

WESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #12 BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

April 15, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.

WES GYM

401 McDONOUGH STREET, BARRY, ILLINOIS

The Western Community Unit School District #12 Board of Education met in Regular Session on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, at 6:00p.m. in the WES Gym, 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 Brian Nation, Member Jeff Neese, Member Jake Walch and Member Lorc Weir. Secretary, James Broeckling joined the meeting via Google Meet. Administrator's present included: Superintendent Jessica Funk, WES/WHS Principal Connie Thomas and WJHS Principal Brandi Pennock joined the meeting via Google Meet. Also present was Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Bookkeeper Teresa Schulz. Members of the Press included: Jim Filbert of the Pike County Express and Debbie Harshman from The Paper.

President Shover led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Public Comments:

The Board approved the Routine Consent Agenda as presented. Motion by Weir; seconded by Walch. Roll call vote: Shover, yes; Nation, yes; Walch, yes; Neese, yes; Broeckling, Weir and Patterson: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports:

Principal Thomas reported: Staff is working hard to continue to teach via remote learning. Additional contacts are made as needed. Stefanie Rennecker and Mrs. Thomas have been meeting weekly with the senior class for a variety of reasons. We are also discussing graduation and what that may look like this year. Mrs. Thomas asked that 2 Board Members attend graduation to handout diplomas. President Shover and Member Weir will be attending.

WJHS Principal Pennock informed the Board that WJHS Staff is doing a wonderful job furthering student education. Student and Parent contacts are being tracked. Mrs. Pennock has been contacting 8th graders via Google Meets/phone calls to get their thoughts/feelings about graduation. Mrs. Pennock asked that 2 Board Members attend 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation. Member Jake Walch and Member Lorc Weir will be attending. Mrs. Pennock shared a bid from Mid USA Landscaping for the Courtyard Project.

Superintendent Funk shared videos that the staff has sent out to students letting them know that they care and that they are here for them and a student learning video. Superintendent Funk shared that the District is still receiving funding and that the Transportation fund is still behind. The State is reporting the possibility of the budget being less next year due to the shut-down. Superintendent Funk has amended the Title Grants and has written Laptops in to the Title Grants for each teacher. Mrs. Funk expressed her gratitude to all of the Teachers and Staff that are rising up to meet the challenges during this mandatory shut-down. Superintendent Funk addressed the Roof Bids for the Barry Campus and the need for a roof over the handicap ramp.

#### Consent Agenda:

The Board approved the Renewal of Membership in the Illinois High School Association, the Renewal of Membership in the Illinois Elementary School Association, the Renewal of eSpark at \$16,250 from Title I and Title II Grants, 2020-2021 Consolidated District Plan, 2019-2020 Honorable Dismissal List. Motion by Walch; seconded by Nation. Roll call vote: Nation, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; Neese, yes; Walch, yes; Patterson, yes; Weir, yes: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

#### Board Discussion and Action Items:

The Board Approved the Emergency Suspension of Policy Due to COVID-19 Pandemic. Motion by Shover; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Walch, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; Neese, yes; Nation, yes; Weir, yes; Patterson, yes: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

The Board Approved Refinishing of Junior High Gym Floor at \$14,350 . Motion by Neese; seconded by Nation. Roll call vote: Nation, yes; Neese, yes; Patterson, yes; Shover, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; Walch, yes; 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

The Board Approved Removal of Junior High Kitchen Ceiling at \$13,280 from Tort Funds . Motion by Shover; seconded by Walch. Roll call vote: Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; Nation, yes; Walch, yes; Shover, yes; Neese, yes. 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

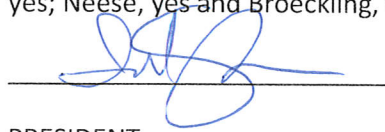
The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:31p.m. to discuss the following matters according to the exceptions provided in the open meetings act and specified in a) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the School District.i) pending, probable or imminent litigation public, or other matters appropriate for closed meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. Motion by Walch; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Nation, yes; Patterson, yes; Neese, yes; Shover, yes; Weir, yes and Broeckling, yes: Walch, yes: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:44p.m.

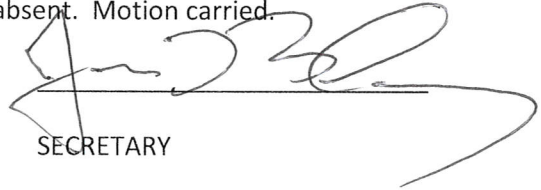
#### Action following Closed Session:

The Board approved the Personnel Addendum as presented. Motion by Nation; seconded by Walch. Roll call vote: Nation, yes; Walch, yes; Neese, yes; Broeckling, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

Having declared all items completed, President Shover declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Motion by Weir; seconded by Shover. Roll call vote: Patterson, yes; Shover, yes; Walch, yes; Nation, yes; Neese, yes and Broeckling, yes: Weir, yes: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.



PRESIDENT



SECRETARY

Western Community Unit School District #12

Personnel Report

4/15/20

*Approve William Schaffer as Business Teacher for 2020-2021.*

*Approve Tammy Smith as Special Education Teacher for 2020-2021.*