

WESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #12 BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

September 23, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.

WESTERN ELEMENTARY GYM

401 McDONOUGH STREET, BARRY, ILLINOIS

The Western Community Unit School District #12 Board of Education met in Regular Session on Wednesday, September 23, 2020, in the Western Elementary Gym, 401 McDonough Street, at 6:00 p.m. President Inky Shover called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Other Board of Education Members present included: Vice President Tyler Patterson, Secretary James Broeckling, Member Brian Nation, Member Lorc Weir, Member Jeff Neese and Member Jake Walch. Administrators present included: Superintendent Jessica Funk, WHS/WES Principal Connie Thomas and WJHS Principal Brandi Pennock. Also present was Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Bookkeeper Teresa Schulz. Visitors included: Lyndi Weir, Western Education Co-Presidents, Susan Stout and Jane Ralph. Members of the Media included: Jim Filbert of The Pike Express.

President Inky Shover led The Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments:

The Board opened the Public Hearing concerning the FY20-21 Budget. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Walch. Roll call vote: Neese, yes; Nation, yes; Patterson, yes; Walch, yes; Broeckling, yes, Shover, yes and Weir, yes: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

Superintendent Funk presented the 2020-2021 Budget.

Routine Consent Agenda:

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

Reports:

WHS/WES Principal, Connie Thomas reported that MAP testing was conducted over a 2 week period at the Elementary and High School. A letter went out to parents in regards to changing the method of learning for their child. Parents wishing to do so must notify the school by Oct, 2nd. The intruder drill was conducted on Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 9:30 at the Barry campus.

Elementary -12 students have switched to in person instruction since the school year started.

High School - SAT will be given to seniors on October 14th in the Open Learning Center. PSAT will be given on October 29th to juniors who sign up with Mrs. Rennecker. This is not required. Students on the eligibility list are coming in person for help/additional instruction to improve their grades. Weekly calls

are made to parents for students who do not come in. Stefanie Rennecker will have a FAFSA night on Oct. 13th from 6-8 pm in the Open Learning Center.

WJHS Principal, Brandi Pennock reported that an average of 16 of the 28 remote learners qualify for the learning lab weekly and about half of those attend. Calls are made to those who don't attend. Compliance Day (6th grade physicals/shots) for the JH was Tuesday the 15th. A letter went home to all remote learners about changing their method of learning at quarter. Parents must notify the school by Oct. 2nd if the method of learning will change. In-person students took the MAP test. Fire drill was Sept 16<sup>th</sup> and Intruder drill was completed Tues. 22<sup>nd</sup>. JH Baseball and Softball concluded their season this week. JH is getting a therapy dog! Chris Simonson, WJHS Social Worker, goes next week for the training.

Superintendent Funk recognized Board Secretary James Broeckling, Vice President Tyler Patterson and Member Lorc Weir with Master Board Member Awards from IASB. Superintendent Funk informed the Board that she will be going to get the Therapy Dog and will be attending a week long training. Mrs. Funk expressed that having a Therapy Dog for our students could not have come at a better time.

Policy Committee met on August 20<sup>th</sup> and reviewed PRESS Update issue 104 and 105. The Policy updates included: Remote Instruction, Permanent-Time Outs, Grant Flexibility for salaries, Title IX training and requirements and that Election Day this year is considered a holiday.

The Building Committee met on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The Building Committee discussed the Risk Management Plan and the Building Walk-Around Lists. A 2020-2021 Building Project Financial Plan was reviewed. The Committee reviewed the 10 Year Plan that originated in 2016 and noted that great progress has been made.

Finance Committee met on September 21<sup>st</sup> and discussed the FY21 Budget.

#### Consent Agenda:

The Board Approved the Establishment of Activity Funds for 2020-2021, Membership in the Association of Illinois Rural and Small Schools, the First Reading of PRESS Updates - Issue 104 & 105, Replacement of High School Gym Entrance and Band Room Doors at a cost of \$18,361.00, Approve Student, Staff and Pre-K Handbooks, Stipends for Lunch Coverage, Milk Bids for FY 20-21, Increasing Sub Pay to be in Compliance with Minimum Wage Laws. Motion by Weir; seconded by Nation. Roll call vote: Broeckling, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Nation, yes; Neese, yes, Walch, yes: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

#### Board Discussion and Action:

The Board approved Memorandum of Understanding with the Western Education Association for 2020-2021 Teacher Evaluations. Motion by Shover; seconded by Walch. Roll call vote: Shover, yes, Nation, yes; Neese, yes; Walch, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes, Patterson, yes: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried

The Board approved the 2020-2021 Risk Management Plan. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Shover. 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 discussed the JH Retention Policy and moving forward with an e-Learning Plan.

The Board asked for any comments on the FY20-21 Budget

The Board made a motion to close the Public Hearing concerning the 2020-2021 Budget Hearing. Motion by Walch, seconded by Nation. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Walch, yes; Neese, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Nation, yes; Broeckling, yes: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

The Board made a motion to adopt the Original Budget for Fiscal Year 2021. Motion by Nation, 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.

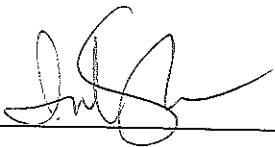
Executive Session:

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:44p.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, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors, or specific volunteers of the School District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves, as an independent contractor, or a volunteer of the District. i) pending, probable, or imminent litigation. Motion to adjourn by Shover; seconded by Walch. Roll call vote: Broeckling, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Nation, yes; Walch, yes; Neese, yes: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried. The Board returned to Open Session at 7:03p.m.

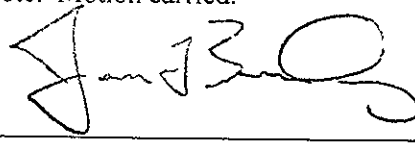
Actions Following Closed Session:

The Board approved the Personnel Addendum. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Weir. 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 adjourned at 7:04 p.m. Unanimous yes voice vote. Motion carried.



PRESIDENT



SECRETARY

Western Community Unit School District #12

Personnel Report

9/23/20

*Approve resignation of Sarah Rogers as Bus Driver effective September 13, 2020*

*Approve resignation of Tammie Brannham as PreK Teacher effective September 10, 2020*

*Approve Terry Knowles as Bus Driver effective September 21, 2020*

*Approve Chevi Koeller as PreK Teacher effective September 14, 2020*