

WESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #12 BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.

WHS CAFETERIA, 401 McDONOUGH STREET, BARRY, ILLINOIS 62312

The Western Community Unit School District #12 Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the WHS Cafeteria at 401 McDonough Street in Barry, Illinois. President Lorc Weir called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. Other Board of Education Members present included: Secretary James Broeckling, Inky Shover, Chris Borrowman, Tyler Patterson and Ayca Raif. Shane Fee was absent. Administrators present included: Dr. Curt Simonson, Interim Superintendent, Connie Thomas, WHS/WES, Principal, Jerud VanDyke, WJHS Principal and Central Office Administrative Assistant Teresa Schulz. Also present was Justin Cobb of the Pike Press, Adam Kirgan of The Paper and Isaac Miller of Architechnics, Inc.

The Board and all present gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Public Comment during the Regular Meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, no one was present to offer comment.

The Board approved the Consent agenda as presented. Motion by Shover; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Fee, absent; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Broeckling, yes; Patterson, yes; Borrowman, yes; and Raif, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board opened Public hearing concerning the intent of the Board to sell not to exceed \$400,000 of working cash fund bonds of the District. Motion by Raif; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Borrowman, yes; Patterson, yes; Shover, yes; Raif, yes; Fee, absent; Weir, yes; and Broeckling, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried. Dr. Simonson spoke in regards to the financial needs of the district and that the lack of state funding and the uncertainty of future payments from the State of Illinois necessitates the need to issue Working Cash Bonds.

Isaac Miller, Architechnics, gave an update to the Board regarding bids for the purchase of new lockers at the Barry campus. The purchase of those lockers is made possible by using 1% Sales Tax dollars. The Board did not take any action at this time.

Under principal Reports:

WES Principal Connie Thomas reported that meetings are being held with students, parents and administrators for students in grades 3-5 who may be retained. Plans have been developed to assist those students. January CARE card challenge – Build a snowman.

WHS Principal Connie Thomas reported on the Track Co-op Agreement with Pittsfield. Homecoming week will be January 25th – January 29th, with the Homecoming Assembly being at 2p.m. on Friday January 29th, the game is at 7p.m. on the 29th as well. The Homecoming Dance is on Saturday from 7-10 in the Western Elementary Gym. SAT will most likely be the state test this year.

WJHS Principal Jerud VanDyke recognized December Students of the Month; Map testing will begin Jan 25-Feb 5, Retention update, Character of Champions Luncheon will be Feb 5th at the Stoney Creek Inn, honorees are J.J. Bryant and Katie George. 7th grade Basketball will host regionals this Saturday, January 23rd, Tuesday, Jan 26th and Thursday, Jan 28th.

Under Superintendent Reports:

Dr. Simonson reported on the Budget, FRIS report and Truancy with Western having 9 students that are being tracked. Insurance Bids for Property/Casualty, School Board Legal Liability etc. The Seniority List for Teachers and Administrators, Honorable Dismissal List and ALICE training for school safety will be held Feb 8th and 9th and will be out-of-district. Two employees will be attending.

Summary of Minutes of Recent Committee Meetings:

Transportation was the only committee to report any discussion. The discussions centered around the need to re-visit the bus lease with Central States Bus Sales and the possibility of returning two busses

Under New Business:

The Board approved the first reading of the IASB Press Plus Policy Updates and Revisions. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Borrowman. Roll call vote: Shover, yes; Broeckling, yes; Raif, yes; Borrowman, yes; Weir, yes; and Patterson, yes. Fee; absent. 6 yes; 1absent; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board approved the Track Co-op agreement with Pittsfield for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Patterson, yes; Shover, yes; Raif, yes; Borrowman, yes; Weir, yes; and Broeckling, yes. Fee; absent. 6 yes; 1absent; 0 no. Motion carried

The Board made a motion to close Public hearing concerning the intent of the Board to sell not to exceed \$400,000 of working cash fund bonds of the District. Motion by Weir; seconded by Borrowman Roll call vote: Shover, yes; Broeckling, yes; Raif, yes; Borrowman, yes; Weir, yes; and Patterson, yes. Fee; absent. 6 yes; 1absent; 0 no. Motion carried.

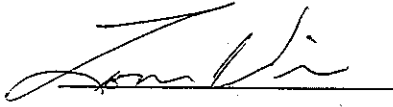
Board entered Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. to consider information on the following subjects: a) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the School District; f) emergency security procedures; h) the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students; i) pending, probable or imminent litigation; and k)approval of certain closed session minutes for distribution to the public; or other matters appropriate for a closed meeting pursuant to the Open meetings Act. Motion by Weir; seconded by Shover. Roll call vote: Broeckling, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Borrowman, yes; and Raif, yes. Fee; absent. 6 yes; 1 absent; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:39 p.m.

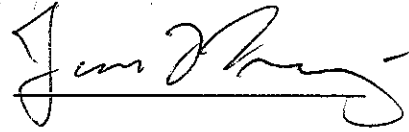
Action following Closed Session:

The Board approved the personnel addendum as presented.

The Board adjourned at 7:42p.m. Motion by Weir; seconded by Patterson. Unanimous yes vote.

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PRESIDENT

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim Patterson", written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY