

**West Carroll C.U.S.D. #314**  
**August 20, 2009**  
**Board of Education "Briefs"**

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, Lamb and Burkholder

Members present: Atherton, Boyd, Brigham, Highland, Kilpatrick, Klein and Sweeney

Others present: Brad Field, Michelle Konrardy, Media (Gengenbach, Miller, Nester)

The Board of Education approved the July 16, 2009; Public Hearing minutes, the July 16, 2009; Regular Meeting minutes, the July 16, 2009; Regular Meeting, closed session minutes, the August 5, 2009; Public Hearing minutes, and the August 5, 2009; Special Meeting minutes.

The financial reports and payment of bills as presented were approved.

Public Comments - None

Correspondence – High School Secretary, Arleta Vian, thanked the Board for the new office furnishings and renovations done at the high school office and also thanked everyone at the Primary Building for the wonderful treatment they received while the construction was going on at the high school building this summer.

Primary School Principal, Jeanette Ashby, reported that the first week of school has been very exciting. Teachers are busy preparing for a new year and the office and janitorial staff have been busy preparing for the arrival of over 400 students. Mrs. Ashby noted that the Primary School is also eager to begin their second year of Rtl and *Back to School Night* was held on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Intermediate School Principal, Pam Delp, thanked the secretaries and custodians for all their hard work over the summer preparing for the new school year. Mrs. Delp noted that the Intermediate School is excited about the new approach to reading instruction this year with the emphasis on Rtl. *Meet the Teacher Night* will be held on August 25<sup>th</sup> along with *Beginning Band Instrument Night*. Christina Rios from the Riverview Center will be coming to work with the Intermediate students throughout the year on a weekly basis.

Middle School Principal, Julie Katzenberger, reported a 74% participation at the Middle School *Meet the Teacher Night* held on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Names of faculty new to the Middle School for 2009-2010 were announced, along with a current enrollment figure of 320 students. Mrs. Katzenberger thanked the following local businesses who donated to the Middle School Attendance Incentive Program: Allen St. George, Foosball table; THE National Bank – (2) Dart Boards; Sullivan's – (2) Certificates for Sunday Brunch and (2) \$5.00 gift certificates; Dr. Purlee – (6) \$5.00 Dairy Queen Gift Certificates; and Crouse Plumbing and Heating – (2) T-shirts. The Middle School Curriculum has been updated for the 2009-2010 school year and will be posted on the WC website.

High School Principal, Bob Lamb, announced that the WC High School is off to a very good start and complimented the high school faculty and office staff for making it all possible, especially since they were locked out of the building all summer because of the construction work. Mr. Lamb thanked the custodial staff for getting the building in shape and Brad Field for getting the technology back up and running for everyone. High School teacher, Michelle Konrardy, thought the building was much more cheerful and uplifting.

Technology Director, Brad Field, reported that the construction work at the high school and moving the office took a lot more time than he anticipated. The high school office is back in place, but there is still more to do and it may take another week for everything to be completed. Mr. Field thanked JorjAnn Fink for her help and the custodial staff in all the buildings for their incredible cooperation.

Superintendent Mathers updated the Board on guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Board members agreed that it would be a good idea to hold the September Board of Education meeting at the high school so they can see the finished construction projects. Mr. Mathers also distributed the 2009-2010 Professional Growth Plan, current numbers for the National School Lunch Program, HLS construction minutes, and discussed the current costs to place a want ad in the local papers.

Board Committee Reports - None

The Board approved the destruction of the November 20, 2007 regular meeting, closed session tape.

The district received 3 bids on snow removal for this winter. The Board approved the bid from Zickau Construction for the 2009-2010 district snow removal at West Carroll High School and West Carroll Primary School.

The Board approved the Second Reading of the West Carroll Workload Plan for Special Educators.

Board members approved the continuation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade swimming lessons for 2009-2010 school year with the Savanna Park District.

Superintendent Mathers noted that a public notice that the FY 10 budget is on display as of August 17, 2009, was sent to the local papers.

The Board approved the creation of a Drama Club at WCHS to be included with the extra duty assignments.

Board members approved the sale of a Century Mig Welder and Mig Welder and spooling gun for \$220.00.

The Board approved the completion of the Bond Disclosure Statement to be completed by William and Blair for the amount of \$1,200.00.

The Applications for Occupancy Permit for the projects completed at West Carroll High School, West Carroll Middle School, and West Carroll Primary School in the summer of 2009 were approved.

The Board approved the addition of Denise Noordhoff and Claudine Guenzler to the signature card at THE National Bank.

WC Building Principals updated the Board on how West Carroll is progressing towards the procedures required under the Rtl mandate. The Primary School made major steps forward last year in the areas of universal screening, discussion and initiation of interventions, and reviewing individual student scores. AIMSWeb is now progressing into the Intermediate School for 2009-2010. Training and collaboration is ongoing as the staff addresses individual student needs.

Atherton left the regular meeting at 7:59 p.m.

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The Board entered closed session at 8:00 p.m. for consideration of the Appointment, employment, discipline, performance or dismissal or removal of specific employees and Collective Bargaining matters or consideration of salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

Board members returned to open Session at 9:15 p.m.

The Board approved, with regret, the retirement of Bev Atherton as West Carroll Intermediate School head cook.

The Board approved the request from Judy Houzenga for a one year leave of absence as a library aide at West Carroll Primary School and West Carroll Intermediate School.

The Board approved, with regret, the resignation of Tom Robbe as West Carroll Primary School part-time custodian.

Board members approved the transfer of Shelley Falls to the full time head cook position at West Carroll Intermediate School.

Board members approved the transfer of Renita Bellich to the full time cook position at West Carroll Intermediate School.

The Board approved the transfer of Jeanine Bielema to the position of library aide at West Carroll Primary School and West Carroll Intermediate School.

Employed Teresa Bauer as a special education aide at West Carroll Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year.

Employed Glenn Faber as a special education aide in the EXCEL classroom at West Carroll High School for the 2009-2010 school year.

Employed Tammy Heitter as a part time special education aide at West Carroll High School for the 2009-2010 school year.

Employed Mary Rossow as a part-time special education aide for a hearing impaired student at West Carroll Primary School for the 2009-2010 school year

Board members employed Karlyn Cate as a part time custodian at West Carroll Primary School for the 2009-2010 school year.

The Board employed Jennifer Reardon as an intern school district psychologist for the 2009-2010 school year.

The Board approved Andy Hughes and Ryan Carty as volunteer football coaches at West Carroll High School for the 2009 season.

The Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 9:18 P.M.