

WESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT #12 SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING & BUDGET HEARING HELD AT 6:00 P.M.

ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2015, IN THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE COMPLEX

AT 401 McDONOUGH STREET, BARRY, ILLINOIS

The Western Community Unit School District #12 Board of Education met in Special Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 2015, in the Superintendent's Office Complex at 401 McDonough Street, in Barry, Illinois, to hold a Budget Hearing and to discuss 2 other agenda items. President Lorc Weir called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Other Board of Education Members present included: Vice-President Inky Shover; Secretary James Broeckling; and Member Ayca Raif. Absent were: Member Shane Fee; Member Chris Borrowman; and Member Tyler Patterson. Also present: Interim Superintendent Terry A. Robertson; Assistant Principal Jessica Funk; Administrative Assistant Teresa Schulz; Bookkeeper Kelsi Neese; and Media Representative Adam Kirgan of The Paper.

All cited the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public or comments from employees.

President Weir opened the Budget Hearing at 6:03 p.m. Motion by Broeckling; sedconded by Raif. Roll call vote: Raif, yes; Fee, absent; Patterson, absent; Borrowman, absent; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; and Weir, yes. 4 yes; 0 no; 3 absent. Motion carried.

Interim Superintendent Robertson commented on data compiled by Dr. Simonson, Teresa Schulz; Kelsi Neese, and Jessica Funk, indicating the budget was a team effort led by Dr. Simonson. The District's Financial Profile has improved due largely to the taxpayers supporting Working Cash Bonds. If the State paid its bills and fully funded education, Western would not need Working Cash Bonds and would not have had to make painful cuts in recent years. This same situation rings true for almost all Illinois Schools. Interim Superintendent Robertson shared information related to budget and finance that included: Governor Rauner's Proposal on Property Tax Caps; School Funding Reform (which will create new winners and losers as the State has no additional funds to fund any plan); Changes in Collective Bargaining; School Mandate Relief; Public Sector Worker's Compensation; Pension Updates; and Fiscal Year 2016 State School Budget. No one from the Public commented on the Budget.

The Board authorized Interim Superintendent Robertson to begin the bid process for air conditioning the High School Gym at Barry and for securing a sound system for the same facility. Motion by Shover; seconded by Broeckling. Roll call vote: Raif, yes; Fee, absent; Patterson, absent; Borrowman, absent; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; and Weir, yes. 4 yes; 0 no; 3 absent. Motion carried.

The Board took no action but discussed the meetings being held and staff input involved regarding health care and IRS Rules pertaining to Health Care Benefits for those employees not participating in the

Western CUSD #12 Health Insurance Plan. A meeting will be held on Thursday, October 1, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office Complex, to further discuss the issue with the WEA and Board Negotiating Teams.

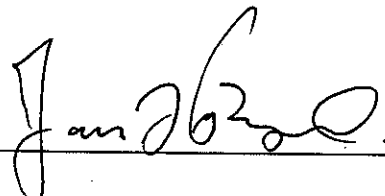
The Board closed the Budget Hearing at 6:34 p.m. and adopted the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget as presented. Motion by Shover; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Raif, yes; Fee, absent; Patterson, absent; Borrowman, absent; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; and Weir, yes. 4 yes; 0 no; 3 absent. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m. Motion by Raif; seconded by Weir. Unanimous voice vote to adjourn. Motion carried.



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President



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Secretary