

WESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #12 BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD AT 6:00 P.M ON MAY 18, 2016

WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA, 401 McDONOUGH STREET

BARRY, ILLINOIS

The Western Community Unit School District #12 Board of Education met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, in the Cafeteria of Western High School. Vice-President Inky Shover called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Other Board of Education Members present included: Ayca Raif; Chris Borrowman; and Tyler Patterson. Secretary James Broeckling arrived at 6:10; President Lorc Weir arrived at 6:46; and Member Shane Fee arrived at 6:55. Administrators present included: Interim Superintendent Dr. Curt Simonson; Interim superintendent Terry A. Robertson; WHS/WES principal Connie Thomas; and Junior High Principal/Athletic Director Jerud VanDyke. Visitors present included: Terry Beard of J.D. Ross Insurance Company; Students Matthew Bradshaw and Dalton Malone; Parents Ronnie and Susan Malone; Parent Mark Hively; Media Representatives Adam Kirgan of "The Paper" and Jim Filbert of the "Pike County Express". Also present was Teresa Schulz, Central Office Administrative Assistant and Bookkeeper. Coy Bainter and Jason Bryant were also present representing Western Boosters.

Vice-President Shover led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Requests to Address:

Terry Beard of the J.D. Ross Insurance Group indicated he represents a local business willing to accommodate the district regarding insurance programs.

Students Matthew Bradshaw and Dalton Malone presented a petition requesting the Board employ Adams Kays as Head Boy's Varsity Basketball Coach for 2016-17.

Parent Susan Malone addressed the Board providing support for Adam Kays as Head Boy's Varsity Basketball Coach for 2016-17.

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

Under Reports & Discussions:

Coy Bainter and Jason Bryant presented ideas for an Athletic Boosters Club that could incorporate WYRA, taking over concessions, offer more transparency, providing uniforms and equipment for athletic endeavors. Related issues would centralize requests to the community, potentially offer relief to so many groups being requested to give. The Board and Administration regard this as a positive step

and will study the issue being careful to protect the revenue stream to all student groups, athletic and academic, and to hopefully streamline requests to the public and to have a recommendation for the June meeting.

Under Principal Reports:

WES/WHS Principal Connie Thomas reported on:

- 1) Staff participation in a Poverty Simulation Training.
- 2) Thank you to the Central Office and Board for donuts during Teacher Appreciation Week.
- 3) All school cookout conducted by Mr. Hufty on May 13th.
- 4) Request to combine Jr. High and High School Yearbooks for substantial numbers and affordability.
- 5) 2 Facility Use Agreements (YMCA Little League & Dance Recital).
- 6) Elementary Awards Assembly on May 17th in the a.m. and Hufty Games in the p.m.
- 7) 5 elementary students had perfect attendance.
- 8) Horace Mann Insurance gave away one girl's bike and one boy's bike. Names were drawn and presented at the Awards Assembly.
- 9) PTO provided ice cream and toppings as one of the stations for Hufty Games. We also had Human Hungry Hippo, scooter races, whiffle ball, and a movie room.
- 10) High School – had a 2016 Class Account request.
- 11) 4 Seniors have been selected to participate in the new CEO program next year.
- 12) 3 students (2 seniors and 1 junior) have signed up for classes at QUAUTC for next year.
- 13) Dual Credit will be offered in English and Social Studies next year. (ENG 12 and Western Civilization).

JHS Principal Jerud VanDyke reported on:

- 1) May Students of the Month
- 2) Students of the Year
- 3) PBIS Rewards
- 4) JH Music 2016-17
- 5) Class of the Year
- 6) Class of the Year Trip – 6 Flags August 12th.
- 7) Next Year's 6th Grade – this year's 5th grade visited Jr. High this past Thursday.

Under Superintendent Reports:

Dr. Curt Simonson reported on:

- 1) Financial data – including how far behind the State is on funding its schools
- 2) Worst case scenarios for 2016-17 if the Legislature has no budget – 14 schools will not be able to open and numerous others won't be open very many months due to having to rely on property taxes from local sources as their only source of income. Dr. Simonson was a part of the Pike County and Adams County Superintendents who have written to Legislators, the Governor and

Speaker Madigan regarding the seriousness of this issue for Illinois students, school employees, and the lifeblood of hundreds of communities – their schools.

- 3) Western has not received 14% of the funding and have a month and a half left in the current fiscal year.
- 4) The Tentative Amended Budget will be announced on Monday, May 23rd at a Special Meeting.
- 5) Property/Casualty Insurance bids are due next Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.
- 6) The following items for discussion will be discussed at the June Board meeting: Milk and Bread Bids; Establish Standing Committees for 2016-17; Fee Schedule for 2016-17; School Handbooks; and Health Insurance Renewal.

Under New Business:

- 1) The Board discussed meeting dates for 2016-17 and after discussing several possibilities, directed the Superintendent to provide a schedule for the June meeting that focuses on the 4th Wednesday of each month as the regular meeting date.
- 2) The Board approved the summer office hours as presented and are the same as last summer. Motion by Weir; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Broeckling, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Fee, absent; Borrowman, yes; and Raif, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.
- 3) The Board approved a Resolution to Establish a Savings Account for the purpose of insuring/escrowing storage tank EPA/OSHA Mandates. Motion by Weir; seconded by Shover. Roll call vote: Shover, yes; Fee, absent; Raif, yes; Borrowman, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; and Patterson, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.
- 4) The Board approved the Change of Agent Insurance Provider to BPA of Bloomington-Normal. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Raif, abstain; Fee, yes; Patterson, abstain; Borrowman, yes; Shover, yes; Broeckling, yes; and Weir, yes. 5 yes; 0 no; 2 abstain. Motion carried.
- 5) The Board approved the authorization of a Life-Safety Amendment for infrastructure needs at the Barry Facility to include HVAC in the gym, air quality and temperature automatic controls, and a replacement boiler. Motion by Patterson; seconded by Borrowman. Roll call vote: Fee, yes; Raif, yes; Borrowman, yes; Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; and Broeckling, yes. 7 yes; 0 no. Motion carried.
- 6) The Board approved the purchase of kitchen equipment and to receive bids for convection ovens, refrigerators, freezers, and storage hot boxes utilizing 1% sales tax money. Motion by Raif; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Broeckling, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Fee, yes; Borrowman, yes; and Raif, yes. 7 yes; 0 no. Motion carried.
- 7) The Board approved purchasing security cameras and accompanying software equipment to be installed by staff. Motion by Weir; 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.

- 8) The Board approved contracting for the caulking of 64 windows in the 2 story Barry Facility. Motion by Raif; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote; Raif, yes; Fee, yes; Patterson, yes; Borrowman, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; and Weir, yes. 7 yes; 0 no. Motion carried.
- 9) The Board approved the recommendation of the Fire Marshal to remove 2 Underground Storage Tanks at the Barry Facility. Motion by Raif; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Fee, yes; Raif, yes; Borrowman, yes; Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; and Broeckling, yes. 7 yes; 0 no. Motion carried.
- 10) The Board approved restructured bus routes for 2016-17. This revision involves pickup points and will be mailed to parents this week. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Broeckling, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Fee, yes; Borrowman, yes; and Raif, yes. 7 yes; 0 no. Motion carried.
- 11) The Board approved the Vendor List and Updates to the 403b Plan. Motion by Weir; seconded by Shover. Roll call vote: Shover, yes; Fee, yes; Raif, yes; Borrowman, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling; and Patterson, yes. 7 yes; 0 no. Motion carried.
- 12) The Board approved the Solicitation of Bids and the purchase of a Used Activity Bus. Motion by Weir; 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.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:31 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; b) collective negotiations matters between the School District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations regarding salary schedule for one or more classes of employees; and i) pending, probable or imminent litigation. Motion by Weir; 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 returned to Open Session at 8:45 p.m.

Action Following Closed Session:

The Board accepted the Personnel Addendum to include:

- 1) Accepted the resignation of Travis Ruppel as the high school and junior high school boy's baseball coach.
- 2) Accepted the resignation of Elizabeth Klauzer as a general music teacher.
- 3) Accepted the resignation of Chris Lundberg as cook at Western Junior High and wished her happy retirement appreciating her service to the school. Formal recognition will be coming later.
- 4) Accepted the resignation of Beth Hammock as 5th Grade Teacher.
- 5) Accepted the resignation of Darin Craven as a teacher and coach in the District.
- 6) Accepted the resignation of Susan Stout as Assistant High School Volleyball Coach.
- 7) Accepted the resignation of Katie Leach as elementary teacher.

8) Approved an eight week maternity leave for Eileen Malone.

Motion by Raif; seconded by Shover. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Borrowman, yes; Raif, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Fee, yes; and Broeckling, absent. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried. (Broeckling left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.)

The Board approved hiring Rick Shover as Western High School Head Baseball Coach. Motion by Weir; seconded by Borrowman. Roll call vote; Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling, absent; Fee, yes; Borrowman, yes; Shover, abstain; and Raif, yes. 5 yes; 0 no; 1 absent; 1 abstain. Motion carried.

The Board approved employing Rick Shover as Head Junior High Baseball Coach. Motion by Weir; seconded by Borrowman. Roll call vote: Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling, absent; Fee, yes; Borrowman, yes; Shover, abstain; and Raif, yes. 5 yes; 0 no; 1 absent; 1 abstain. Motion carried.

The Board approved employing Curtis Stout as Head Varsity Boy's Basketball Coach. Motion by Weir; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Broeckling, absent; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Fee, yes; Borrowman, yes; and Raif, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved employing Elizabeth Greger as Head Varsity Girl's Basketball Coach. Motion by Borrowman; seconded by Shover. Roll call vote: Shover, yes; Fee, yes; Raif, yes; Borrowman, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling, absent; and Patterson, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

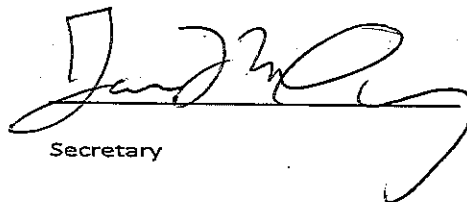
The Board formally approved Kent Richards as custodian at Barry. The Administration had been authorized to offer a contract for this position. Motion by Weir; seconded by Fee. Roll call vote: Raif, yes; Fee, yes; Patterson; Borrowman, yes; Broeckling, absent; Shover, yes; and Weir, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board formally approved Susan Bivens as a special education teacher. The Administration had been authorized to offer a contract for this position. Motion by Weir; seconded by Fee. Roll call vote: Fee, yes; Raif, yes; Borrowman, yes; Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; and Broeckling, absent. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

Having completed all agenda items, President Weir declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Unanimous yes vote.



President



Secretary