

WESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #12 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2016, 6:00 P.M.

WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
401 McDONOUGH STREET, BARRY, ILLINOIS

The Western Community Unit School District #12 Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, June 15, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Western High School 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; Secretary James Broeckling; Member Tyler Patterson; Member Ayca Raif; and Member Chris Borrowman. Member Shane Fee arrived at 6:15 p.m. Administrators present included: Interim Superintendent Dr. Curt Simonson; Interim Superintendent Terry A. Robertson; WHW/WES Principal Connie Thomas; Assistant Principal Jessica Funk; and Junior High Principal/Activities Director Jerud VanDyke. Also present: was Bookkeeper and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Teresa Schulz. Media Representatives present included: Adam Kirgan of "The Paper" and Jim Filbert of the "Pike County Express". Also present was Lauren Smith, and her mother Lisa Smith, and Coy Bainter of the Booster club.

President Weir led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Public comments:

Patron Lisa Smith inquired regarding bus stops, citing legitimate concerns. The Board directed Interim Superintendent Robertson to follow up with patrons regarding the bus stop pickup issues. If parents call the Central Office, the Office will notify Mr. Robertson to contact parents regarding questions and to make trips to the sites if necessary. Mr. Hufty and Mr. Elledge had made preliminary visits to sites. The changes in bus pickup points will involve adjustments and will not be glitch free. The school will do its best to provide safety and clarity regarding the changes.

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

Under Reports & Discussion:

WHS/WES Principal Connie Thomas reported on Summer School enrollment averaging 23 students in daily attendance; and all current regular classroom positions are filled. High School data includes: Dual Credit for 2016-17 English 12, Western Civilization and CEO Program' QUAVTC has 3 students enrolled; and the CEO Program has 4 students enrolled.

JHS Principal Jerud VanDyke reported on: Building cleaning and preparation update; Fire Inspection to be performed on Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>; 2 Science Microscopes ordered for next year; Soda machines to be

picked up by Pepsi as they did not help raise funds and water is still available; 2015-`16 Attendance Rate was 94.4% (down 1%); 2015-16 Chronic Truancy 2.6% (up .3%); 2015-16 Mobility Rate 14.7% (down 4.1%); average Class size and Key Dates for summer Activities.

Interim Superintendent Simonson reported on:

Financial and Budget Summary as is known today, with no answer from the State regarding a budget. If no budget is forthcoming, Western loses over 2 million in revenue when considering general state aid and categorical payments.

Refinancing the 2011 Series Bonds that will save the District \$150,000 in interest.

Deferred the After School YMCA Program to Principal Thomas and Funk citing a need for additional information with details yet to be worked out.

Continued discussion with no action regarding the Booster Club running concessions and other money earning projects until a solution for revenue for all activities and clubs is finalized.

The Board approved the lone Bread Bid and tabled the Milk Bid waiting for a response on the Milk Bid. Motion by Weir; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Fee, yes; Patterson, yes; Broeckling, yes; Borrowman, yes; and Raif, yes. 7 yes; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board tabled the Property Casualty Bid due to bid information arriving late with insufficient data for study. The Board meets again on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

There were no recent Committee Reports due to no meetings being held recently.

Interim Superintendent Robertson reported on:

The seriousness of the Legislature and Governor making no progress on the budget and how added burdens are being experienced by schools but more importantly how the ineptitude of Illinois leaders in the Legislature and Governor's Office will directly impact student welfare if there is no budget. We are unfortunately used to 852 schools being shorted nearly 40 billion dollars since 2009 and having over 200 new mandates rammed down our throats in the same timeframe but if schools cannot start or have to close early students will be directly impacted in more than loss of educational opportunities. A large number of students will be denied a meal a day, 2 if you count breakfast. Everyone has seen the statistics on poverty and kids who need assistance. Apparently egomaniacal narcissism supersedes the needs of children on all fronts. Schools and school boards also have to conduct more meetings and communications due to the lack of progress from the State. Maybe Illinois political leaders will get it when families move to other states like many businesses have already done.

Interim Superintendent Robertson commended Dr. Simonson, Business Manager Neese, and Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper Schulz for the countless hours they have spent on the many tasks associated with the budget and other issues necessitated by the failure of the State to conduct their business in a competent and businesslike manner.

Under New Business:

The Board approved the bread bid for 2016-17 and tabled the milk bid due to no response offered from bidders. Motion by Weir; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Fee, yes; Raif, yes; Borrowman, yes; Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; and Broeckling, yes. 7 yes; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board tabled the Property Casualty Bid due to insufficient information from bidders. They will be considered at the June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Board approved the Changes to the 2016-17 Handbook. Motion by Patterson; 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 Board approved the Committees for 2016-17, leaving them as they are presently. Motion by Weir; 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 tabled the Health Insurance Renewal until after Executive Session as portions of applicable discussion qualifies for closed session.

The Board approved Changes and Updates to the Pre-K Handbook for 2016-17. Motion by Weir; seconded by Shover. Roll call vote: Shover, yes; Fee, yes; Raif, yes; Borrowman, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; and Patterson, yes. 7 yes; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board approved the purchase of i-pads for 2016-17. Selecting Option I, at a total cost of \$18,000, which saves the district considerable expense thanks to the efforts of the Tech Director, Justin Martin. Motion by Weir; seconded by Raif. Roll call vote: Raif, yes; Fee, yes; Patterson, yes; Borrowman, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; and Weir, yes. 7 yes; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board approved the Prevailing Wage for 2016-17. Motion by Weir; seconded by Raif. Roll call vote: Fee, no; Raif, yes; Borrowman, no; Patterson, yes; Weir, no; Shover, yes; and Broeckling, yes. 4 yes; 3 no. Motion carried.

The Board approved Board meeting Dates for 2016-2017 meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Borrowman, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; Raif, yes; Fee, yes; Weir, yes; and Patterson, yes. 7 yes; 0 no. Motion carried. The next Regular Monthly Board Meeting will be held on Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

The Board approved the Vision/Mission Statement Goals for 2016-17. Motion by Weir; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Borrowman, yes; Raif, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Fee, yes; Broeckling, yes. 7 yes; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board tabled a determination to increase the District contribution to Health Insurance until after Executive Session.

The Board authorized the Administration to offer contracts for open positions due to any late resignations or need to fill positions prior to the next regular board of education meeting. Motion by Weir; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote; Broeckling, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Fee, yes; Borrowman, yes; and Raif, yes. 7 yes; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:57 p.m. to discuss the following matters according to the exceptions provided in the Open Meetings Act and specified as follows: 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 their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and i) pending, probable or imminent litigation. Motion by Raif; seconded by Shover. Roll call vote: Shover, yes; Fee, yes; Raif, yes; Borrowman, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; and Patterson, yes. 7 yes; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:43 p.m. Motion by Weir; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Fee, yes; Broeckling, yes; Borrowman, yes; and Raif, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. (Patterson left the meeting at 7:15 p.m. to report to work.)

The Board approved the Closed Session Minutes previously read in Closed Session just ended. Motion by Raif; seconded by Shover. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Fee, yes; Patterson, absent; Broeckling, yes; Borrowman, yes; and Raif, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

Action Following closed Session:

The Board approved the Personnel addendum to include:

- 1) Approve the resignation of Zach Ferguson as PE/Health Teacher.
- 2) Approve the employment of Nicole Blewett as fifth grade teacher.
- 3) Approve the employment of Cassandra Singleton as fifth grade teacher.
- 4) Approve the employment of Shannon Regnier as elementary teacher.

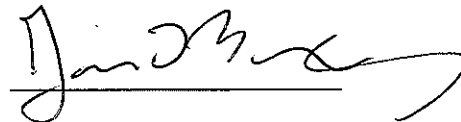
Motion by Raif; seconded by Shover. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Fee, yes; Patterson, absent; Broeckling, yes; Borrowman, yes; and Raif, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved an Increase to the District Contribution for Health Insurance and the Health Insurance Renewal Rate for 2016-2017. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Fee, yes; Patterson, absent; Broeckling, yes; Borrowman, yes; and Raif, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 7:48 p.m. Motion by Weir; seconded by Broeckling. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Fee, yes; Patterson, absent; Broeckling, yes; Borrowman, yes; and Raif, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.



President



Secretary