

TO: All Staff
FROM: Paula Markey
RE: February 17, 2016, Regular Board Meeting Summary
DATE: Thursday, February 18, 2016

At the Wednesday, February 17, 2016, 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 6:00 p.m. in the West Central Elementary School cafeteria by Board President Lonnie Brent. All Board members were present at roll call.
2. President Brent led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Under Good News Items the following items were highlighted:
 - High School Students of the Month for January:
Physical Education – Skyler Moede
Science – Bradon Annegers
CTE – Curtis Nichols
Social Studies – Grace Brent
Fine Arts – Conner Hill
English – Mallory Hennenfent
Math – Dennis Casey
 - WCHS Girls' Basketball Won the Regional Championship Game
 - WCHS Student Whitney Finley advanced to Sectionals in Bowling
 - The WYSE Team took 3rd place at Regionals, so they will advance to Sectionals on March 14 at Knox College.
 - There are currently 26 students enrolled in the ACT Prep Class
 - 7th Grade Student Kaitlyn Waugh won the Henderson/County Spelling Bee. She will advance to Peoria on March 18, 2016.
 - Middle School Students Victor Smith and Nathan McBride received 3rd place at the WIU Science Olympiad for their rocket project.
 - WCE hosted our annual Pastries with Parents program to share information about the upcoming PARCC assessment. We had over 80 families in attendance at this event.
 - WCE continues to collect pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City. Currently, we are in third place in a competition among several school districts. Please send us your tabs prior to March 21.
 - Buzz, the Burlington Bees' mascot, visited WCE this week to promote a reading incentive program for our students.
 - We received feedback from the LTC Tournament about how kind and polite our boys' basketball players were.
4. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
5. There were no comments from the public.

5. The Board approved the Consent Agenda. Items approved under the Consent Agenda included the following:
 - The minutes of the January 20, 2016, Regular Meeting and Closed Session
 - The January 2016 bills, January 2016 building Activity Account Reports, the January 2016 Treasurer's Report, and review of the District Financial Snapshot.
6. The Board approved the 2015-2016 District Seniority List for Certified and Support Personnel as presented.
7. The Board approved the 7th grade field trip to Math/Science Day at Six Flags in St. Louis, MO.
8. The Board approved a bid from Kemper Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$189,000 for general work and plumbing repair work in restrooms at all facilities.
9. The Board approved the following proposed Board policy revisions on First Reading:
 - Policy 2:160 – Board Attorney
 - Policy 2:160-E – Exhibit – Checklist for Selecting a Board Attorney
 - Policy 2:260 – Uniform Grievance Procedure
 - Policy 4:50 – Payment Procedures
 - Policy 5:50 – Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; Tobacco Prohibition
 - Policy 5:270 – Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment
 - Policy 5:290 – Employment Termination and Suspensions
 - Policy 6:140 – Education of Homeless Children
 - Policy 7:10 – Equal Educational Opportunities
 - Policy 7:40 – Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students
 - Policy 7:310 – Restrictions on Publications
 - Policy 7:325 – Student Fundraising Activities
 - Policy 7:90 – Release During School Hours
 - Policy 8:10 – Connection with the Community
 - Policy 8:80 – Gifts to the District
10. The Board reviewed and heard reports from the building principals; Ben Rees, Athletic Director; Melinda Frakes, District Technology Coordinator; and Nancy Smith, District Psychologist and Special Education Director.
 - Mrs. Lafary added that Send a Sucker brought in \$407 which will be donated to help pay medical expenses for Riley Thomas, a student at Monmouth-Roseville who was diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma Cancer on January 15, 2016.
 - Mrs. Lafary reported that the elementary school received a check from Target in the amount of \$244.
 - Mrs. Burns reported on the idea to have a 6th grade orientation in the spring for incoming 6th grade students and parents.

- Mr. Schneider updated the Board on dual credit offerings. There will also be two teachers (one H.S. and one M.S.) and two administrators (one H.S. and one M.S.) participating in the Illinois State University and University of Illinois Education Job Fairs to try to attract new teachers to the West Central School District.
 - Mrs. Frakes presented on the success of the Technology Team's recent professional development offerings.
11. The Board heard an update from Mr. Rees regarding West Prairie's request to coop golf with us. West Prairie currently has two boys and one girl interested.
 12. The Board heard a presentation on the high schedule and the pros and cons of going to an 8-period day versus a 7-period day. There were several teachers present to share their thoughts and concerns. At this time, the Board is just in the discussion phase of how to reduce conflicts in students' schedules and how to increase offerings to them. The Board expressed their appreciation for the steps that have been taken toward dual credit and Work Study offerings as well as the efforts of all staff to offer a quality education.
 13. The Board heard an idea about how to get more community members involved in homecoming activities.
 14. The Board was presented a proposed 2016-2017 school district calendar for discussion.
 15. The Board entered closed session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss matters related to personnel and contract. The Board exited closed session at 8:55 p.m.
 16. The Board took the following action in regards to personnel:
 - accepted the resignation of Scott Schneider as the WCHS Principal,
 - approved Megan Hills and Tiffany Adams to teach the ACT Prep Class,
 - approved Christina Ryba as a long-term substitute at WCMS for two class periods for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year,
 - approved Robert Berry as a long-term substitute at WCHS for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year,
 - approved Monica Brooks as a WCHS Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach,
 - accepted the resignation of Brandy Blender as the WCHS Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach.
 17. The Board was reminded that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, March 16, 2016 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 9:04 p.m.