

TO: West Central Staff and Community
FROM: Stacey Day, Superintendent
DATE: January 21, 2023
RE: Summary of January 18, 2023 Regular Board of Education Meeting

At the January 18, 2023 Regular Board of Education Meeting, the following took place:

1. The Regular Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President Schaley at 6:01 pm. Board members present were: Brendan Schaley, Mindy Clark, Sarah Bigger, Dillan Vancil, Steve Lumbeck and Mike Lenahan. Absent from the meeting was Jodi Arnold. Also present for the meeting were: Superintendent Stacey Day, Recording Secretary Jaime Shultz, District Administrators: Jason Kirby, Sara Ryner, and Kathy Lafary, Joel Zaiser and Joe Peters and District Technology Coordinator Jeremy Hennings. Also present at the meeting were Jennifer Mills, Ray Mills, Erin White and Danielle Cover, Preston White, Wendy White, and student.
2. President Schaley led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The following items were shared as Good News to Celebrate District Accomplishments:
 - a. Paige Torrance completed all requirements and is an official licensed school nurse
 - b. 37% of the high school students qualify for the National Honor Society selection. This is based on their academic achievement and allows them to continue on in the selection process.
4. Superintendent Day asked to add Student Discipline as a discussion only item in Closed Session.
5. Preston White addressed the Board with concerns about student safety at the high school.
6. The consent agenda was approved 6-0, by a roll call vote on the following items:
 - a. Approved the meeting minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 14, 2022
 - b. Approved the closed session minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 14, 2022
 - c. Approved payment of all bills
 - d. Approved monthly activity accounts
 - e. Approved October 2022 Treasurer's Report
 - f. Approved the resignation of Sean Lyon as a WCHS Math Teacher
 - g. Approved the retirement of Tamara Slater as a WCMS Teacher at the end of the 2026-2027 school year
 - h. Approved resignation of Rose Griffin as WCMS 6th grade volleyball coach and WCHS Varsity volleyball coach
 - i. Approved resignation of John Martinez as District Custodian
 - j. Approved 2022-2023 District Seniority List for Certified and Support Personnel
 - k. Approved removing Nancy Clark from the Middle School Imprest Account
 - l. Approved removing Nancy Clark from the High School Imprest Account

- m. Approved removing Deb Cole and adding Rachel Westfall to the RevTrak Account at Midwest Bank
 - n. Approved maternity leave for Paige Leath
 - o. Approved Maternity leave for Bonita Johnston
7. There were no FOIA requests this month.
 8. A discussion was held on the work for the football field. The architect will put out a bid for reshaping the field with an alternate bid for drainage to consider at our February meeting. We will work with the local sod farm to sod the field and have it ready for the fall football season. The Board will take official action at the February meeting.
 9. An update on our district farm was provided. We have sold all of our corn and soybeans for the season and at the time of the meeting our fall calves were at market. The plan is to use the proceeds from this season towards our greenhouse project.
 10. Superintendent Day presented information about our current investments, their current rates and current specials at the banking institutions. Rates are in the 3%-3.5% range currently. A short discussion was held about the option to consider cashing out a CD in the future to fund facilities projects. Superintendent Day will continue to monitor CD rates when our current CDs mature to ensure we place them in the best position for investment.
 11. Superintendent Day presented an update on a variety of projects that have been discussed during the previous months and that will need to be decided upon in the future. Ameren power company is going to install a pole light on the power pole west of the elementary entrance (north of the dentist office). Superintendent Day discussed the estimate on adding an awning on the south entrance of the elementary school. We are still waiting on the detailed report for the 10- year health-life-safety inspection from the architects. We are waiting on estimates for the HVAC project areas that were not in the original project (HS Gym, HS Cafeteria, etc). We are working on repairing a portion of the middle school gym floor at the south entrance of the gym, due to some water damage. Our north campus sewer project is almost complete. The School Maintenance Grant was approved by ISBE, we will move forward with installing a new greenhouse at the high school. We will look into solar energy for the school district in the future, consider the initial cost and how it may help our energy bills.
 12. All building principals, the district technology director, and athletic director presented their monthly reports.
 13. The board approved a second reading of PRESS Policy Issues 110 updates. Appropriate policies will be updated with the changes.
 14. The board heard an update on the Annual Coaches Rehire Process. An updated evaluation tool is being developed, but not ready for final approval at this time. The new tool and timeline for annual rehires will be implemented next school year. Current coach rehires will be presented to the board for rehire later this school year for approval.
 15. Superintendent Day presented the bid amounts for the HS window project. The Board approved the base bid provided by Merit Construction at a total cost of \$317,000, using ESSR3 funding for a portion of the project. The alternate bids (Ag building and courtyard windows) were placed on hold for future consideration. Superintendent Day

will look into if Life Safety Funds can be used for this project in conjunction with the ESSR3 funding.

16. Board members were reminded to contact President Schaley or Superintendent Day if they would like to add agenda items for next month.
17. The Board moved into closed session at 7:23 pm to discuss Personnel, Negotiations, Student Matter and Student Discipline matters.
18. The Board returned from closed session at 10:05 pm and took the following action:
 - a. Approved employment of Kayla Crum as a WCES Title Paraprofessional
 - b. Approved a 2nd semester overload pay for Michael Holloran
 - c. Approved Lainey Mills as a MS volleyball volunteer manager
 - d. Approved Hailie Eisnicher as a WCHS Assistant Softball Coach
 - e. Approved Lene Lox as WCMS 6th Grade Volleyball Coach
 - f. Approved Michael Holloran and Ryan Muegge as the SAT Prep Teachers
19. The board was reminded our next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria.
20. The board adjourned the meeting at 10:08 pm.