class AA Softball finals!)
 - f. Lisa Lox has been awarded the IESA Distinguished Service Award for all of her hard work and dedication to the Speech program and competitions.
 - g. Ethan Nichols has a 9th place finish at the LTC Golf Meet.

- h. Our FFA Livestock team finished 3rd out of 94 teams at their recent competition, with many individuals placing.
 - i. Fishers Market donated water for our middle school softball team to take with to the state tournament.
 - j. Our football team is currently 4-0 on the season and playing well.
6. The board approved the following items as part of the consent agenda
- a. Minutes from the Regular meeting on August 17, 2022
 - b. Minutes from the Closed Session meeting on August 17, 2022
 - c. Approval of all bills
 - d. Approval of Activity Account Reports
 - e. Approval of the Treasurer's Report
 - f. Resignation of the MS Football Coach Ryan Muegge
 - g. Resignation of the 6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach Tyler Klossing
 - h. Approval of the CASA Emergency Leave MOU with WCATS
 - i. Accepted a \$5000 donation from the Twomey Family
 - j. Approval of a payment of \$442.60 to Andrew Crause for a partial track stipend for the 2021-2022 school year
 - k. Approved the agreement to use the Tombstone Bowl in Monmouth as the WCHS Bowling Team facility
 - l. Approved changing the names on the WCMS Activity and Imprest Accounts to remove Joe Peters and add Sara Ryner
 - m. Approved the Delabar CTE Intergovernmental Agreement
7. The annual 6th Day Enrollment information was presented. AS of the 6th day of school our enrollment was at 741 students Pre-K - 12th Grade. This is down 3 students from what was projected for this school year and down 14 overall from last year.
8. The FY23 ISBE School Maintenance Grant was discussed. This is a \$50,000 matching grant that the district can apply for by November 18, 2022. We will start looking into appropriate projects to consider that will meet the requirements and provide the best opportunities for our students. Current ideas are WCHS Greenhouse, WCHS PA System, awning at the WCES Drop Off Door and tire chips for the WCES Playground. The proposals will come to the Board in October for approval for the application.
9. A short discussion on the need for tire chips for our elementary playground was held, and we are currently looking into funding opportunities for this project.
10. There were no FOIA requests this month
11. Brian Kreps, WC Transportation Director, was in attendance and presented an update on our transportation needs and concerns. We will be working on adjusting routes and finding additional ways to publicize the needs for drivers. We will also look into contracting out our busing service as a possibility.
12. All building principals, the HS Athletic Director and the Technology Director presented their reports. All were pleased with how the start of the school year has gone and the success we are seeing in our classrooms and extra-curriculars.
13. The Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefit Report for the 2021 - 2022 school year was presented. This is an annual report that is required by ISBE to be presented to

the board and then published on the district website. It contains salary and benefit information for certified staff members.

14. The Board approved purchasing 3 additional microphones for our high school gym, to help with sound during our events, especially during elementary concerts.
15. The Board approved the FY23 District Budget.
16. The Board approved the WCES and WCMS School-wide Title I Plans.
17. The Board approved the FFA field trip request to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis in October.
18. The Board approved the 2022-2023 COVID Administrative Leave MOU with WCATS.
19. The Board approved the West Central Anaphylaxis Policy and Press Policy 7:285. This policy allows the district to have undesignated epinephrine on site and explains our plan for handling anaphylaxis crisis if they occur, as well as plans to prevent them.
20. A discussion was held on the CEP Lunch Program. CEP stands for Community Eligibility Provision, it is an opportunity for districts to provide free breakfast and lunch for all students. The program application is based on the number of students who directly qualify for free breakfast/lunch as of April 1, 2022. To be directly certified, the student must have state Medicaid, SNAP, TANF, etc. These numbers do not include our families who qualify for free lunches based on their income applications. West Central does qualify for the program with our direct certified population at 46.7%. The CEP application asks districts to complete a comparison worksheet to determine if CEP or traditional claiming is ultimately better for the district, based on that percentage. At this time, the district could stand to lose between \$4,000 - \$10,000 per month if we participate in the CEP program. The Board decided at this time not to participate in the CEP program, but will continue to investigate it for the future and look into ways to help our families who struggle with the cost of breakfast/lunch, but don't qualify for free or reduced meals.
21. The Board approved changing the grading policy for Elementary Art grades for the 2022-2023 school year to PASS/FAIL for K-5 grades.
22. Steve Lumbeck requested that we look into work needed on the football field and for it to be placed on a future agenda.
23. The Board made a motion to go into closed session at 7:03. They started closed session at 7:06 and adjourned from closed session at 8:08 pm.
24. The Board went back into open session at 8:11 pm and took the following action:
 - a. Approved an overload pay for Mike Hollaran
 - b. Approved an overload pay for Cody Eaton
 - c. Approved an overload pay and HS Instrumental Stipend for Danna Cory
 - d. Approved an overload pay for Tom Williams
 - e. Approved an overload pay for Amy Olson
 - f. Approved an overload pay for Robert Frank
 - g. Approved an overload pay for Adam Boyle
 - h. Hired Pam Morre as a long-term sub for District Band, working $\frac{3}{4}$ days and paying the MS Instrumental Stipend

- i. **Approved the WCES After School Homework Assistance, WCES Rtl Team Members, WCES SIP Team Members, WCMS SIP Team Members and WCHS SIP Team Members**
 - j. **Approved the hiring of Colton Smith as MS Football Head Coach**
 - k. **Approved the hiring of Chris Root as MS Football Assistant Coach**
 - l. **Approved the hiring of Ross Parcel as WCHS Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach**
 - m. **Approved Stephanie Allaman as WCHS Rotating Senior Class Sponsor**
 - n. **Approved Phil Perzee as WCHS Rotating Sophomore Class Sponsor**
 - o. **Approved Ross Parcel as WCHS Rotating Freshmen Class Sponsor**
25. **The next Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria.**
26. **The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm**