

WESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #12 BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

October 21, 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, October 21, 2020, in the Western Elementary Gym, 401 McDonough Street, at 6:00 p.m. President Inky Shover called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. Other Board of Education Members present included: Member Jake Walch, Member Jeff Neese; Member Brian Nation, Member Lorc Weir, Vice President, Tyler Patterson and Secretary, James Broeckling. Administrators present included: Superintendent Jessica Funk; WES/WHS Principal Connie Thomas and WJHS Principal Brandi Pennock. Also present was Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Bookkeeper Teresa Schulz. Media Representatives included: Jim Filbert of the Pike County Express. Mr. David Penn, Attorney for Western CUSD 12 and Chris and Curt Simonson.

President Shover led The Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Public Comments:

Mrs. Chris Simonson, WJHS Counselor, introduced her therapy dog, Gucci. Mrs. Simonson has been taking Gucci to the Junior High on a daily basis for students and staff. Mrs. Simonson also expressed to the Board how thankful she was that they allowed Gucci to be a part of Western and how much Gucci has made a difference in student and staff morale.

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:03p.m. to consider information on the following subject:

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.

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

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:45p.m. Motion by Nation; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Shover, yes; Nation, yes; Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Walch, yes; Neese, yes and Broeckling, yes. 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved the Resolution authorizing the dismissal of Non Certified personnel for non-economic reasons. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Nation. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Walch, yes; Neese, yes; Shover, yes; Nation, yes; Broeckling, yes; Patterson, yes: 7 yes; 0 abstain; 0 no. Motion carried

The Board opened the Public Hearing for the Use of e-Learning in Place of Emergency Days (Snow Days). Motion by Patterson; seconded by Walch. Roll call vote: Nation, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; Neese, yes; Walch, yes; Weir, yes; Patterson, yes. 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

Under Routine Consent Agenda:

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

#### Under Administrative Reports:

Mrs. Thomas reported on the following: Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, Oct. 22 from 4-8 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 23 from 8-11 a.m. These will be done via google meet or phone conference.

Elementary - An additional 6 students switched to in person instruction beginning Oct. 19th. There are currently 180 in person learners (86%).

High School – The SAT was given to seniors on October 14th in the Open Learning Center. We will have a makeup SAT day on October 28th. PSAT will be given on October 29th to juniors who sign up with Mrs. Rennecker. This is not required. Stefanie Rennecker held FAFSA night on Oct. 13th from 6-8 pm in the Open Learning Center. There are 10 Welding Students and 3 Ag students.

WJHS Principal, Brandi Pennock reported that Parent Teacher Conferences are Thursday 4:00-8:00 and Friday 8:00-11:00. These will be done through Google Meet or by phone. PTO will provide dinner for the staff. 8 out of 26 remote learners are now in-person learners for second semester. Mrs. Simonson will begin peer tutoring. There will be 14 Peer Tutors that will tutor 20 students. Staff selected on an average 5 students a piece to “mentor”. Mrs. Pennock has implemented the Golden Star Award as a staff morale booster.

Superintendent Funk reported on the FRIS report and that the District is on track with the Evidence Based Funding payments from the State. ISBE Summative rating score is commendable. Mrs. Funk was accompanied by Western's newest staff member, Co Jack. Co Jack is Western's Therapy Dog. Mrs. Funk explained that his presence with staff and students has been much needed and anticipated.

#### Under Consent Agenda:

The Board approved the Consent Agenda as presented: Second Reading of PRESS Updates Issues 104 & 105, Referral and Linkage Agreement with Mental Health Centers of Western Illinois, Memorandum of Understanding Between Parent and Child Together (PACT) for West Central Illinois Head Start/Early Head Start Programs and the Western/Pleasant Hill Prevention Initiative & Pre-K Programs. Motion by Patterson; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Walch, yes; Neese, yes; Nation, yes; Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Broeckling, yes; 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

#### Under Board Discussion and Action:

The Board approved changes to the Superintendent Evaluation Document. Motion by Weir; seconded by Walch. Roll call vote: Nation, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; Neese, yes; Walch, yes; Weir, yes; Patterson, yes; 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved the Cooperative Agreement with Pleasant Hill for High School Girls Basketball for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. Motion by Patterson; 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 authorized the Superintendent to Prepare the Levy and Adopt a Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the 2020 Year and Direct Compliance With the Truth in Taxation Law as Necessary. Motion by Nation; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Neese, yes; Nation, yes; Patterson ,yes; Walch, yes; Shover, yes; Broeckling, yes; Weir, yes: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved the Settlement of Dispute with IDPH. Motion by Nation; seconded by Weir. 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.

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Western Education Association Regarding e-Learning in Place of Emergency Days (Snow Days) for a Three-Year Period. Motion by Patterson; 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.

Approve Resolution to include compensation paid under Internal Revenue Code Section 125 Plan as IMRF Earnings. Motion by Shover; seconded by Nation. Roll call vote: Neese, yes; Nation, yes; Patterson ,yes; Walch, yes; Shover, yes; Broeckling, yes; Weir, yes: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

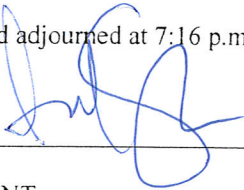
Close the Public Hearing for the Use of e-Learning in Place of Emergency Days (Snow Days) Motion by Walch; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Walch, yes; Neese, yes; Nation ,yes; Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Broeckling, yes: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

Approve the Resolution to Adopt an e-Learning Program in Lieu of the District's Scheduled Emergency Days Motion by Shover; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Nation, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover ,yes; Neese, yes; Walch, yes;Weir, yes; Patterson, yes: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. Motion carried.

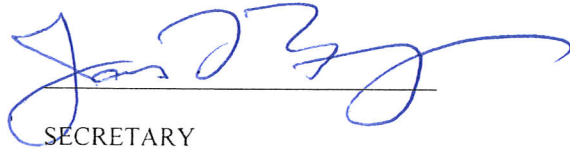
There were no items to be discussed in closed session.

The Board approved the Personnel Addendum. Motion by Weir; seconded by Nation. 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 adjourned at 7:16 p.m. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Shover. Unanimous yes voice vote. Motion carried.



PRESIDENT



SECRETARY

Western Community Unit School District #12

Personnel Report

10/21/20

*Approve resignation of Chad Utterback as Custodian/Bus Driver effective October 9, 2020*

*Approve resignation of Julie Foster as Cook effective September 25, 2020*

*Approve Shawn Makepeace as Head Junior High Boys Basketball Coach for 2020-2021*

*Approve the following to be added to the substitute list:*

- *Kathy Curfman*
- *Lanae Maloney*
- *Kate Marable*
- *Patrice Mills*
- *Bailey Moyers*
- *Wyatt Young*