

WESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #12 BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

JANUARY 20, 2021 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, January 20, 2021, at 6:00p.m. in the Western Elementary 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 Lorc Weir; Member Brian Nation and Member Jacob Walch. Secretary, James Broeckling and Member Jeff Neese were absent. 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: Justin Martin, District Technology Coordinator via Google Meets. Members of the Press included: Jim Filbert of the Pike County Express.

President Shover led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda:

The Board approved the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion by Walch; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Nation, yes; Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Walch, yes; Shover, yes; Neese and Broeckling, absent: 5 yes; 0 no; 2 absent. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports:

WHS/WES Principal Thomas informed the Board that MAP testing is this week and next for Elementary. Midterms are Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Elementary - 14 students have switched to in person learning for 2nd semester. Retention meetings have been held and letters sent home to be signed.

High School - 11 students have switched to in person learning for 2nd semester. Letters have been sent home to all seniors stating what they need to graduate and what their current grades are. Ms. Hechler, Mrs. Alicia Smith and Mrs. Thomas are working on a "Virtual Homecoming" plan for February.

WJHS Principal Pennock informed the Board that Students of the Month for January are: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Orion Bowen, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Mason Throne and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Kara Puffenburger. MAP Testing has started this week. Midterms are Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Report Cards were mailed on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> which included a letter for the students that are failing. There are currently 17 remote learners.

Superintendent Funk reported 61% of the funding for the District has been vouchered by the State and that 48% has been received. The Transportation Fund has still not received any payment for this fiscal year. Mrs. Funk stated that she has been in contact with the Pike County Health Department regarding the COVID Vaccine and has been working with them to schedule a day to come and administer the vaccine to Staff. The Health Department is hoping to come in February. Mrs. Funk reported that we are waiting on guidance to be able to start Athletic Programs.

The Building Committee discussed the Walk around Lists at both campuses. The upgrades for the HVAC at Barry have been completed. The Committee discussed the financial plan for Operations and Maintenance.

#### Consent Agenda:

The Board approved the Second Reading of Press Update – Memo 106 and the Renewal of Microsoft Licensing. Motion by Weir; seconded by Walch. Roll call vote: Walch, yes; Nation, yes; Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Neese and Broeckling, absent: 5 yes; 0 no; 2 absent. Motion carried.

#### Board Discussion and Action Items:

The Board approved Seeking Bids on Groundskeeping for Barry and Kinderhook Campuses. Motion by Nation; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Walch, yes; Shover, yes; Nation, yes; Patterson, yes; Neese and Broeckling, absent: 5 yes; 0 no; 2 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved moving the Regular Board of Education Meeting from March 17, 2021 to March 24, 2021. Motion by Shover; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Nation, yes; Walch, yes; Shover, yes; Neese and Broeckling, absent: 5 yes; 0 no; 2 absent. Motion carried.

Justin Martin, District Technology Coordinator, discussed the Door Lock Software upgrade.

The Board approved the installation of Electronic Door Locks software. Motion by Weir; seconded by Nation. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Nation, yes; Walch, yes; Neese and Broeckling, absent: 5 yes; 0 no; 2 absent. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:27p.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. Motion by Walch; seconded by Shover. Roll call vote: Nation, yes; Walch, yes; Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Neese and Broeckling, absent: 5 yes; 0 no; 2 absent. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:14p.m.

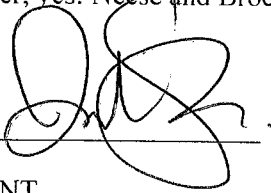
Action following Closed Session:

The Board approved the Personnel Addendum as presented. Motion by Walch; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Nation, yes; Shover, yes; Walch, yes; Weir, yes; Patterson, yes; Neese and Broeckling, absent: 5 yes; 0 no; 2 absent. Motion carried.

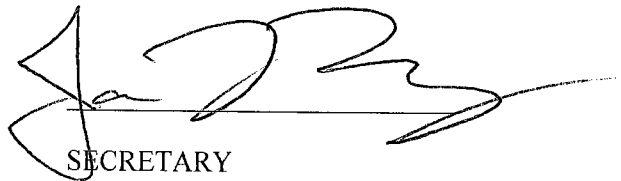
The Board approved the Resolution regarding Notice to Remedy to Staff Member Mike Pruden. Motion by Shover; seconded by Nation. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Walch, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes. Nation, yes; Neese and Broeckling, absent: 5 yes; 0 no; 2 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved the Superintendent Evaluation for 2020-2021. Motion by Weir; seconded by Walch. Roll call vote: Walch, yes; Shover, yes; Weir, yes; Patterson, yes. Nation, yes; Neese and Broeckling, absent: 5 yes; 0 no; 2 absent. Motion carried.

Having declared all items completed, President Shover declared the meeting adjourned at 7:16p.m. Motion by Walch; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Nation, yes; Walch, yes; Shover, yes; Neese and Broeckling, absent: 5 yes; 0 no; 2 absent. Motion carried.



PRESIDENT



SECRETARY

Western Community Unit School District #12

Personnel Report

1/20/21

*Approve Joanna Puterbaugh as full-time Music/Band Teacher effective January 5, 2021*

*Approve KatieJo McHatton as full-time paraprofessional effective upon licensure*

*Approve Darren Funk as Part-Time Technology Assistant effective January 5, 2021*

*Approve Rebecca Washington as Music/Band Teacher for 2021-2022*

*Approve resignation of Michelle Kendrick as School Nurse effective at the end of the 20-21 contract*

*Approve Suspension Without Pay for Michael Pruden for 30 Days Pending a Waiver of Hearing*