

WESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #12

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 18, 2015 6:00 P.M. WHS CAFETERIA

401 McDONOUGH STREET, BARRY, ILLINOIS 62312

The Western Community Unit School District #12 met in regular session on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the WHS Cafeteria at 401 McDonough Street in Barry, Illinois. President Lorci Weir called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Other Board of Education Members present included: Vice-President Inky Shover; Secretary James Broeckling, who arrived at 6:04; Member Chris Borrowman; Member Ayca Raif; and Member Tyler Patterson. Member Shane Fee arrived at 6:05 p.m. Administrators present included: Interim Superintendent Terry A. Robertson; WES/WHS Principal Connie Thomas; and WJHS Principal Jerud VanDyke. Also present Administrative Assistant Teresa Schulz; Teachers present included: JoLynn Tappe and Mike Pruden; Architect Isaac Miller; Students present included: Ethan Hart and Emery Rucker (WHS Student Council) ; Community Members present included: Charles Dolbeare and Derek Ross; and Media Representatives Adam Kirgan and Anthony Little, accompanied by Jordan Clendenny.

President Weir led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invited guest Architect Isaac Miller provided information regarding painting of the WHS 1954 gym ceiling; acoustical possibilities for the gym; and sound system possibilities for the gym. Charles Dolbeare also provided expertise and suggestions for the sound system. The Board tabled most of the items for the Building Committee to consider and will revisit the painting, acoustical treatment, sound system, and hvac possibilities at the December meeting. The Board did authorize a mixer cabinet and ancillary materials for purchase not to exceed \$1,500, as this device could offer immediate improvement to the existing equipment sound system. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Shover. Roll call vote: Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; Fee, yes; Borrowman, yes; Shover, yes; and Raif, yes. 7 yes; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda. Motion by Fee; seconded by Broeckling. Roll call vote: Broeckling, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Fee, yes; Borrowman, yes; and Raif, yes. 7 yes; 0 no. Motion carried.

Under Superintendent Reports: Superintendent Robertson presented information addressing Letters to parents regarding bus route changes beginning November 30, 2015, for Mr. Walston's and Mr. Bryant's routes, and for cutting 1 to 2 routes in 2016-2017, that including pickup points based on safety and efficiency. Letters will be sent to parents in the next few days. These moves are necessitated by lack of financial support from the state and a need for better local efficiency. Superintendent Robertson also shared a Letter to parents regarding Delayed Starts to School after having received a positive response from parents from a recent survey. Superintendent Robertson also polled the Board on having the

December meeting at the regular date instead of moving it up a week as has sometimes been done in the past. The December Meeting will remain on the 3rd Wednesday as scheduled. Superintendent Robertson also shared information from John Wood Community College regarding the impact of no state budget and its effect on students applying for aid, dual credit courses, and GED Course offerings. The lack of a state budget is having a negative impact on students and is creating more problems for students attempting to plan for their futures. THE MOST TELLING STATISTICS THAT ILLUSTRATES PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING THE FAILURE TO FUND EDUCATION INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING: SINCE 2009, THE AGGREGATE DOLLARS OWED TO ILLINOIS SCHOOLS IS 3.7 BILLION DOLLARS! DURING THIS SAME TIME 200 ADDITIONAL REPORTS, RULES AND REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN APPLIED TO SCHOOLS; AND 130 NEW LAWS HAVE BEEN ADDED! ALL OF THIS IS IN ADDITION TO SURVIVING PAINFUL CUTS AND HAVING TO DO MORE WITH LESS RESOURCES! The good news is students in Illinois are still making progress in spite of how they are being treated by the Legislature.

Under Principal Reports: WES/WHS Principal Thomas reported on: Fun Night was a big success; Winter program is December 10th at 6:00 p.m.; Cats on Campus led by Stefanie Rennecker; and Edith Brace being honored at the November 16th, High School Ball Game. WJHS Principal VanDyke reported on: October Student of the Month; PARCC Results; PBIS; RTI Progress; 8th Grade Volleyball Night Parent Recognition; Science Olympiad; and the need for Junior High Volleyball uniforms ; which the Board approved as it is already in the approved budget.

Under Reports of Standing Committees:

- a. Building – the Board discussed hvac for the 1954 gym with bids coming in December; acoustical treatment and painting possibilities for the gym; and developing specifications for lockers for WHS and the need for a Building Committee meeting to include the Architect and Charles Dolbeare.
- b. Transportation – the Board directed the Superintendent to send out Letters to Parents discussed previously.
- c. Finance – Superintendent report of statistics offered earlier in meeting
- d. Policy – Revised Discipline Policy Rules go into effect 2016-2017 and include a Committee meeting 2 times a year.

Under Old Business: The Board tabled a Request from the After Prom Committee and indicated any contribution from the Board as an entity could have legal implications and would create difficulty being consistent with other groups requests. However, the Board welcomes any requests on an individual basis. The Board received IASB Materials from Administrative Assistant Teresa Schulz.

The Board authorized the Superintendent to prepare the Levy and adopt a Resolution regarding estimated amounts necessary to be levied for the 2015 year and direct Compliance with the Truth In Taxation law as necessary. Motion by Shover; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Borrowman, yes; Raif, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Fee, yes; and Broeckling, yes. 7 yes; 0 no. Motion carried. The Superintendent indicated there is a need for a Truth in Taxation Hearing to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2015, prior to the Regular Board of Education Meeting, as the request for

taxes will exceed the 5% level, due to assessed valuation uncertainties, abatements, and the new Tax Cap Law.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. to consider information on 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 deliberation concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; g) student disciplinary cases; and h) the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. Motion by Patterson; seconded by Broeckling. Roll call vote: Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; Fee, yes; Borrowman, yes; Shover, yes; and Raif, yes. 7 yes; 0 no. Motion carried.


The Board returned to Open Session at 8:50 p.m. Motion by Patterson; seconded by Shover. Roll call vote; Borrowman, yes; Fee, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Raif, yes; and Weir, yes. 7 yes; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board took no action following Executive Session.

The Board adjourned at 8:52 p.m. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Raif. Unanimous yes voice vote. Motion carried.



PRESIDENT



SECRETARY