

TO: All Staff  
FROM: Paula Markey  
RE: February 19, 2020, Regular Board Meeting Summary

At the Wednesday, February 19, 2020, 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. 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, WCHS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Shane Tucker, WCMS Principal Joe Peters, WCES Principal Kathy Lafary, WCES Assistant Principal Andrea Freiden, and Students Emma Keever and Laurel Beelman. Nancy Bitner, Delabar Systems Director, was present to provide information to the Board regarding Career and Technical Education (CTE).
2. President Arnold led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Under Good News Items the following items were highlighted:
  - WCE hosted our Pastries with Parents program entitled "Winter Wonders" and 90 families were in attendance!
  - WCE participated in the World Read Aloud Day (WRAD) on February 5th. We had several guest readers in the classroom and we were honored to have Anne Grall Reichel, author of *The United Forest of Kind*, visit our building. She gave away several signed copies of her book!
  - 3rd grade students participated in the annual Ag Day, which is sponsored by the Henderson/Warren County Farm Bureau. What a fantastic partnership!
  - West Central C.U.S.D. #235 received a \$500 donation from the United Methodist Church to be applied toward unpaid lunch accounts.
  - West Central C.U.S.D. #235's newly formed E-Sports Club was featured on Channel 8 news on February 10, 2020.
  - Congratulations to Wesley Stewart on his appointment to the Air Force Academy.
4. The Board approved the agenda with the following addition to Discussion Items:  
8.A. CTE Presentation from Delabar Systems Director Nancy Bitner.
5. Emma Keever addressed the Board regarding her request to graduate early.
6. The Board approved the Consent Agenda. Items approved under the Consent Agenda included the following:
  - The minutes of the January 15, 2020, Regular Meeting and Closed Session
  - The January 2020 bills, January 2020 building Activity Account Reports, the January 2020 Treasurer's Report, and review of the District Financial Snapshot.
7. The Board was presented information regarding Career and Technical Education (CTE) by Delabar System Director Nancy Bitner.

8. Superintendent Markey presented to the Board the proposed 2020-2021 District calendar for discussion.
9. Superintendent Markey reminded the Board of their responsibilities as Mandated Reporters.
10. The Board discussed the possibility of establishing a WCMS Softball program.
11. Superintendent Markey updated the Board regarding deeding a small parcel of District property in Stronghurst to the Village of Stronghurst.
12. The Board reviewed and heard reports from the building principals; Shane Tucker, Athletic Director and Shaila Ayer, District Psychologist and Special Education Director.
13. The Board approved the 12-month lease of a 2018 Chevy Cruze LT (Driver Education car) from Bruce Foote Chevrolet of Monmouth in the amount of \$150 per month with two payments of \$900 at six month intervals as presented.
14. The Board approved two student requests to graduate at the end of 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the 2020-2021 school year pending completion of all graduation requirements.
15. The Board approved the request of a student to attend half days during the 2020-2021 school year as presented.
16. The Board approved a resolution to authorize the sale of two mobile classrooms on the south campus as presented.
17. The Board approved the following job descriptions: Maintenance Director, Head Custodian, Custodian, Transportation Director/Grounds Keeper, and Bus Driver as presented.
18. The Board entered closed session at 7:05 p.m. pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss the following subjects:
  - 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. Student discipline.
  - C. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.
  - D. Superintendent Evaluation.

The Board exited closed session at 7:57 p.m.

19. The Board took the following action in regard to personnel:
  - accepted the Intent to Retire of Tamyra Rankin effective the last contractual day of the 2019-2020 school year with thanks for her service to the District,
  - approved the resignation of Gayla Todd as a District Associate as presented,

- approved the employment of Emily Schaley as a WCHS Secretary per the WCATS contract and pending completion of all pre-employment requirements,
  - approved the employment of Amanda Foley as a District Associate per the WCATS contract and pending completion of all pre-employment requirements, and
  - approved the employment of Catherine Davis as a part-time Title I Associate pending completion of all pre-employment requirements.
20. The Board was reminded that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the West Central Elementary cafeteria.
21. There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned their meeting at 8.04 p.m.