

WESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #12 BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

NOVEMBER 21, 2016, AT 6:00 P.M.

WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

401 McDONOUGH STREET, BARRY, ILLINOIS

The Western Community Unit School District #12 met in Regular Session on Monday, November 21, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the WHS Cafeteria, 401 McDonough Street, in Barry, Illinois. President Lorc Weir called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Board of Education Members present included: Vice-President Inky Shover; Secretary James Broeckling; and Member Tyler Patterson; Member Ayca Raif arrived at 6:05 p.m. and Member Shane Fee arrived at 6:20 p.m. Member Chris Borrowman was absent. Administrators present included: Interim Superintendent Terry A. Robertson; Assistant Principal, Curriculum Director, and Presumptive Superintendent Jessica Funk; WHS/WES Principal Connie Thomas; and Junior High Principal Jerud VanDyke. Also present was Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Bookkeeper Teresa Schulz and Teacher Mike Pruden. Members of the Press included: Jim Filbert of the Pike County Express; Justin Cobb of the Pike Press; and Adam Kirgan of The Paper. Visiting Principal Interns from Quincy included: Jessie Huckey and Julie Phelan. Also present were Western Technology Leaders Anna Hechler and Justin Martin who spoke as invited guests.

No one spoke under Public comments.

Invited Employees/Technology Staff Anna Hechler and Justin Martin discussed instructional methodologies and various apps used in classrooms. Both Interim Superintendent Robertson and Presumptive Superintendent Funk indicated the District needs to expedite technology and security equipment procurement. The Board endorsed the need to expedite the process.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda. Motion by Shover; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Fee, absent; Raif, yes; Borrowman, absent; Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; and Broeckling, yes. 5 yes; 0 no; 2 absent. Motion carried.

Under Superintendent Reports:

The old West Pike Band uniform request from another school was withdrawn.

The Administration discussed the need for student assistance for technology work over Christmas. The Board approved 2 students with the students receiving community service credit or a nominal salary with the choice to be made by the students.

Survey results were shared regarding a board/staff Christmas meal. It was agreed that with all of the schedule and calendar conflicts in December, the best time to have a meal carried in would be on January 13th, an early out day. Scheduling would accommodate employees needing to leave early and for board members to be able to attend.

Interim Superintendent Robertson indicated future summer maintenance needs would include all Western Custodial/Maintenance Staff working as a total team at each building and for student helpers be limited due to 2 and 16 or over due to Labor Law age requirements.

Interim Superintendent Robertson commended the School Lunch Program at Barry for receiving a 100% rating from the Health Department. The Department has not yet visited the Kinderhook facility.

Interim Superintendent Robertson requested and received permission from the Board to allow the proceeds from a Home Basketball game to go towards the Pike County Veterans Honor Flight in the spring. He also indicated this is being sponsored by the Student Council and National Honor Society. Superintendent Robertson also indicated he believed other student groups would be undertaking activities/fund raisers for this purpose. The game selected will be the Boy's Home Game vs. Pittsfield on February 10th, 2017.

Under Principal Reports:

WES/WHS Principal Connie Thomas reported on:

NISL Training she and Mrs. Funk had completed.

5 Essentials Survey.

Michelle Kendrick has received a grant from the Pike County Health and Wellness organization for \$3,028. This will allow us to purchase equipment needed to teach CPR and First Aid to HS students which is now required by law.

Elementary:

PTO Fun Night was October 28th.

Turkey Trot is a 9:00 a.m. this Wednesday. Thanksgiving Feast will take place in the afternoon this Wednesday as well.

Mrs. Thomas shared Parent-Teacher Conference results.

High School:

The High School Play, "Alice in Wonderland," was held on Saturday, November 5th and Sunday November 6th. Over 100 people were in attendance each day. Mrs. Thomas commended the Director and Students for their flexibility involved in moving the play to Kinderhook.

Graduate Date is Saturday, May 13th at 2:00 p.m.

Consideration and study needs to determine if we make Spanish I a graduation requirement.

Pep Club currently has 35 HS Members. Pep Club will run as an activity and will follow the same academic eligibility rules.

After Prom requests using the gyms on April 29th. The Board approved their request.

The Junior Class won the 1st Quarter Incentive.

Junior High Principal Jerud VanDyke reported on:

October Students of the Month

PBIS and the PBIS YMCA Trip – December 12th to Quincy.

Tardy Reward program and Class of the Year

RTI Reading Progress

8th Grade Night – last Thursday for Girls Basketball, 5 players and their families were honored.

Science Olympiad – Match December 3rd near SIU

Under Committee Reports:

Building Committee:

Interim Superintendent Robertson reported we are waiting on time sensitive fixtures to complete bathroom fixture work in the Elementary Bathrooms at Barry.

Interim Superintendent Robertson reported Dave Fee has made contacts to secure work on the Bus Barn roof at Barry, but had no details thus far.

Presumptive Superintendent Funk indicated Serv Pro was in the building early last Monday to begin cleanup work caused by the water leak in the Special Education Room. 7 rooms were affected with most of the damage done in 3 rooms. Mrs. Thomas has been able to move classes to accommodate workers. In addition, the Insurance Company is working closely with the school and work force dealing with the damage. Interim Superintendent Robertson commended the staff and students for being flexible and managing the interruption well.

The Administration reported on the freezer breakdown at Barry and remarked there would be a “hodge-podge” of food served in order not to waste anything we are unable to continue to freeze for the short term. In addition, food loss totals have been kept for insurance loss purposes.

Finance/Transportation Committee Reports:

Both Superintendents reported we still have not received a state aid bus payment from the prior fiscal year nor have we received any thus far this year, although one was vouchered in September. Interim Superintendent Robertson indicated he believes we will never receive the payment from last year.

Presumptive Superintendent Funk indicated progress was made with the bus company while at the Convention in Chicago regarding revamping the bus lease.

The Board approved the 2nd Reading of the Press Plus Policy. Motion by Weir; seconded by Broeckling. Roll call vote: Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; Fee, yes; Borrowman, absent; Shover, yes; and Raif, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

Under Old Business, Board Members, Mrs. Funk, and Mrs. Thomas, reported on Sessions attended at the IASB Conference in Chicago:

Mrs. Funk – Administrator Contracts & Expectations, School Finance and Referendums.

Member Fee - Legislative issues, along with Dr. Simonson

Vice-President Shover – Middle School Activities and Expectations, Concussion Issues and Protocols, and Student Discipline issues.

Mrs. Thomas – Technology – particularly Instructional Technology, Blended Learning, both on Campus and off Campus.

Member Raif – Policy for Rural Boards, Consolidation Issues, Talking to Legislators, the Need for More Community Involvement.

Secretary Broeckling – Expanding the Arts, Role of Board Members, Effective Meetings, and Education Funding Reforms.

Member Patterson – Negotiating Techniques, “Hack Your School”, and Planning for Your needs and Expectations.

Interim Superintendent Robertson reported Jason Bryant has received the water sample tests from the laboratories and that Western passed with lead, phosphorous, and other bacteria issues with very safe sample indicators at all facilities.

Under new Business: The Board authorized the Superintendent to prepare the Levy and adopt a resolution regarding estimated amounts necessary to be levied for the 2016 tax year and direct compliance with the Truth in Taxations law as necessary. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Shover, yes; Fee, yes; Raif, yes; Borrowman, absent; Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; and Patterson, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried. Interim Superintendent Robertson there will be a Truth in Taxation Hearing at the beginning of the Regular December meeting at 6:00 p.m. held December 19, 2016, with the legal notification to be printed in the paper during the requisite timeframe as prescribed by Statute.

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

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:13 p.m. to discuss the following matters according to the exceptions provided in the Opening meetings Act and specified as follows: 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 representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedule for one or more classes of employees; f) emergency security procedures; d) student disciplinary cases; h) the placement of individual students in special education programs or other matters related to individual students; and i) pending, probable, or imminent litigation. Motion by Shover; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Fee, yes; Raif, yes; Borrowman, absent; Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; and Broeckling, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:40 p.m.

The Board approved the Personnel Addendum as follows:

Formally approved Justin Puterbaugh as Junior High Boys Assistant Basketball Coach and Anna Hechler as Junior High Volleyball Coach. Motion by Raif; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Borrowman, absent; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; Raif, yes; Fee, yes; Weir, yes; and Patterson, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried. Both employees had been hired as the Board authorized the Superintendent to fill needed vacancies prior to the Board meeting. This Board action formalizes the process.

The Board accepted the resignation of Trenda Jung as Pre-K Teacher effective December 21, 2016. Motion by Patterson; seconded by Raif. Roll call vote: Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; Fee, yes; Borrowman, absent; Shover, yes; and Raif, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.


The Board accepted the resignation of Kara Jockisch effective December 21, 2016. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Raif. Roll call vote: Broeckling, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Fee, yes; Borrowman, absent; and Raif, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved Tammie Branham as long term substitute in Pre-K. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote; Shover, yes; Fee, yes; Raif, yes; Borrowman, absent; Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; and Patterson, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

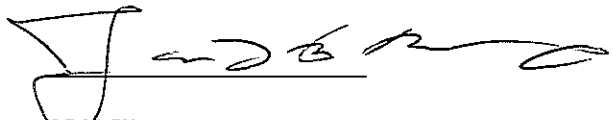
The Board offered an Elementary Teaching Contract for 2017-2018 to Ali Zaerr. Motion by Raif; seconded by Shover. Roll call vote: Raif, yes; Fee, yes; Patterson, yes; Borrowman, absent; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; and Weir, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board authorized the Superintendent to fill emergency vacancies prior to the next Board Meeting. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Shover. Roll call vote: Fee, yes; Raif, yes; Borrowman, absent; Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; and Broeckling, yes. 6 yes; 0 no. Motion carried.

Having declared all items finalized, President Weir declared the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m. Unanimous yes voice vote.



PRESIDENT



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