

WESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #12 BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

DECEMBER 13, 2017, 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 Wednesday, December 13, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the WHS Cafeteria, 401 McDonough Street, in Barry, Illinois. President Inky Shover called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. Other Board of Education Members present included: Vice-President Tyler Patterson; Member Chris Borrowman; Member Lorc Weir; Member Brian Nation. Secretary, James Broeckling joined the meeting at 6:13p.m. and Member Ayca Raif was absent. Superintendent Jessica Funk, WES/WHs Principal Connie Thomas; WJHS Principal Kent Hawley. Also present was Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Bookkeeper Teresa Schulz. Visitors present included: Zac Timler, JH Science Teacher, Matt Molloy, HS Science Teacher, Chris Simonson, Rti Teacher, Suzanne Steckel, Zumbahlen, Eyth, Surratt, Foote & Flynn, Ltd. Members of the Press present included: Shelby Stroemer of "The Pike Press", and Jim Filbert of the "Pike County Express".

President Shover led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Public Comments:

Mr. Timler and Mr. Molloy gave a presentation on Western Science Olympiad. Science Olympiad gives those students that are interested in science a chance to explore, use creativity and also compete in events where students are tested on their knowledge of science. They currently have 18 participants. They will compete this spring for State Bid at Regionals. Their most recent project was a Hovercraft.

Chris Simonson gave the Board information on a Reading Education Assistance Dog. Mrs. Simonson has experience with these dogs and shared with the Board some beneficial information. The District is considering purchasing a dog for the district and students.

Suzanne Steckel from Zumbahlen, Eyth, Surratt, Foote & Flynn, Ltd presented the 2016-2017 Audit to the Board.

The Board approved the 2016-2017 Audit as presented. Motion by Nation; seconded by Borrowman. Roll call vote: Nation, yes; Borrowman, yes; Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; and Broeckling, yes. Raif,absent. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board formally opened the Truth in Taxation Hearing. Motion by Weir; seconded by Borrowman. Roll call vote: Borrowman, yes; Broeckling; Shover, yes; Nation, yes; Weir, yes; Patterson, yes; Broeckling, yes. Raif, absent 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

Superintendent Funk discussed the tax levy and the tax rates in each fund .

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

#### Administrative Reports:

WHS/WES Principal Thomas provided handouts of activities in the Elementary and High School. The 5 Essentials survey is open. Parents can access this on the Western Facebook page or the Western Website. The window will remain open until January 31st. We will have iPads available at the Holiday Showcase on Thursday, December 14th for parents to take the survey. Names will be entered into a raffle if they complete the survey that night.

Elementary: Hufty Games will be on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Elementary students are caroling at the nursing home in Barry on December 19th.

High School: We have 5 State Scholars this year: Blair Borrowman, Jackson Borrowman, Paige Borrowman, Noah Depke and Emma Raftery. HS students took the 5 Essentials survey on Tuesday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. Finals will be Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Friday, December 15th we will celebrate the seniors for their accomplishment on the SAT. Friday during lunch, high school staff will serve cake to the seniors. Friday evening at 5:30 pm, high school staff will serve pizza and drinks to the seniors. Friday evening, seniors will be recognized for their outstanding achievement. This will occur between the JV and Varsity boys basketball game.

Barley Kozlowski and Stefanie Rennecker received a \$2000 grant from the Health and Wellness Foundation of Pike County for the Buddy Bags program that Barley has started as her NHS service project.

WJHS Principal informed the Board that on December 2, 2017 The Science Olympiad Team competed at Millstadt. They placed in the following events: Crime Busters-1<sup>st</sup>, Herpetology -1st Microbe Mission - 1<sup>st</sup>. Optics - 2<sup>nd</sup>. Towers - 2<sup>nd</sup>. Toys for Tots Campaign collected \$373 in cash donations and over 80 toys for more than 10 children in Pike County. On December 4, 2017 ELA teacher Shea O'Brien began working to become acquainted with the students and the curriculum before she takes over in the second semester. 7th Grade Girls Basketball Team captured the Regional Championship. 8th Grade ELA students are reading to and interacting with Pre-K classes. Pre-K and 0-3 are preparing their 5-year competitive grant applications.

JH Students will take the 5 Essentials Survey on December 20<sup>th</sup>, Modified Hufty Games on December 21<sup>st</sup>, Pre-K program 6:30, Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Funk reported that we are now 42% through the year. The District's Financial profile is looking good. Mrs. Funk went through the Treasurer's report. She also mentioned that we still have not received \$10,000 in orphanage funds and that the General State Aid payments have been on time. Early Childhood grant payments and Transportation payments are still behind. She also reminded everyone that Christmas Dinner will be provided by the cafeteria on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Each Board Member that attended the IASB Conference in Chicago shared information on the sessions that they participated in.

Under Committee Reports:

The Finance Committee met on December 7<sup>th</sup>. They revised the list of items to proceed with when additional funding becomes available.

Board Discussion and Action Items:

The Board discussed Fiber internet that is available to the JH. The cost to run Fiber is \$10,000 but if we wait until July 1<sup>st</sup>, Erate will pick up 80% of the cost.

The Board was in agreement that the district will start the application for a Therapy Dog. The application fee is \$50.00 and there is an 18 month waiting period.

The Board approved the Superintendent Evaluation form. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Borrowman, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Nation, yes; Broeckling, yes; Raif, absent. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved the purchase of a van for District use. Motion by Patterson; seconded by Broeckling. Roll call vote: Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; Nation, yes; Borrowman, yes; Shover, yes; Raif, absent. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board closed the Truth in Taxation Hearing. Motion by Borrowman; seconded by Nation. Roll call vote: Broeckling, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Nation, yes; Borrowman, yes; Raif, absent. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved the 2017 Levy. Motion by Nation; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Shover, yes; Nation, yes; Borrowman, yes; Broeckling, yes; Patterson, yes; Weir, yes. Raif, absent 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:02 p.m. to discuss the following matters according to the exceptions provided in the open meetings act and specified in: a) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the School District; b) collective negotiating matters between the School District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; i ) pending, probable, or imminent litigation; k) approval of certain closed session minutes for distribution to the public; or other matters appropriate for a closed meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

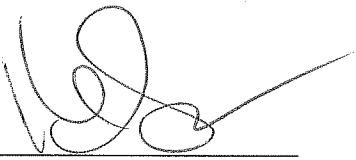
Motion by Shover; seconded by Borrowman. Roll call vote: Nation, yes; Borrowman, yes; Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Broeckling, yes. Raif, absent; 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:22p.m.

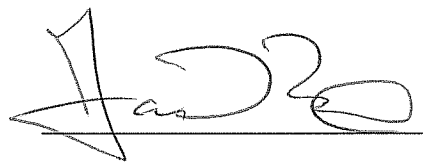
Action following Closed Session:

The Board approved keeping the closed session minutes closed from July 1, 2017 through December 2017. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Shover, yes; Nation, yes; Borrowman, yes; Patterson, yes; Broeckling, yes; Weir, yes. Raif, absent 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

Having declared all items completed, President Shover declared the meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m. Motion by Shover; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Borrowman, yes; Patterson, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; Nation, yes. Raif, absent; 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY