

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON MARCH 20, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Schaley at 6:00 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria. The following board members answered roll call: Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Higgins, Schaley and Vancil. Gullberg entered at 6:16 p.m. President Schaley declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Day, J. Shultz, K. Lafary, J. Peters, S. Ryner, J. Kirby, J. Hennings, J. Zaiser, Adalyn Haynes, Steve Haynes, Keylee Chapin, Lauren Hinshaw, Brad Hinshaw, Bethany Nannen, Amy Toops, Alyssa Hawk, Bryan Taylor and family members.

President Schaley then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### GOOD NEWS ITEMS

- Ms. Lewis, along with her 5th grade helpers, raised over \$700 during the Send a Sucker to a Friend event, which has been donated to the Angel Tree Organization.
- The Elementary PE Staff coordinated the Kids Heart Challenge and raised \$5,362.99 for the American Heart Association.
- Our third grade students participated in ag related activities provided by Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau. We are appreciative of their continued partnership.
- WCMS had 7 readers read at least 4 of the 20 Rebecca Caudill award winning books. Kenzley Winters, Riley Shrader, Lauren Hinshaw, Joseph Inman, Brooklyn Darnell, Aubree Gilmour, and Ivy Bielser all earned a pizza party with Mrs. Ouellette.
- Adalyn Haynes won the Best of Day - Brass Solo at Rockridge Junior High for the IESA Solo/Ensemble Contest!

### APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bigger to approve the agenda as presented. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Alyssa Hawk was present to talk with the Board about needed upgrades to the elementary and middle school playgrounds. She shared with the Board the hope from the Elementary PTC Group to make improvements for the elementary playground and the need for equipment and a space at the middle school.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Vancil to approve the consent agenda including the following items:

- The minutes of the regular meeting of February 21, 2024;
- Closed session minutes of February 21, 2024;
- The payment of all bills;
- All activity accounts;
- The treasurer's report for February 2024;
- Approval of the 2024-2025 Public School Calendar;
- The approval to direct the Superintendent to begin work on the FY25 District Budget.

On roll call the following members voted aye: Chockley, Clark, Higgins, Schaley, Vancil and Bigger. 6-0 Motion carried.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

There was only one FOIA request for this month: SmartProcure - requesting information about vendors, items purchased, contact information and cost.

A discussion on the 2024-2025 Registration Fees was held. The recommendation is to leave registration fees the same as the current school year (Elementary \$55, Middle School \$65 and High School \$85) and incorporate an annual \$30 Technology Fee for students. The fee will replace the optional chromebook insurance and cover some repairs of damage to chromebooks and when a student graduates from West Central, they will be able to keep their chromebook at no charge. Superintendent Day and the Tech Department will work on creating a plan for the Technology Fee to present with the Registration Fees for final action at next month's Board meeting.

The Board discussed consideration of building a new athletic facility in the future. The space would allow for additional PE/Personal Fitness Class space and ability to change their programs. The building could be used for additional practice space for the district as well. The Board discussed, briefly, the two out-buildings on the Middle School campus as possibilities. The architects estimate that to make the needed repairs to those buildings in order to allow students to use either of those spaces it will cost about \$500,000 for each building. The Board will continue to talk about this potential project in the coming months to determine the need, specifics of design and feasibility of the build.

### REPORTS

The Board reviewed and heard reports from the Building Principals K. Lafary, S. Ryner and J. Kirby and District Technology Coordinator Jeremy Hennings and Athletic Director Joel Zaiser.

### ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Clark, seconded by Vancil to approve the lease of a 2018 Chevy Cruze LT from Bruce Foote Chevrolet of Monmouth in the amount of \$150 per month with one payment of \$1800 due on July 31, 2024, as presented. On roll call the following board members voted aye: Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, Vancil, Bigger, and Chockley. 7-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Chockley to approve the HLS Middle School Locker Room project, as presented. On roll call the following board members voted aye: Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, Vancil, Bigger, Chockley, and Clark. 7-0 Motion carried.

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board members were asked to contact Superintendent Day or Board President Schaley with future agenda items.

### CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to adjourn to closed meeting pursuant of the Illinois Open Meetings Act - 5ILCS 120/2 (2) (16) at 7:17 p.m. to discuss the following subjects:

- A. Personnel - 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. Negotiations - 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;

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the District Office Conference Room at 7:20 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, and Vancil. Also present was S. Day.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Vancil to return to open session at 8:34 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley and Vancil. 7-0 Motion carried.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the elementary cafeteria at 8:35 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley and Vancil.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Vancil, to approve the rehire of WCMS and WCHS coaches as follows:

High School Coaches		Middle School Coaches	
Varsity Volleyball		Head Football	Colton Smith
JV Volleyball	Jacinda Hill	Asst. Football	Chris Root
Head Golf	Jackie Biggs	Head Baseball	Ross Parcel
Head Football	Jason Kirby	Asst. Baseball	Greg Link
Asst. Football	Steve Arnold	Head Softball	Dylan Voyles
Asst. Football	Tom Williams	8th Grade Girls' Basketball	Jena Goff
Asst. Football	Bob Stockham	7th Grade Girls' Basketball	Lene Lox
Football Cheerleading	Amanda Kane	6th Grade Girls' Basketball	Jena Goff

Not rehired - Victoria Tapscott, Varsity Volleyball

On roll call the following members voted aye: Higgins, Schaley, Vancil, Bigger, Chockley, Clark, and Gullberg. 7-0 Motion carried.

**West Central School District  
School Board Meeting  
Personnel Items for Board Approval  
Wednesday, March 20, 2024**

*Please note: the following new appointments are pending completion of all certifications, requirements, and clearance on the state required background investigation.*

**Personnel Changes**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Salary</b>
<b>Volunteers:</b>		
Carley Pringle	WCMS Track Coach	N/A
Casey Goff	WCMS Grade Boys' Basketball Coach	N/A
Thomas Williams	WCHS Girls' Track Coach	N/A
Michael Seltz	WCHS Softball Coach	N/A
Darren Steele	WCHS Baseball Coach	N/A
Josh Higgins	WCHS Softball Coach	N/A
<b>New Appointments:</b>		
*Payton Clark	WCHS Girls' Track Coach	WCATS Contract
*Bryan Taylor	WCES Assistant Principal	Individual Contract
Robin Meyers	District Custodian	WCATS Contract
Renata Conway	Homebound Tutor	\$20/hour
Heidi Crane	Special Education Teacher	WCATS Contract
*Payton Clark	Special Education Teacher	WCATS Contract
Karla Bowman	WCES Part-Time Title Paraprofessional	WCATS Contract
<b>Change of Assignment:</b>		
Destine Allen	Part-time District Cook to Full-time District Cook	WCATS Contract
<b>Board acknowledges the following resignations/retirements:</b>		
Casey Goff	WCMS 6th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach	
Nicole Ebert	WCHS Paraprofessional (end of school year)	
Kayla Johnson	WCES Paraprofessional (effective March 12)	
Ariel Dillard	WCMS Cheer Coach	
Kathy Wiegand	District Cook	

\*Separate Board Motion for Payton Clark due to Board Member Conflict and Bryan Taylor.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Chockley, to approve the employment of Bryan Taylor as WCES Assistant Principal, as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Schaley, Vancil, Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, and Higgins. 7-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Chockley, seconded by Bigger to approve the personnel agenda as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Vancil, Bigger, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, and Schaley. 7-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Chockley to approve the employment of Payton Clark as WCHS Girls' Track coach as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Bigger, Chockley, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley and Vancil. Clark abstained. 6-0 Motion carried

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Gullberg to approve the employment of Payton Clark as a Special Education Teacher as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Chockley, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, Vancil, and Bigger, Clark abstained. 6-0 Motion carried.


#### FUTURE MEETING DATE

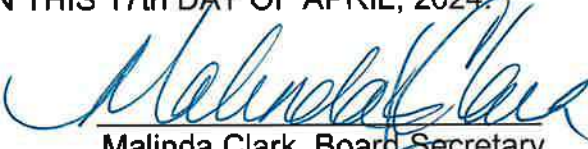
The Board was reminded that the next regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bigger, seconded by Clark to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 17th DAY OF APRIL, 2024.

  
Brendan Schaley, Board President

  
Malinda Clark, Board Secretary