

WESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #12 BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

March 18, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.

WESTERN HS CAFETERIA

401 McDONOUGH STREET, BARRY, ILLINOIS

The Western Community Unit School District #12 Board of Education met in Regular Session on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Western HS Cafeteria, 401 McDonough Street, in Barry, Illinois. President Inky Shover called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m. Other Board of Education Members present included: Vice-President Tyler Patterson, Member Brian Nation, Member Lorc Weir, Member Jeff Neese and Member Jake Walch. Secretary, James Broeckling joined the meeting at 6:04. Administrator's present included: Superintendent Jessica Funk, WES/WHS Principal Connie Thomas; WJHS Principal Brandi Pennock. Also present was Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Bookkeeper Teresa Schulz. Visitors present included: HS Science Teacher, Steve Schultz and Members of the Press included: Jim Filbert of the Pike County Express.

President Shover led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Public Comments:

Mr. Steve Schultz commented that in the years since he has been teaching that this Administration was strong in Leadership and one of the best that he has ever worked with.

President Inky Shover shared how appreciative and proud she was of the Administrator's and Staff during this mandated closure.

Routine Consent Agenda:

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

Administrative Reports:

WHS/WES Principal Connie Thomas shared that on March 15 meetings were held with various staff members to update them on what Western district plans would be and look like. P/T conferences were held on March 12th and 13th. Attendance was lower than usual, probably due to what is happening with COVID-19. On Sunday, Monday, March 16, staff gathered student materials including iPads and chargers (K-5) and distributed those to all students/parents between noon and 6 pm. Tuesday, March 17, was the 1st eLearning day. We had a few tech issues with elementary iPads but all issues were fixed. Overall, everything went very smoothly. I met with HS staff Tuesday via Google Meets. Teachers

report that all is going well. Some students did not check in/do work, however, that was also Day 1. I met with Elementary staff Tuesday via Google Meets. Also had very good reports similar to the HS. I will continue to check in with HS and Elementary staff via Google Meets, email or in person.

WJHS Principal Pennock shared Parent Teacher Conferences went well. We had approximately 40 parents attend. Principal Pennock is waiting on a bid for the courtyard landscape. WJHS has completed one day of IAR testing. eLearning has been going well. The teachers and Administrators have been communicating, mainly via Google meets.

Superintendent Funk reported that Teachers and Staff are doing a great job and that every employee is rising to meet the needs and challenges that arise. This is a challenging time for our District but we will stay strong. Summer School at this point is stills scheduled for 3 weeks in June and 2 weeks in July. The District is asking for donations for hot spots for our families that do not have internet. The hot spots are \$39.00 each.

Superintendent Funk shared an update regarding Ag Boosters and they have formed a Core Group. They are in the process of working with the Foundation and will be organizing a fundraiser.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the following items except H and I. Renewal of Edgenuity at a cost of \$2,660.00, Annual Renewal of Bushue Human Services at a cost of \$7,020.00, MOU with the Pike County Health Department to Provide Assistance in the Event of Public Health Emergency or Disaster, Approve Job Description for Transportation Director/Technology Staff Position, Facility Use Agreement with the YMCA for Use of Softball Field, Facility Use Agreement with Ashley's Dance Company for Use of Barry Gym, Non-Tenure List for 2020. Motion by Weir; seconded by Walch. Roll call vote: Nation, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; Walch, yes; Neese, yes: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried

Board Discussion and Action Items:

The Board approved Klinger and Associates as Architect for the Barry Roof Project. Motion by Shover; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Neese, yes; Nation, yes; Shover; yes; Broeckling, yes; Walch, yes: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved Letting Bids for the Barry Roof Project. Motion by Patterson; seconded by Walch. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Nation, yes; Patterson, Neese, yes; Broeckling, yes; Walch, yes: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved MOU with Western Education Association for Use of eLearning Days During the COVID-19 Closure. Motion by Patterson; seconded by Walch. Roll call vote: Nation, yes; Broeckling, yes; Neese, yes; Shover, yes; Walch, yes; Weir, yes; Patterson, yes: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:38p.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 or other matters appropriate for closed meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Weir; seconded by Nation. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Patterson, yes; Shover, yes; Nation, yes; Broeckling, yes; Neese, yes; Walch, yes: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:46 p.m.

Action following Closed Session:

The Board approved the Personnel Addendum with the exclusion of Madison Skarda as 4th Grade Teacher for 2020/2021 school year. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Walch. Roll call vote: Broeckling, yes; Walch, yes; Nation, yes; Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Neese, yes: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

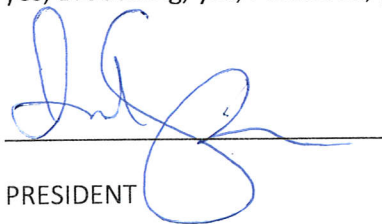
The Board approved Madison Skarda as 4th Grade Teacher for 2020/2021 school year. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Walch, yes; Neese, yes; Shover, yes; Nation, yes; Broeckling, yes; Patterson, abstain: 6 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain. Motion carried.

The Board approved the Dismissal of a Professional Educator Licensed Personnel. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Nation. Roll call vote: Shover, yes; Walch, yes; Nation, yes; Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; Neese, yes: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

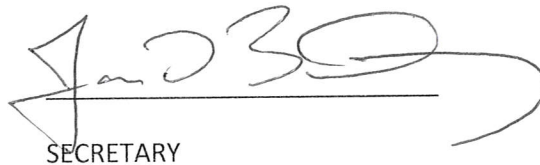
The Board approved Extending Principal Contract for Brandi Pennock to Year 2022 at 3% Salary Increase in First Year. Motion by Weir seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Neese, yes; Nation, yes; Patterson, yes; Walch, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; Weir, yes: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved Extending Superintendent Contract for Jessica Funk to Year 2023 at 3% Salary Increase in First Year. Motion by Shover; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Walch, yes; Neese, yes; Patterson, yes; Nation, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Broeckling, yes: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

Having declared all items completed, President Shover declared the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Neese. Roll call vote: Nation, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; Patterson, yes; Walch, yes: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.



PRESIDENT



SECRETARY

Western Community Unit School District #12

Personnel Report

3/18/20

Approve retirement of Jo Lynn Tappe effective the conclusion of the 19-20 school year

Approve John Skirvin as District Transportation Director/Technology effective March 9, 2020

Approve John Skirvin as High School Assistant Baseball Coach

Approve Tammie Branham as substitute teacher

Approve stipend for additional duties related to the Transportation Director Shortage

Approve resignation from Allison Matlock, 4th Grade Teacher, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year

Approve Madison Skarda as 4th Grade Teacher effective 2020-2021 school year