

WESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #12 BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2015

WHS CAFETERIA

6:00 P.M.

The Western Community Unit #12 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the WHS Cafeteria on Wednesday, July 15, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice-President Shover. On the call of the roll the following members were noted present: Borrowman; Fee; Shover; and Broeckling. Member Raif joined at 6:02 and President Weir joined at 6:36. Absent was Member Patterson.

Also present was Interim Assistant Superintendent Robertson; Media Representatives Justin Cobb and Adam Kirgan. Also present: Jesse Bruce and a name undetermined.

Under Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Invited Speakers included: Western Technology Director Justin Martin, who presented a need for I-pads specifically designed for schools at a cost of \$2,500, which was approved by the Board. Motion by Borrowman; seconded by Fee. On the call of the roll the following members voted yes: Broeckling; Fee; Borrowman; Shover; and Raif. Absent were: Patterson and Weir. Motion carried. The Board also approved protective cases for the i-pads. Motion by Borrowman; seconded by Fee. On the call of the roll the following members voted yes: Shover; Broeckling; Fee; Borrowman; and Raif. Absent were: Patterson and Weir. Motion carried.

Invited Speaker Shawn Rennecker provided information regarding what is known currently regarding the marijuana dispensary, potential revenue streams and TIF issues. It will probably be 2 years before the marijuana facility is operating, at the earliest.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda. Motion by Borrowman; seconded by Fee. On the call of the roll, the following members voted yes: Raif; Fee; Borrowman; Broeckling; and Shover. Patterson and Weir were absent. Motion carried.

Under Superintendent Reports: Interim Assistant Superintendent Robertson reported a timetable/calendar needs to be provided to Board Members needing IASB Workshop opportunities; leadership activities offered and the need for members to be committing to the IASB Convention prior to the board meeting in August; and that PreSchool funding has been approved.

Principal Reports included: New Teacher Training will be August 6th from 8:30-3:00 p.m. Teacher Institute Days will be August 10th and 11th from 8:00-3:00 p.m. Open House will be August 11th from 6:00-7:30. Information on Home Schooling includes: At the High School level students will need to pass the finals for each class if they want to receive credit. Parents will have to provide evidence of

completion of the program as well. If the student passes the final, that grade will be averaged (using the same % as we use currently in Skyward) with the grade received from the home school class. Students will not receive grade weighted scores from home school courses. Clarification on Athletic Policy re: Co-op Sports: For the sports that we co-op with other schools, students are required to follow Western's eligibility standards, rather than the receiving school or IHSA standards.

There were no Committee Reports.

Under Old Business: The Home Schooling Policy was briefly discussed in Principal Reports. Mrs. Thomas will provide Board Members with more specificity as well as parents/constituents with questions.

The duties of the Interim Superintendents include a plan having both interims work together on some issues with Mr. Robertson the contact person the 1st semester and Dr. Simonson the 2nd semester. This provides more continuity to the District at no additional cost to the District.

Under New Business: The Superintendent reported the Policy Committee and Finance Committees should meet prior to the next Board Meeting and distributed a list of who serves on the Committees and when they meet. In addition, the Board has previously discussed changing Graduation recognition from Valedictorian/Salutatorian Recognition to an Academic Recognition Level. Those would include Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Cum Laude. More specific information will be shared at Registration via a letter written by District Administration. The Board will officially endorse this change at the Regular August 2015 Board of Education meeting.

The Board entered Closed Session at 6:49 to discuss the following matters according to the exceptions provided in the open meetings act and specified in the following subjects: a) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the School District; b) collective negotiating matters between the School District and its employees or representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; c) the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District; h) the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. Motion by Raif; seconded by Shover. On the call of the roll the following members voted yes: Weir; Broeckling; Fee; Borrowman; Shover; and Raif. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Member Broeckling; seconded by Fee to return to Open Session at 7:46 p.m. On the call of the roll the following members voted yes: Shover; Weir; Raif; Fee; Borrowman; and Broeckling. Motion carried.

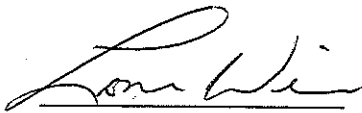
Closed Session Actions Items: The Board approved Pre-School Staff contingent upon release of funds for the already approved program. Those staff members include: Kathleen Schlueter, Western Early Childhood Coordinator; Kelsi Buss, 0-3 parent Educator; Eileen Malone, Pre-K Teacher; Jane Lewis, Pre-K ESO; Samantha Borden, Pre-K Teacher; Jane Ralph, Pre-K ESP; Kim Rich, Pre-K Teacher; and Nancy Schwartz, Pre-K ESP. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Weir. On the call of the roll the following members voted yes: Raif; Fee; Borrowman; Broeckling; Shover; and Weir. Motion carried.

Board offered contracts to: Ashlyn Havens, 3rd Grade' and Amy Rhymer, Art. Motion by Borrowman; seconded by Broeckling. On the call of the roll the following members voted yes: Fee; Raif; Borrowman; Weir; Shover; and Broeckling. Motion carried.

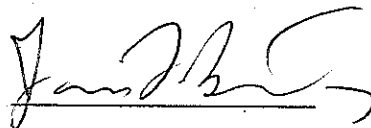
The Board authorized the Superintendent to offer contracts for vacancies needing emergency placement prior to the start of school after having contacted each board member. Motion by Weir; seconded by Raif. On the call of the roll the following members voted yes: Weir; Borrowman; Raif; Shover; Fee; Broeckling. Motion carried.

The Superintendent indicated the District needed to advertise for a vacancy for the position of custodian at the Barry Facility for the night shift (3:00-11:00) and to include, if possible, bus driving duties.

The Board adjourned at 7:49 p.m. Motion by Raif; seconded by Broeckling. Unanimous yes voice vote. Motion carried.



PRESIDENT



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