

WESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #12

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 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, April 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the WHS Cafeteria, 401 McDonough Street, Barry, Illinois. President Lorc Weir called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Other Board of Education Members present included: Chris Borrowman; Inky Shover; Ayca Raif; James Broeckling joined the meeting at 6:02 and Shane Fee joined the meeting at 6.37; Tyler Patterson was absent. Administrators present included: Dr. Curt Simonson, Interim Superintendent; Connie Thomas, WES & WHS Principal; Jerud VanDyke, JHS Principal; Teresa Schulz, Administrative Assistant to Finance/Superintendent. Teachers included: Mr. Etzler, Mrs. Moyer, Mrs. Tappe. Western Tech Coordinators Justin Martin and Anna Hechler, HS Student Council Rep. Noah Depke. Adam Kirgan from the Paper and Justin Cobb of the Pike Press were also present.

There were no public comments.

The Board wants to recognize the Kitchen Staff at the Barry Facility. They will be receiving a Merit Food Award from the Pike County Health Department on Friday April 29<sup>th</sup>. This award recognizes the hard work and conscientious application of approved food service sanitation principal during the 2015 school year. To receive this award the facility must have inspection scores of 92 or above, no critical violations and a certified food service manager present at all times.

The Board wishes to congratulate Mr. Larry Veile, Bus Driver for Western, on being selected as a member of the Honor Flight. Western appreciates Mr. Veile's dedication to our students, staff and to our country.

Opened Public Hearing concerning administrative cost cap provisions of the School Code for 2015-2016 School year, pursuant to Section 17-1.5 of the School Code. Mr. Simonson explained the reason for the hearing stating that administrative costs are limited to a five percent increase each year. Our costs exceeded that amount. Last year we used one superintendent and that drastically reduced the costs. The problem was that it was exceptionally difficult to meet the district needs. This year we budgeted the full number of days causing the increase.

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

WES Principal Connie Thomas reported that 12 Teachers have signed up for National Board Certification. This is a 2 year process and the group will focus on parent engagement. The costs associated with this training will be paid for with Title II funds. Teacher Appreciation week is May 2-6<sup>th</sup>. PTO is providing breakfast on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Illini Hospital is providing breakfast on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. MAP testing started this week and will continue next week. Ruth Kummerow received Pike County Teacher of the year award.

Parent Teacher Conference Survey results were given to the Board Members. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be having a Poetry Slam on May 11<sup>th</sup>. The Spring Showcase is April 28<sup>th</sup> and included the music program, art show, Book Fair and Science fair exhibits and winners.

Mrs. Thomas requested the need for two Board Members to present diplomas at HS and JH Graduation.

WJHS Principal Jerud VanDyke gave his report for WJHS. He recognized the April Students of the Month. MAP testing started this week. Finance Park Trip for eligible 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The Annual Rotary Club trip for 8<sup>th</sup> graders to Pittsfield will be May 6 from 10-2 with the focus being on drug prevention education. Recycling Challenge will run from April 18-22.

Under Superintendent Reports:

Mr. Simonson reported on the Budget and FRIS report. Mr. Simonson asked the board to choose a delegate for the convention. He also reported to the Board that the district has received \$2,121,375 in the Education Fund. The district is short \$167,465 in the Education Fund that has been disbursed but not yet released by the Comptroller. The district is owed \$2,735,696 in the Education Fund. So, we are 1 month behind in most payments in the Education Fund and have \$781,786 outstanding. We have not yet received 35% of the funding and are 4 months past the halfway point. The district has received \$255,162 in the Transportation Fund. The district is short \$140,034. The district is 1 month behind in the Transportation Fund. The district is owed \$324,573, so we are short about 48% of the funding and, again, are 4 months past the halfway point in the year.

Summary of Minutes of recent Committee Meetings:

The transportation committee discussed the fact that bus pick-up points have become a challenge because of the shortage of drivers. The district is looking at fewer pick-up points to accommodate the number of drivers that we have. The transportation committee is also discussing the possibility of returning some busses to lessen the amount of the lease.

Discussion Items:

Anne Nobel, STIFEL, NICOLAUS & COMPANY, gave a refunding analysis of the 2011 General Obligation School bonds. She stated that by refinancing the bonds that the district would save an estimated \$150,000.00 in interest expense and that the refinance would give the District additional borrowing capacity.

Justin Martin and Anna Hechler presented technology needs to the Board for the purchase of additional IPADS and that instead of using servers that we should consider moving to cloud storage which would better connect the Kinderhook and Barry facilities.

Mrs. Thomas informed the Board that the YMCA is wanting to start an After-School program using Western School's facilities and they were wanting to survey parents to establish a need for the program.

Under New Business:

The Board approved the Resolution providing for the issue of \$955,000 Taxable General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2016, of the District, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District and refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the First National Bank of Barry, Barry, Illinois. Motion by Borrowman; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Fee, yes; Broeckling, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, abstain; Borrowman, yes; and Raif, yes. Patterson, absent. 5 yes; 1 absent; 1 abstain; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board approved the membership in the IESA for 2016-2017. Motion by Weir; seconded by Borrowman. Roll call vote: Broeckling, yes; Fee, yes; Raif, yes; Borrowman, yes; Weir, yes; and Shover, yes. Patterson, absent. 6 yes; 1 absent; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board approved the Non-Tenure list for 2016-2017. Motion by Weir; seconded by Shover. Roll call vote: Shover, yes; Raif, yes; Borrowman, yes; Broeckling, yes; Fee, yes; and Weir, yes. Patterson, absent. 6 yes; 1 absent; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board approved the amended School Calendar for 2015-2016 with the last day of school for students being May 17, 2016. Motion by Weir; seconded by Raif. Roll call vote: Borrowman, yes; Raif, yes; Fee, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; and Weir, yes. Patterson, absent. 6 yes; 1 absent; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board approved the renewal of Edgenuity. Motion by Shover; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Broeckling, yes; Weir, yes; Fee, No; Borrowman, yes; Shover, yes; and Raif, yes. Patterson, absent. 5 yes; 1 absent; 1 no. Motion carried.

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

The Board approved the resolution to Waive Administrative Cost Caps for the 2015-2016 School year. Motion by Weir; seconded by Borrowman. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Borrowman, yes; Fee, yes; Shover, yes; Broeckling, yes; and Raif, yes. Patterson, absent. 6 yes; 1 absent; 0 no. Motion carried.

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

The Board approved the Football Coop with Pleasant Hill. Motion by Weir; seconded by Raif. Roll call vote: Broeckling, yes; Weir, yes; Borrowman yes; Shover; yes; Shover, yes; and Fee, yes. Patterson, absent. 6 yes; 1 absent; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board approved RevTrak for credit/debit card processing. Motion by Weir; seconded by Borrowman. Roll call vote: Shover, yes; Fee, yes; Borrowman yes; Weir; yes; Broeckling, yes; and Raif, yes. Patterson, absent. 6 yes; 1 absent; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board approved the first reading of the Home-school return policy. Motion by Weir; seconded by Borrowman. Roll call vote: Fee, yes; Weir, yes; Borrowman yes; Shover; yes; Broeckling, yes; and Raif, yes. Patterson, absent. 6 yes; 1 absent; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board approved staggered start-times for the 2016-2017 school year, HS/Elem start-time will be 8:15 and the Junior High will be 8:00. Motion by Raif; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Borrowman, yes; Fee, yes; Shover; yes; Broeckling, yes; and Raif, yes. Patterson, absent. 6 yes; 1 absent; 0 no. Motion carried.

#### Executive Session:

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to consider the following subjects: a) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the School District; c) the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District; d) the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District; f) emergency security procedures; g) student disciplinary cases; h) the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students; or other matters appropriate for a closed session pursuant to the Open meetings Act. Motion by Borrowman; seconded by Broeckling. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; Fee, yes; Borrowman, yes; Shover, yes; and Raif, yes. Patterson, absent. 6 yes; 1 absent; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:20p.m.

#### Open Session Action:

The Board approved Letters of employment from Eileen Malone, Samantha Borden, and Robin McGee for the open Elementary Teaching positions for 2016-2017 school year.. Motion by Weir; seconded by Borrowman. Roll Call vote: Borrowman, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Fee, yes; Raif, yes; Broeckling, yes; Patterson, absent. 6 yes; 1 absent; 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board approved the employment of Mike Snyder as night custodian for Barry building. Motion by Shover; seconded by Borrowman. Roll Call vote: Raif, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Fee, yes; Borrowman, yes; Broeckling, yes; Patterson, absent. 6 yes; 1 absent: 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board approved the maternity leave for Ali Oitker. Motion by Weir; seconded by Borrowman. Roll Call vote: Fee, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Raif, yes; Borrowman, yes; Broeckling, yes; Patterson, absent. 6 yes; 1 absent: 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board approved the following for summer help from May 18, 2016 – August 5, 2016. Kim Pulliam, Krissi Banks, J.J. Bryant, Matt Shover, Evan Ehrhardt, Colton Main, Donovan Schwanke, Dalton Stice, Lexi Bellovich, Taylor Baker and Tahni Kenady. Motion by Raif; seconded by Fee. Roll Call vote: Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; Fee, yes; Raif, yes; Borrowman, yes; Patterson, absent. 6 yes; 1 absent: 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board accepted the resignation from Coy Bainter as High School Girls Basketball effective 2016-2017 school year. Motion by Shover; seconded by Fee. Roll Call vote: Shover, yes; Broeckling, yes; Weir, yes; Fee, yes; Raif, yes; Borrowman, yes; Patterson, absent. 6 yes; 1 absent: 0 no. Motion carried.

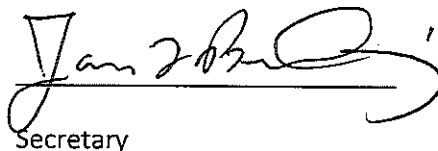
The Board accepted the resignation from Garon Weir as night custodian effective April 11, 2016. Motion by Fee; seconded by Borrowman. Roll Call vote: Fee, yes; Broeckling, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Raif, yes; Borrowman, yes; Patterson, absent. 6 yes; 1 absent: 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board approved hiring Cara Knake for an Elementary Teaching Position for 2016-2017 school year. Motion by Raif; seconded by Fee. Roll Call vote: Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; Fee, yes; Raif, yes; Borrowman, yes; Patterson, absent. 6 yes; 1 absent: 0 no. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 9:20 p.m. Motion by Borrowman, Seconded by Broeckling. Unanimous yes voice vote.



President



Secretary