

WESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #12 BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

WHS CAFETERIA, 401 McDONOUGH STREET, BARRY, ILLINOIS

6:00 P.M.

The Western Community Unit School District #12 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the WHS Cafeteria on Wednesday, September 16, 2015. President Lorc Weir called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Other Board of Education Members present included: Vice-President Inky Shover; Chris Borrowman; and Tyler Patterson. Shane Fee arrived at 6:05 p.m. and James Broeckling arrived at 6:27 p.m. Absent was member Ayca Raif. Also present was: Terry A. Robertson, Interim Superintendent; WHS/WES Principal Connie Thomas; Assistant Principal/Curriculum Director Jessica Funk; and Administrative Assistant/Assistant Bookkeeper Teresa Schulz.

Also present were Media Representatives Justin Cobb and Adam Kirgan, and Tony Fessler and Scott Douglas, both Interns in Educational Administration at WIU.

Teachers new to the District were introduced and included: Amy Rhymer, Art; Polly Craven, High School English; Brandi Pennock, RTI; Darin Craven, 5th Grade; Jill Ebers, Special Education; and Eileen Malone, Pre-K.

Under Public and Employee Comments: Liz Klauzer presented a Proposal for High School Chorus participation in Music in the Parks on Saturday, May 7, 2016, near 6 Flags. The Board later approved the participation in the musical competition.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda. Motion by Shover; seconded by Weir. Roll Call vote: Shover, yes; Fee, yes; Raif, absent; Weir, yes; Broeckling, absent; and Patterson, yes. 5 yes; 0 no; and 2 absent. Motion carried.

Under Superintendent Report: Superintendent Robertson shared a Thank You Card from the Edith Brace family and shared the results of the recent visit with the Auditor attended by himself, Kelsi Neese, and Teresa Schulz. The good news for Western is their financial status has moved up and is much improved, despite lack of state funding. It should be noted, however, that the true success to the local financial portfolio is due to working cash bonds supported by the taxpayers of Western CUSD #12.

Under principal Reports: WES/WHS Principal Thomas reported in the Elementary: Curriculum Night is September 17th from 6-7 p.m.; Working Lunch provides an opportunity for students in grades 3-5 to get extra assistance in academics; eSpark data; and MAP Data. High School Reports included: CATS ON CAMPUS; Academic Advisory; and MAP Data. WJHS Principal VanDyke recognized August Students of the Month; Tardy Policy; Class of the Year; Character Champions; MAP Testing; Jr, High Baseball

Regionals; and the Fall Dance on Sept. 25th. In addition, after discussion with the Board, Mrs. Thomas reported Graduation Date will be May 14th.

Under Committee Reports:

Building – Supt. updated Board on projects

Transportation – Supt. updated Board on assignment of personnel to study how to make transportation more efficient even in the face of declining revenues from the state.

Policy –Supt. distributed Policy Manuals for those needing a hard copy for use when electronic data is not readily available.

Finance – Supt. commented despite improved finances at Western, the transportation fund needs a hard look at every line item and suggested assigning personnel to conduct a thorough study of every facet of transportation fund revenues and expenses. These personnel would make a report at the October Board of Education meeting.

Discipline – Supt. suggested the Board develop a position statement regarding the proposed state discipline policy to be put into effect to go into effect at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year. The Board indicated to proceed with developing a resolution document.

Safety – Supt. and Principal Thomas have requested School Safety Signs from the City of Barry and Member Broeckling will request signage in Kinderhook.

Under Old Business:

Principal Thomas discussed course terminology being adjusted to meet college entrance requirements.

Supt. Robertson discussed the need to re-open the contract regarding the Affordable Care Act and IRS rulings for employee benefits. He has scheduled state supervisors of employee benefit groups to meet with both bargaining groups on September 24th at 4:00 p.m.

Under New business:

The Board took action to allow the District to take appropriate legal steps to recognize Casimir Pulaski's birthday and for Veteran's Day as school attendance days. Motion by Weir; seconded by Borrowman. Roll call vote: Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Broeckling, yes; Borrowman, yes; and Raif, absent. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Superintendent discussed a meeting he had attended on the Sny Drainage District. The meeting discussed the need for improved levy protection, how to better combat flood issues, the difficulty of dealing with all of the agencies in control, and the cost of providing applicable remedies for the challenges that exist. The school also is concerned with any net effect on revenue to the school should any tax abatement occur in the process.

Athletic Director VanDyke indicated the only activity on a holiday was on Labor Day and he has taken steps to have no school activities on holidays for 2016-2017.

Junior High Principal VanDyke discussed a need for Junior High Tardy revisions which was passed by the Board.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. to discuss the following matters according to the exceptions provided in the Open Meetings Act and specified as follows: a) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the School district; b) collective negotiations matters between the School District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; f) emergency security procedures; g) student disciplinary cases; and h) the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters related to individual students. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Raif, absent; Fee, yes; Patterson, yes; Borrowman, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; and Weir, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:03 p.m.

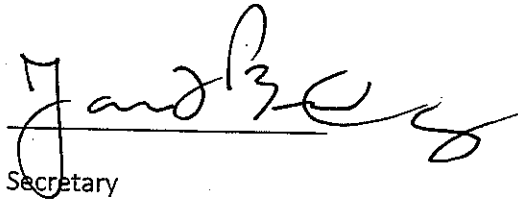
Action Following Return to Open Session:

The Board formally approved teaching contracts to Polly Watkins and Curtis Stout. The two teachers were hired by the Administration with prior approval on an emergency basis to begin school. Motion by Borrowman,; seconded by Shover. Roll Call vote: Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; Fee, yes; Borrowman, k yes; Shover, yes; and Raif, absent. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 8:04 p.m. Motion by Weir; seconded by Broeckling. Unanimous voice vote of those present.



President



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