

WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, January 15, 2024
WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

President Baker called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present: Josh VanSkyhawk, Chris Child, Caitlin Reinking, absent Wendy Miller

Superintendent Busch, Principal Alexis Whealy, and Board Secretary Beth Weepie were also present.

Visitors: Julie George and Kenzie Adkins

President Baker called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. Roll Call- VanSkyhawk, Child, Reinking, Baker Absent: Wendy Miller;
2. Approval of Agenda- Motion was made by VanSkyhawk, second by Child to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all ayes.
3. President Baker opened the public hearing re: Participation in Instructional Support Levy. The board discussed the Instructional Support Levy. Superintendent Busch explained the uses of the funding. There were no objections from the public. President Baker closed the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.
4. Motion was made by VanSkyhawk, second by Reinking to approve resolution to continue participation in the Instructional Support Program. Motion carried with all ayes.
5. Motion was made by Reinking, second by VanSkyhawk to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the Board

President Baker called the regular board meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Roll Call- VanSkyhawk, Child, Reinking, Baker Absent: Wendy Miller

Motion was made by Reinking, second by Child to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion was made by Child, second by VanSkyhawk to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Items on the consent agenda included previous meeting minutes, monthly bills, financial reports; open enrollment in for 9th grader from Oelwein to West Central; open enrollment in for Kindergarten from Independence to West Central; Yearbook Butter Braid fundraiser; Jr. Class/Post Prom Jar Donation fundraiser. Motion carried with all ayes.

Public Forum: Julie George spoke to the board about the locks on the doors and noted that a company indeed has taken inventory of the doors that needed locks installed/repared.

Nick Hildebrant of Emergent Architecture and Travis Schwarts of Larson Construction were scheduled to present; however, due to weather issues were absent.

Michael Heinemeyer spoke to the board about technology, internet connections and also maintenance of the heating and cooling issues at the school.

Board Communication-New board members were reminded about the orientation workshops coming up at the end of the month. The Administration provided their reports.

Motion was made by Reinking second by VanSkyhawk to approve the following contracts: Jamie Vargason-Asst Varsity Track Coach; Hailee Cannon-After School Helper; Kaydence Martin-After School Helper; Kenzie Adkins-Head Varsity Volleyball Coach. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion was made by Child second by VanSkyhawk to approve the resignations of Jamie Vargason-JH Track Coach; and Julie George-as Teacher. Motion carried with all ayes.

The board acknowledged and reviewed first reading Board Policy Series 300 and IASB Updates.

Motion was made by VanSkyhawk, second by Reinking to table the Resolution for Establishing Student Loan Payment Program for Licensed Teaching Staff until next month as they would like the administration to check into the possibility of other companies participating in the program. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion was made by VanSkyhawk, second by Reinking to table the agreement with Peanut Butter, Inc. regarding student loan forgiveness program until next month. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion was made by Child, second by VanSkyhawk to approve the Return to Learn Plan for its six month review. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion was made by VanSkyhawk, second by Child to table the cans and scrap metal fundraisers to next month. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion was made by VanSkyhawk, second by Child to approve the At-Risk Drop Out Prevention Program for the district. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion was made by VanSkyhawk, second by Child to approve the Resolution for the requested amount of Modified Supplemental Amount for the At-Risk and Drop Out Prevention Program in the amount of \$97,079. Motion carried with all ayes.

Consider the proposal from Emergent Architecture was not available to discuss building improvements, so that will take place next month.

Bids: There were not any bids received for the weight room equipment. There was one bid received for the meat slicer. Motion was made by Reinking, second by Child to approve the bid for the meat slicer from Marty Thomas in the amount of \$176.52. Motion carried with all ayes.

Closed Session: Motion was made by Child, second by Reinking to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered. Roll call: VanSkyhawk, Baker, Reinking and Child. Motion carried with all ayes.

At 8:07 p.m. the board went into closed session.

Motion was made by Child, second by VanSkyhawk to come out of closed session 8:19 p.m.

Motion was made by VanSkyhawk, second by Child to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Board met in exempt session to discuss negotiations strategy. Meeting concluded at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Weepie, Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15 2024 at 6 p.m. in the West Central Media Center