

WESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #12 BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

AUGUST 15, 2016 AT 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 Monday, August 15, 2016, in the Western High School Cafeteria, 401 McDonough Street, at 6:00 p.m. President Lorc Weir called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Other Board of Education Members present included: Vice-President Inky Shover; Secretary James Broeckling; Member Chris Borrowman; Member Tyler Patterson; and Member Ayca Raif. Member Shane Fee arrived at 6:10 p.m. Administrators present included: Interim Superintendent Terry A. Robertson; Assistant Principal and Curriculum Director Jessica Funk; WES/WHS Principal Connie Thomas; and JHS Principal Jerud VanDyke. Also present was Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Bookkeeper Teresa Schulz. Visitors present included: Coy Bainter; and Sarah and Eric Gates. Teachers present included: Steve Schultz; Emilie Schulte; and Cara Knake. Media Representatives included: Adam Kirgan of "The Paper" and Jim Filbert of "The Pike Express".

President Weir led The Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Public Comments:

Sarah and Eric Gates addressed the Board regarding the Policy that addresses requirements for students from non public, home school, or schools with different accreditation requirements entering or re-entering the Western School District having to take placement tests to receive credit.

Steve Schultz addressed the Board regarding his concerns that any newly revised Booster group configuration for revenues could potentially draw from revenue needed for the Prom. His concern was later addressed by Boosters Representative Coy Bainter.

Coy Bainter, representing the Athletic Boosters, indicated the Athletic Boosters would offer support without denying any group concessions revenue needed for the Prom and large event expenditures. The Superintendent indicated the District needs to carefully estimate non athletic groups needs and plan accordingly. The Board told the Boosters to proceed with their plan and when numbers are crunched regarding concessions revenues and projected expenditures, both the Board and Boosters can more readily ascertain what portion of concessions revenues can be used appropriately.

Under Consent Agenda:

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

Under Reports of superintendent and Staff:

Interim Superintendent Robertson and Presumptive Superintendent Funk reported on the beginning of school, revised bus routes, a Budget Overview drafted by Interim Superintendent Simonson, and solicited firm commitments regarding registration for the IASB Conference.

The Board made Application for Recognition. Motion by Weir; seconded by Broeckling. 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 Employee Guide. Motion by Patterson; seconded by Weir. 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 Workload Framework for Special education. Motion by Raif; 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 approved eSpark for the 2016-2017 school year and to be funded through Title I and Title II Funds. Motion by Weir; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Borrowman, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; Raif, yes; Fee, yes; Weir, yes; and Patterson, yes. 7 yes; 0 no. Motion carried.

Under Reports of Principals:

WES/WHS Principal Thomas distributed a copy of the Athletic Committee proposal the Board had reviewed and approved conditionally previously in the meeting. Mrs. Thomas also reported on Freshman Orientation, Open House, recognized the custodial and maintenance staff on great facilities preparation for school on how good the school looks, new lockers appreciated by high school students, a solid beginning for numerous new staff, WEA Cookout, Boot Camp for PBIS Expectations, MAP Testing begins on August 22nd, CEO program starts Wednesday, August 17th for 4 students, QAVTC starts August 23rd, and on behalf of the Staff thanked the Board for the District providing breakfast and lunch for New Teacher Orientation and the Opening day In-Service for Staff.

JHS Principal VanDyke shared information regarding Jr. High enrollment, Z.A.P., Homework Heroes, golden Awards, Student of the Month, 8th Grade Trip, MAP Testing, WJHS Tardy Policy, and WJHS CARE Class of the Year.

WHS/WES Principal Thomas provided an overview for QAVTC Welding Course to be provided in the Ag Building. After considerable discussion the Board directed Principal Thomas to proceed and secure additional information with potential business partnerships for this class which could potentially provide numerous employment opportunities for students.

Under Reports of Standing Committees:

Building Committee – Interim Superintendent Robertson reported on projects to ensure hot water to district facilities in all locations. Mrs. Funk also indicated we will be entering the Life-Safety 10 Year Plan and she is working with Jason Bryant and Dave Fee regarding infrastructure needs for the long term, addressing roof need projections, HVAC needs (which have been addressed in recent years) and other large and small projects for both short term and long term consideration. Mrs. Funk also commented on new rules for carbon monoxide testing, and sidewalk repairs at Kinderhook.

Transportation Committee – Interim Superintendent Robertson reported on the need for a white bus, the extreme limited availability for them, bus route adjustments, and the ongoing study of revamping bus lease needs.

Policy and Curriculum committee – No activity generally in August and September,

Finance – Both Interim Superintendents indicated there are still many unanswered issues regarding school finance and the good news is we apparently will be able to have a complete school year but we need a better definition of full funding, and what categorical funding, particularly in transportation and special education, will be in order to provide any precision or predictability to school funding.

Under New Business:

The Board placed the Tentative Budget on file and will conduct the Hearing on September 19, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Regular Monthly Board of Education Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Motion by Weir; seconded by Borrowman. Roll call vote: Borrowman, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; Raif, yes; Fee, yes; Weir, yes; and Patterson, yes. 7 yes; 0 no. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:38 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; 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, Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Patterson. 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 returned to Open Session at 8:05 p.m.

The Board approved the Closed Session Minutes previously read in Closed Session. Motion by Weir; seconded by Shover. Roll call vote: Broeckling, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Fee, yes; Borrowman, yes; and Raif, yes. 7 yes; 0 no. Motion carried.

Actions Following Closed Session:

The Board approved the Substitute List for 2016-2017. Motion by Patterson; seconded by Shover. 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 approved Pre-K employment contingent upon funding. The funding has been authorized and allocated but the accounting program in the Pre-K Department has not yet finalized sending funds. The Board is authorizing the hiring of personnel contingent upon funding following through in a timely manner. Those employees include: Kathleen Schlueter; Kelsi Buss; Eileen Malone; Jane Lewis; and Nancy Schwartz. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Raif. 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 Personnel Addendum as presented:

*Rachel Berg – 2nd Grade

*Sarah Hilligoss – 2nd Semester 4th Grade

*Michelle Rennecker – HS PE Paraprofessional

*Curtis Stout – HS Physical Education

*Darlene Pool – 1st Semester 4th Grade

*Polly Watkins and Janet Main as Paraprofessionals

*Jason Bryant – Full time Maintenance (from 6 to 8 hours)

*Christon Bryant – Substitute Custodian (1-2 hours daily, not to exceed 8 total)

*Liz Greger – Part time RTI Math at Junior High

*Kara Jockisch – Kindergarten

*Sam Borden – 1st Grade

*Rachel Berg – Junior High Assistant Softball Coach

*Trenda Jung – Pre-K Teacher

*Jason Bryant – Volunteer Assistant Coach for Junior High Baseball

*Mike Fray – Head Volleyball Coach Anna Hechler & Susan Stout, Co-Assistant Coaches

*Pat Rafferty – High School Assistant Boys Basketball Coach

*Gale Thoroman – High School Assistant Volunteer Basketball Coach

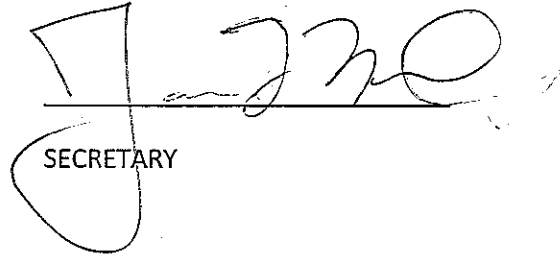
Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Raif. Roll call vote: Raif, yes; Fee, yes; Patterson, yes; Borrowman, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; and Weir, yes, yes. 7 yes; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Superintendent pursuant to Policy 8:30 denying a citizen attendance at athletic and extracurricular school events. Motion by Weir; seconded by Shover. Unanimous roll call yes vote. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 8:06 p.m. Motion by Weir; seconded by Broeckling. Unanimous yes voice vote. Motion carried.



PRESIDENT



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