

**West Carroll Regular Board of Education Meeting
Board Briefs
March 19, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, West Carroll Community Unit School District No. 314 was held in the WC Intermediate School Library/Media Center, 801 South Street, Thomson, Illinois. President Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Administration present: Superintendent Mathers, Principals Ashby, Delp, Katzenberger, and Burkholder
Members present: Boyd, Highland, Kelley, Klein and Sweeney
Members absent: Foltz and Melhus
Others present: Media, WC Staff and Members of the Community

Approved February 24, 2009, Regular Meeting Minutes.
Approved February 24, 2009, Regular Meeting, Closed Session Minutes.
Approved March 11, 2009, Special Meeting Minutes.
Approved March 11, 2009, Special Meeting, Closed Session Minutes.

Approved the financial reports and payment of bills as presented.

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: Thank you note from Craig and Judy Mathers for the plant to honor the memory of Don Mathers, Mr. Mathers' father.
Thank you note from Kathleen Warfield for the monetary gift honoring the life of Milford Holeton, Mrs. Warfield's father.

Middle School Principal, Julie Katzenberger, reported that the 7th and 8th Grade Quiz Bowl students are very proud of their accomplishments this year. The Book Fair will be held at the Middle School from March 23rd through April 3rd from 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Mrs. Katzenberger thanked Carla Whitebread and Kim McLuckie for planning the Academic Fair scheduled for March 25th. All high and regular honor roll students will be treated to the movie *Coraline* (PG13) at the Savanna Times Theater as an incentive on Friday, March 27th. Mrs. Katzenberger also noted that the Middle School will be presenting *Goldilocks on Trial* on April 7th on stage at 7:00 P.M. The Middle School students will enjoy the performance on April 8th at 2:00 P.M.

Intermediate School Principal, Pam Delp, thanked the Intermediate teachers/staff for all their hard work in preparing the students for the ISAT tests and Kari Baisden for organizing test materials and helping with the whole process. Mrs. Delp thanked Jack Roemer for sponsoring a fund drive for "Pennies for Patients". The students collected a total of \$350.00 for this good cause. Several WCIS students will be performing in the WCHS Musical, "Wizard of OZ" as "Munchkins" on March 20, 21, and 22.

Primary School Principal, Jeanette Ashby, reported that the WCPS students met Rocky at an assembly held on Thursday, March 12th. Mrs. Ashby thanked Mr. St. George and Facemakers for the Rocky costume. There were 99 entries in the Science Fair held on March 12th. Reports cards will be sent home on March 25th and Preschool screening is scheduled for March 26-27. Upcoming events at the Primary School include the Book Fair, March 23-27 and Open House on March 26th.

High School Principal, Bob Lamb, was not able to attend the meeting because of an illness in his family.

High School Assistant Principal, Monica Burkholder, reported that High School Music Department competed in the Illinois High School Association's State Solo and Ensemble contest held on March 7th. West Carroll High School received 57 Division I ratings, which is the highest number ever received for the district. Local senior scholarships are due on March 27th and the Rotary Banquet will be held on April 29th. PSAE testing is scheduled for April 22-23, and the WCEF Radio-Thon will be held on April 17th. The High School Graduation date has been set for May 17, 2009, at 1:00 P.M. on the WCHS football field.

Superintendent Mathers congratulated Mrs. Delp and the West Carroll Intermediate School for being selected by the Illinois State Board of Education as a 2008 Spotlight School-2008 Illinois Honor Roll School.

Mr. Mathers updated the Board on some of the items in the Alliance Legislative Report, which was also included in the Board packets.

Superintendent Mathers reminded Board Members that a date needs to be set for reviewing the new PRESS release. He would also like to review 6:130 on correspondence courses, which lists the opportunity to get six units of credit for correspondence courses. The meaning needs to be clarified as it relates to district graduation requirements.

Technology Director, Brad Field, updated the Board on district technology issues. Edline currently has 385 parents with activated accounts. Edline training for High School and Middle School teachers was held on March 18th. The Intermediate training will be held on March 25th and the Primary training is scheduled for March 31st. Several suggestions have been made across the district about how and when to use AlertNOW in addition to school closings and emergencies. AlertNOW training for administrators is scheduled for sometime in May.

Approved the Second Reading of a District-Wide Grading Scale for 2009-2010.

Approved the Second Reading for the 8th Grade Promotion date as May 26, 2009, at 6:30 P.M.

The Board has been talking about completing a swimming lesson's pilot since September, 2008. Superintendent Mathers believes all the details for May, 2009, are in place. Included in the Board packets were a notification letter, a permission slip, and two waivers of liability. The Park District was advised to not list West Carroll on their liability waiver. Superintendent Mathers adapted a form he had used previously that was developed by HLERK. The district insurance liability coverage is in place, which will provide an additional safety precaution for the district. Brady Knop will be assisting in instructing the students. Gary Johnson is asking the Retired Teachers Association if they would be interested in volunteering to supervise.

Approved the pilot program between the Savanna Park District and West Carroll C.U.S.D No. 314 to offer four weeks of swimming lessons to 3rd graders.

Approved the destruction of the July 19, 2007, Regular Meeting, Closed Session tape.

At the January, 2009, meeting, it was approved to let for computer bids. The computers being purchased would replace units that are outside of the 5 year warranty cycle. After much discussion with Mr. Field about the district's computer structure and future plans, Superintendent Mathers recommended the purchase of 50 desktop units from Byte Speed. Reference checks indicate poor follow-through with CDI and Computer Dynamics if problems occur with the units. Both are third party distributors that mediate the problem between the computer company and the purchaser. Mr. Mathers believes the district needs to begin planning for laptops for teachers' access. As the district plans for wireless, additional web access for student management and increased technology instruction, staff members will need access to technology beyond 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Approved the purchase of 50 desktop computer units for \$34,950.00 from Byte Speed.

Superintendent Mathers was approached by the Savanna Historical Society about the location of the Lincoln School bell. George Kruse located it in the garage at Mt. Carroll. It has the bell and a wooden collar. Mr. Mathers asked the Board if they would be interested in donating the Lincoln School bell to the Savanna Historical Society; they already possess the old Avenue School bell.

Agreed to donate the Lincoln School bell to the Savanna Historical Society.

As a member of the Board of AVC, Superintendent Mathers has been participating on a finance committee to investigate additional ways to keep costs down at AVC. The brainstorming sessions have produced good outcomes at a time when all organizations are attempting to keep expenditures under control. Mr. Mathers reviewed a list of AVC Plan Options.

Approved the posting of summer crew positions for Summer, 2009, and also post a six month Grounds and Maintenance Position.

Entered closed session at 7:20 P.M. for consideration the Appointment, employment, discipline, performance or dismissal or removal of specific employees; Student discipline cases; and Special educational programs or other matters relating to individual students.

Board returned to open session at 8:27 P.M.

Approved the reemployment of the following first year full-time non-tenured certified staff for the 2009-2010 school year:

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| 1. Tara Baumgartner | 3. MaLinda Cropper | 5. Judy Fitzpatrick | 7. Judy Mathers |
| 2. Denise Brotzman | 4. Dave Degarmo | 6. Steve Lansing | 8. Renee White |

Approved the reemployment of the following second year full-time non-tenured certified staff for the 2009-2010 school year: 1. Mark Bressler 2. Patricia Kelley 3. Chandra Paschal

Approved the reemployment of the following third year full-time non-tenured certified staff for the 2009-2010 school year:

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| 1. Patricia Adleman | 3. Denise Brinkmeier | 5. Amy Foster |
| 2. Salinda Belander | 4. JorjAnn Fink | 6. Teresa Maidak |

Approved the reemployment of the following fourth year full-time certified staff for the 2009-2010 school year, and granted them tenure:

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| 1. Nancy Hakes | 3. Stephanie Iben | 5. Robyn Lamb | 7. Candace Silvius |
| 2. Jessica Handel | 4. Janis Jones | 6. Anne Parry | 8. Gina Wilkinson |

Approved the reemployment of the following part-time non-tenured certified staff for the 2009-2010 school year: 1. Ron Henze 2. Sylvia Schneider

Approved the reemployment of the following part-time tenured certified staff for the 2009-2010 school year: 1. Sue Gerlach 2. Eunice Rath 3. Julane Bowman

Approved a Resolution authorizing non-reemployment of second year full-time non-tenured certified staff member, Don Yahn, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Lea Ann Michels as a West Carroll Middle School Special Education Teacher, effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year and to allow Ms. Michels to use the Teacher Retirement Option, Article XVI, section 16.01 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years.

Accepted with regret, the resignation of Anita Hollewell as a West Carroll High School Science Teacher, effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year and to allow Ms. Hollewell to use the Teacher Retirement Option, Article XVI, section 16.01 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years.

Accepted the resignation of Darci Paisley as a West Carroll Primary School Special Education Teacher, effective at the end of the current school year.

Accepted the resignation of Jonathan Paisley as the West Carroll Middle School EXCEL/Life Skills Teacher, effective at the end of the current school year.

Accepted the resignation of Chris Simcox as a West Carroll High School English Teacher, effective at the end of the current school year.

Accepted with regret, the resignation of Roberta Randall, as Cafeteria Clerk at the WCPS, effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year and to allow Ms. Randall to use Article 17: Retirement Option, of the Support Personnel Collective Bargaining Agreement, for the 2009-2010 school year.

Accepted the resignation of Jessica Handel as the 7th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2010 season.

Accepted the resignation of Pat Davis as the 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2010 season.

Approved a Resolution authorizing the non-reemployment of the following non-certified employees, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year:

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| 1. Teresa Bauer | 3. Tammy Heitter | 5. Marlena Kerr | 7. Denise Vandendooren |
| 2. Glenn Faber | 4. Charlotte Johnston | 6. Mary Rossow | |

Approved a Resolution authorizing dismissal of non-certified employee, Carmen Orozco, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

Employed Robert Lamb, Jeanette Ashby, Pam Delp, Julie Katzenberger, and Monica Burkholder as West Carroll C.U.S.D. No. 314 Administrators for the 2009-2010 school year, with salaries to be determined.

Approved the renewal of tenured certified staff, in that all faculty, except those specifically named in other personnel action at this meeting, be reemployed for an assignment to be determined by the administration for the 2009-2010 school year.

Approved the renewal of non-certified staff, in that all non-certified staff, except those named in other personnel action at this meeting, be reemployed for an assignment to be determined by the administration for the 2009-2010 school year.

Approved the reassignment of Certified Staff for 2009-2010 as follows:

- Angela Kamper to First Grade
- Tracey Rein to 7th Grade Language Arts
- MaLinda Cropper to Special Education / Resource
- Kevin Venner to WCPS Physical Education
- Janis Jones to 8th Grade Reading
- Jodi Purlee to 6th Science / Health
- Jessica Handel to WCHS Physical Education
- Julane Bowman to WCMS EXCEL – 1.0 FTE
- Randy Steinbach to full-time Driver's Education
- Brady Knop to Physical Education / Driver's Education
- Salinda Belander to Business / Health
- Patricia Adleman to 6th Grade Language Arts

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Approved the reassignment of Non-Certified Staff as follows:

Jennifer Wilkinson to WCMS EXCEL Aide

Jeanine Bielema to WCMS Special Education Aide

Angela Lopez to WCPS EXCEL Aide

Deta Gillen to WCPS Preschool Aide

Judy Houzenga - WCPS Library Aide and WCIS Library Aide

Approved a request from Jennifer McGinnis to purchase a fourth Personal Day and to use one day as leave without pay.

Approved requests from Laura Conover and Jessica Handle to purchase a 4th Personal Day.

Approved an early graduation request from a West Carroll High School Senior.

Approved the employment of Jayne Sedivy as a substitute bus driver.

Adjourned at 8:35 P.M.