

WESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #12 BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

DECEMBER 19, 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, December 19, 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 6:02 p.m. Other Board of Education Members present included: Vice-President Inky Shover; Secretary James Broeckling; Member Chris Borrowman; and Member Tyler Patterson. Member Shane Fee arrived at 6:06 p.m. Member Ayca Raif was absent due to work obligations. Administrators present included: Interim Superintendent Dr. Curtis Simonson; Interim Superintendent Terry A. Robertson; WES/WHS Principal Connie Thomas; Curriculum Director, Assistant Principal; and Presumptive Superintendent Jessica Funk. WJHS Principal Jerud VanDyke was absent. Also present was Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Bookkeeper Teresa Schulz. Visitors present included: Derek Ross and Paul Puricelli. Members of the Press present included: Adam Kirgan of "The Paper", Justin Cobb of "The Pike Press", and Jim Filbert of the "Pike County Express".

President Weir led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Requests to Address:

Derek Ross asked questions about finance and Truth in Taxation issues. Discussion continued until 6:50 p.m. at which time the Board formally opened the Truth in Taxation Hearing. Motion by Weir; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Fee, yes; Raif, absent; Borrowman, yes; Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; and Broeckling, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried. Dr. Simonson discussed the tax levy, increased assessed valuation due mainly to how the State changed its calculation on farmland, and the Western levy having a lower rate. If taxes increase in the Western School District it is due to changes in assessments, not the District raising the rate. Interim Superintendent Robertson distributed a paper from the Administration Team outlining the erosion of state revenues and how the district has to depend on local revenues more every year. The Board left the Hearing open until it entered Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. No other testimony/comment was offered.

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

Under Superintendent Reports:

Mrs. Funk updated the Board on Press Policies, a component of the IASB Programs.

Mr. Robertson discussed Christmas break technology projects involving cable routing and the belated Staff and Board Christmas dinner to be served on Friday, January 13, 2017, due to scheduling conflicts in the month of December. Stroemers will cater in a meal on January 13th.

Under Principal Reports:

JHS Principal VanDyke was absent so no report was given.

WHS/WES Principal Thomas provided handouts of activities in the Elementary and High School, highlighting the ever popular Hufty Games played on the day before Christmas break. Mrs. Thomas also discussed the Boy's IHSA Regional Basketball Tournament will be played at Western High School and the accompanying gym needs needing to be addressed in order to host the event. She also mentioned Western hosting a welding class if sufficient interest exists.

Related Action Approval Items:

The Board approved a High School Volleyball Tournament which includes an overnight stay in Plainfield, Illinois in the fall. Motion by Weir; seconded by Broeckling. Roll call vote: Raif, absent; Fee, yes; Patterson, yes; Borrowman, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; and Weir, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved, contingent upon interest/sufficient enrollment, a welding class to be held January 10th through May 16th, in the Ag facility. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Fee, yes; Raif, absent; Borrowman, yes; Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; and Broeckling, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

Under Committee Reports:

The Board approved Bus Barn Roof repair at the Barry Facility for a quoted cost of \$2,300, which involves pulling loose nails and replacing the holes with screws. Motion by Patterson; seconded by Shover. Roll call vote: Borrowman, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; Raif, absent; Fee, yes; Weir, yes; and Patterson, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved door lock and associated technology components at a cost of \$164,000 and to be paid from several applicable funds. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Borrowman, yes; Raif, absent; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Fee, yes; and Broeckling, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved cosmetic and structural improvements to the Barry Gym, particularly the south wall, at a quoted cost of \$2,166. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Borrowman. Roll call vote: Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; Fee, yes; Borrowman, yes; Shover, yes; and Raif, absent. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved a maximum allowable meal reimbursement while on school business at \$40. Motion by Weir; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Broeckling, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Fee, yes; Borrowman, yes; and Raif, absent. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

Dr. Simonson suggested the Board pay off a roof lease repair with capital funds at a date in the near future to save interest and clean up that old account.

Under New Business:

The Board closed the Truth in Taxation Hearing at 7:23 p.m. after hearing no further testimony. Motion by Fee; seconded by Borrowman. Roll call vote: Shover, yes; Fee, yes; Raif, absent; Borrowman, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; and Patterson, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

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

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:25 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; g) student disciplinary cases; h) the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters related to individual students; and i) pending, probable or imminent litigation. Motion by Weir; seconded by Borrowman. Roll call vote: Fee, yes; Raif, absent; Borrowman, yes; Patterson, yes; weir, yes; Shover, yes; and Broeckling, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:45 p.m.

Action following Closed Session:

The Board named Allison Miller as DCFS Liaison. Motion by Weir; seconded by Shover. Roll call vote: Borrowman, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; Raif, absent; Fee, yes; Weir, yes; and Patterson, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved Laura West as full time Speech pathologist due to the mandated number of students requiring services. Motion by Patterson, seconded by Broeckling. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Borrowman, yes; Raif, absent; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Fee, yes; and Broeckling, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved final contract language for Jessica Funk as Superintendent for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. Motion by Weir; seconded by Shover. Roll call vote: Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; Borrowman, yes; Fee, yes; Shover, yes; and Raif, absent. 6 yes; 0 absent; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board added the title of Assistant Superintendent to Connie Thomas in addition to her present duties beginning 2017-2018 through her present contract. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote; Broeckling, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson; Fee, yes; Borrowman, yes; and Raif, absent. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved Brad Hufty and Doug Elledge as Co-Dean of Students for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years. Motion by Weir; seconded by Broeckling. Roll call vote; Shover, yes; Fee, yes; Raif, absent; Borrowman, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; and Patterson, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved Mike Fray and Pat Rafferty as Physical Education Teachers per TRS Rules for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years. Motion by Borrowman; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Raif, absent; Fee, yes; Patterson, yes; Borrowman, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; and Weir, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board offered a letter of intent to Dr. Curtis Simonson as educational liaison for 2017-2018. Motion by Weir; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Fee, yes; Raqif, absent; Borrowman, yes; Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; and Broeckling, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board offered a formal contract to Gayle Johnson as Kindergarten Teacher for 2017-2018. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Raif, absent; Fee, yes; Patterson, yes; Borrowman, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; and Weir, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board offered a formal I contract to Michelle Rennecker as 3rd Grade Teacher for 2016-2017. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Fee, yes; Raif, absent; Borrowman, yes; Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; and Broeckling, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board accepted the resignation of Shannon Regnier. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Borrowman, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; Raif, absent; Fee, yes; Weir, yes; and Patterson, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved J.J. Bryant for 2-3 days of help with technology issues during Winter Break. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Borrowman, yes; Raif, absent; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; fee, yes; and Broeckling, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

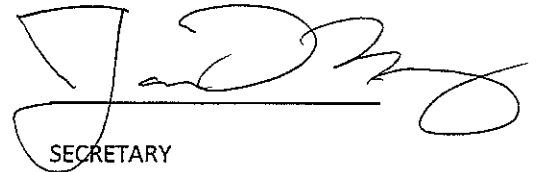
The Board approved Dalton Stice for 2-3 days of help with technology issues during Winter Break. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Broeckling, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Fee, yes; Borrowman, yes; and Raif, absent. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board accepted the resignation of Claire Gursh as High School Softball Coach. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Broeckling, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Fee, yes; Borrowman, yes; and Raif, absent. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

Having declared all items completed, President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m. Unanimous voice yes vote.



PRESIDENT



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