

TO: All Staff
FROM: Paula Markey
RE: December 18, 2019, Truth-in-Taxation Hearing and Regular Board Meeting
Summary

The Board conducted a Truth-in-Taxation Hearing on the 2019 Levy. The Truth-in-Taxation Hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m. All Board members were present at roll call. Student Representatives to the Board of Education Emijah Jones and Wesley Stewart were in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Markey, WCHS Principal Jason Kirby, WCMS Principal Joe Peters, WCES Principal Kathy Lafary, WCES Assistant Principal Andrea Freiden, Special Education Director and School Psychologist Shaila Ayer, WCATS President Cathie Smith, Music Teacher Matt Stewart, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Jaime Shultz, and community member Dan Bowman. Superintendent Markey presented current and historical data with regard to the levy as well as revenue and reviewed the levy process. There were no comments offered by any member of the public on the proposed 2019 Levy. The Hearing was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

At the Wednesday, December 18, 2019, regular Board meeting of the West Central C.U.S.D. #235 Board of Education, the following items took place:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m. in the West Central Elementary School cafeteria by Board President Jodi Arnold. All Board members were present at roll call. Student Representatives to the Board of Education Emijah Jones and Wesley Stewart were in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Markey, WCHS Principal Jason Kirby, WCMS Principal Joe Peters, WCES Principal Kathy Lafary, WCES Assistant Principal Andrea Freiden, Special Education Director and School Psychologist Shaila Ayer, WCATS President Cathie Smith, Music Teacher Matt Stewart, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Jaime Shultz, and community member Dan Bowman.
2. President Arnold led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Under Good News Items the following items were highlighted:
 - Winter music concerts were outstanding and well attended.
 - Over 1,000 items were collected and donated through the WCES food drive.
 - West Central C.U.S.D. #235 received a \$3,500 donation from the Henderson County Handicapped Children's Trust.
4. The agenda was approved as presented with no additions or deletions.
5. There were no comments from the public.
6. The Board approved the Consent Agenda. Items approved under the Consent Agenda included the following:
 - The minutes of the November 19, 2019, Regular Meeting and Closed Session, and

- The November 2019 bills, November 2019 building Activity Account Reports, the November 2019 Treasurer’s Report, and review of the District Financial Report.
7. The Board discussed Board Policy 8:30 – Visitors to and Conduct on School Property.
 8. Superintendent Markey updated the Board with regard to progress on the proposed job descriptions for the following positions: Maintenance Director, Head Custodian, Custodian, Transportation Director/Grounds Keeper, and Bus Driver.
 9. The Board reviewed and heard reports from the building principals as well as a report from our District Psychologist and Special Education Director, Shaila Ayer.
 10. The Board approved the 2019 Tax Levy as presented. This year’s tax levy calls for an extension amount of \$6,131,233 which is an increase over the 2018 levy extension amount of 8.29%.
 11. The Board approved submitting a School Maintenance Grant Application using the Underground Fuel Storage Tank Life/Safety Amendment as the basis for \$50,000 in matching funds as presented.
 12. The Board approved the WCHS graduation date as Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
 13. The Board approved the implementation of 8-man football for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.
 14. The Board approved the farm lease with Darryl Lenz as presented.
 15. The Board entered Closed Session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss the following topics:
 - A. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.
 - B. Collective negotiating matters between the school board and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.
 - C. Student disciplinary cases.
 - D. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.
 16. The Board exited Closed Session at 7:36 p.m. and took the following action in regards to personnel:
 - accepted the resignation of Amy Bole as a District Custodian with thanks for her service to the District,
 - approved the employment of Carl Cassiday as a District Custodian as presented,
 - approved the employment of Cody Eaton as the WCHS Assistant Baseball Coach as presented,

- approved Matt Beverly as a WCHS Volunteer Basketball Coach as presented, and
 - approved Blake Bichsel as a WCHS Volunteer Basketball Coach as presented.
17. The Board was reminded that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the West Central Elementary cafeteria.
 18. There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned their meeting at 7:40 p.m.