

WESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #12 BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

April 18, 2017, AT 6:00 P.M.

WESTERN CUSD #12 HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

401 McDONOUGH STREET, BARRY, ILLINOIS

The Western Community Unit School District # 12 Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Western CUSD #12 High School Cafeteria, 401 McDonough Street, in Barry, Illinois. President Lorc Weir called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m. Other Board of Education members present included: Vice-President Inky Shover; Member Chris Borrowman; Member Tyler Patterson; and Member Ayca Raif. Secretary James Broeckling and Member Fee were both absent. Administrators present included: Interim Superintendent Dr. Curt Simonson; Assistant Principal, Curriculum Director, and Presumptive Superintendent Jessica Funk; WES/WHS Principal Connie Thomas; and Junior High Principal Jerud VanDyke. Also present was Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and District Bookkeeper Teresa Schulz. Visitors presenting included: Anna Hechler, District Tech Coordinator, Reid McTucker and Andrew Conley; Visitors present; Jolynn Tappe, HS Student Council Sponsor, Skylar Fesler and Joshua Phillips, HS Student Council Members, Dave Penn and Jeff Terry, District Attorney's; Brian Nation, Amy Strubinger. Members of the Press included: Jim Filbert of the Pike County Express.

Under Public Comments:

Anna Hechler, District Tech Coordinator and Web Tech Students Reid McTucker and Andrew Conley gave a presentation on the new Innovation Lab. Reid McTucker demonstrated a robot that was controlled by an IPAD. Andrew demonstrated some early coding that they have learned. They are currently learning to use a green screen.

Under Consent Agenda:

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

Under Principal Reports:

WES/WHS Principal Connie Thomas reported on the following:

5th Grade and HS Biology have completed the IL Science Assessment.

MAP testing will be April 24-May 5.

Teacher Appreciation week is May 1-5

Spring Showcase K-12 is April 20th and includes the music program, art show, book fair and science fair exhibits and winners.

April CARE incentive; Make and airplane and fly a kite. Both require 15 CARE cards each.

CARE Incentive for 3rd Quarter – Junior Class won. They will have free time in the afternoon on April 24th. Options include sports, electronics and outdoor activity.

KHQA Player of the Year is Blair Borrowman.

Graduation is May 13th at 2:00p.m.

Buddy Bag Service Project – NHS Member, Barley Kozlowski, is putting together “Buddy Bags”, meals for Elementary Students, on the last Friday of every month. A sack lunch will be sent home with every student who qualifies for free lunch as well as those who have permission to participate. Names will not be shared with the NHS Members or other volunteers.

Prom is April 29th at Pointe D’Vine.

4th Quarter All School Reward will be “Free Friday” on April 28th. Students with no unexcused absences, no office referrals and no times on the F list will receive Subway sandwiches, chips, soda and free time.

WJHS Principal Jerud VanDyke reported on the following:

March Students of the Month – 6th Grade- Andrew Wilson, 7th Grade – Ryleigh Walston, 8th Grade- Eric Hively.

Map Testing – 3rd and final test of the year will be the week of April 24th.

WJHS Water Works will be Tuesday, May 9th with a rain date of May 10th. CARE cards will be required and the students must be passing all classes with no suspensions.

Illinois Science Exam was completed on May 4th, all 34 8th graders were tested as required by the State.

8th Grade Graduation will be Thursday, May 11th at 7:00p.m.

WJHS Picnic Day – Friday, April 28th, students will need a sack lunch and CARE Cards.

WJHS Field Trips: April 21st- 8th Grade Rotary Club for Drug Awareness. May 4th – History trip to the State Capitol and May 8th – Finance Park Trip.

Interim Superintendent Dr. Curt Simonson reported that he has been auditing the district spending and the budgeted expenses are higher than the actual expenses. He reported on the FRIS report and that the Property/Casualty bids are being collected and will be opened at 2:00pm on April 11th.

Mrs. Funk discussed the possibility of providing a meal to staff during Staff Appreciation Week. She also updated the Board on an acceleration program that is currently being piloted which will hopefully be expanded next fall. Mrs. Funk invited the Board and the public to attend Western's Open Door Day on Friday, April 21st. She reported that the recent Food Service Audit came back with no findings, which is a credit to the hard work of Tahni Kenady, Michelle Driscoll, and the cafeteria staff. Parent-Teacher Conference survey results were shared with the Board and indicated a positive view of the school from parents. The upcoming Board Self-Evaluation with the Illinois School Board Association was discussed. Board members signed up for committees for the 2017-2018 school year.

Recent Committee Meetings:

Transportation – The District is considering potential bus leases and the best scenario that will meet the needs of the District.

Discussion Items:

The Board discussed the possibility of a Speech Team at the High School. The Board was in support of the idea.

The Board discussed changing the day of the Board Meetings from Monday to Wednesday's during the 2017-2018 school year.

The Kinderhook Savings account was discussed and the Board is in agreement that it needs to be closed.

Action Items:

The Board approved the Resolution Acknowledging Receipt of Canvass reports and Certificates of Election from the Canvassing board of Pike and Adams Counties. Motion by Patterson; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Shover, yes; Raif, yes; Borrowman, yes; Weir, yes; Patterson, yes; and Broeckling, absent; Fee, absent; 5 yes; 2 absent; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board approved Membership in the Illinois High School Association for 2017-2018. Motion by Weir; seconded by Shover. Roll call vote: Borrowman; yes; Shover, yes; Raif, yes; Weir, yes; Patterson, yes; and Broeckling, absent; Fee, absent; 5 yes; 2 absent; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board approved the Membership in the Illinois Elementary School Association for 2017-2018. Motion by Weir; seconded by Borrowman. Roll call vote: Raif, yes; Borrowman, yes; Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; and Broeckling, absent; Fee, absent; 5 yes; 2 absent; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board approved the annual renewal of ProQuest for 2017-2018. Motion by Weir; seconded by Raif. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Borrowman, yes; Raif, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes and Broeckling, absent; Fee, absent. 5 yes; 2 absent; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board approved the Facility Use Agreement with Ashley's Dance Academy pending necessary documentation. Motion by Weir; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Borrowman, yes; Raif and Broeckling, absent; Fee, absent; 5 yes; 2 absent; 0 no. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the Student Disciplinary Action and the 3 Year Bus Lease was tabled until after closed session.

Closed Session:

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:43p.m. to discuss the following matters according to the exceptions provided in the Open Meetings Act as follows: a) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, of dismissal of specific employees of the School District c) the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District g) student disciplinary cases; Motion by Weir; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Borrowman, yes; Shover, yes; and Raif, yes. Broeckling, absent, Fee, absent; 5 yes; 2, absent; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:37pm.

Under Action Following Closed Session:

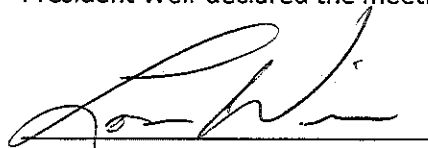
The Board approved the closed session minutes previously read in closed session just ended. Motion by Weir; seconded by Shover. Roll call vote: Borrowman, yes; Shover, yes; Raif, yes; Weir, yes; and Patterson, yes; Broeckling, absent, Fee, absent; 5 yes; 2 absent; 0 no; Motion carried.

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

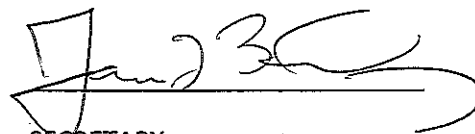
The Board approved the Student Disciplinary Action. Motion by Weir; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Borrowman, yes; Shover, yes; Weir, yes; Raif, yes; and Patterson, yes; Broeckling, absent Fee, absent; 5 yes; 2 absent; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board approved the 3 year bus lease. Motion by Weir; seconded by Borrowman. Roll call vote: Raif, yes; Weir, yes; Borrowman, yes; Shover, yes and Patterson, yes; Broeckling, absent Fee, absent; 5 yes; 2 absent; 0 no. Motion carried.

President Weir declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Unanimous yes voice vote.



PRESIDENT



SECRETARY

Personnel Report

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Approve the resignation of Larry Veile effective June 30, 2017.

Approve the resignation of Patricia Veile effective August 31, 2017.

Approve the resignation of Jo Lynn Tappe as High School Student Council Sponsor effective May 19, 2017.

Approve Grant VanDenBerg as K-12 Music Teacher effective 2017-2018 school year.

Approve Cody Menze as 6-8 Special Education Teacher effective 2017-2018 school year.

Approve Marty Myles as regular route bus driver effective 2017-2018 school year.

Approve Bill Hart as substitute bus driver effective April 13, 2017.

Approve Mike Swartz as substitute custodian effective April 12, 2017.

Approve Easton Billings as summer maintenance for 2017.

Approve Matt Shover as summer maintenance for 2017.

Approve Austin Simmerman as summer maintenance for 2017.

Approve Taylor Baker for summer painting in 2017.

Approve Krissi Banks for summer painting in 2017.

Approve Ruth Kummerow for summer painting in 2017.

Approve Penny Moyer for summer painting in 2017.

Approve Amy Rhymer for summer painting in 2017.