

WESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #12 BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 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, March 16, 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 6:00 p.m. Other Board of Education Members present included: Vice President Inky Shover; Chris Borrowman; Tyler Patterson; Ayca Raif. Secretary Broeckling joined the meeting at 6:02 and Member Fee joined at 6:15. Administrators present included: Curt Simonson, Interim Superintendent; Jerud VanDyke, WJHS Principal; Brad Hufty, Dean of Students and Central Office Administrative Assistant Teresa Schulz. HS Student Council sponsor, Jolynn Tappe, Taylor Smith and Presley Fee. Media present was Justin Cobb, Adam Kirgan, Anthony Little. Also present was Susan Stout and Jane Ralph.

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 offered comments.

The Board approved the Consent agenda as presented. Motion by Borrowman; seconded by Shover. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Borrowman, yes; Patterson, yes; Raif, yes; 5 yes; 0 no; 2; absent. Motion carried.

Under principal Reports:

WES Dean of Students, Brad Hufty, reported on behalf of Principal Connie Thomas. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be from 4-8pm on Thursday, March 17th and 8-11am on Friday, March 18th. Mr. Hufty informed the Board that Kindergarten Round up will be on Tuesday April 12th. Cats on Campus went to ISU on March 1st for a tour. ACT prep class is taking place during advisory for any Junior who has registered to take the ACT test.

WJHS Principal Jerud VanDyke recognized February Students of the Month; PBIS rewarded students with no F's and only 1 major referral for the quarter with a movie day. PARCC testing went smoothly with only make-ups left to do. JH Track held their first practice with approximately 25 students participating. WJHS Cheerleading tryouts are this week and Science Olympiad regionals were on March 5th in Champaign, Western's team finished 5th.

Under Superintendent Reports:

Superintendent Simonson discussed the Budget, FRIS report. The District is looking at Insurance Bids for the 16/17 school year.

Under Discussion Items:

Superintendent Simonson gave several handouts to the Board concerning the possibility of staggering the start-times for the 16/17 school year, The usage of REV/TRAK system that will interface with Skyward and allow for the District to accept credit/debit card payments for various fees. A copy of a letter that was sent home with students concerning Summer School was given to the board members showing the dates and times and the content that will be covered will be reading and math.

Superintendent Simonson reminded the Board of our Home School return policy. A proposal drafted by Architechnics was given to each Board member that referenced the possibility of upgrades to the student parking lot at the Barry campus.

The Board set the last day of school as Tuesday, May 17, 2016.

Under New Business:

The Board approved the purchase of High School Boys Basketball Uniforms that will be purchased with Activity Funds. motion by Weir; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Fee,yes;Weir,yes;Patterson,yes;Raif,yes;Borrowman,yes;Shover,yes;Broeckling,yes. 7yes; 0 no;0 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved a Membership in the Illinois High School Association for 2016-2017. Motion by Weir; seconded by Raif. Roll call vote: Weir,yes; Raif,yes;Borrowman,yes; Shover,yes; Fee,yes;Broeckling,yes;Patterson,yes . 7 yes; 0 no; 0;absent. Motion carried.

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:27 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 Raif; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Broeckling, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Fee, yes; Borrowman, yes; and Raif, yes. 7 yes; 0 no. Motion carried.

Board returned to Open Session at 7:49 p.m.

Action following Closed Session:

There was no action taken after closed session.

The Board discussed the retention policy.

The Board received a quote from Brian Bower of Bower Electric on upgrades to the HVAC System in the High School Gym.

Superintendent Simonson reminded the Board that if the District is not planning on reinstating the AG program for the 16/17 school year that the items in the AG room will have to be returned to the State.

The Board adjourned at 8:19p.m. Motion by Patterson; seconded by Weir. Unanimous yes vote.



PRESIDENT



SECRETARY