

August 21, 2008

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, Burkholder, Delp,
Katzenberger and Lamb

Members present: Boyd, Highland, Kelley, Klein, Melhus and Sweeney

Members absent: Foltz

Others present: Bill Gengenbach, Mike Nester, Eileen Carlson and J.C. Carey

Motion by Klein to approve July 24, 2008, Regular Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Kelley. Roll call vote: Boyd – yes, Foltz – absent, Highland – yes, Kelley – yes, Klein – yes, Melhus – yes, Sweeney – abstain. 5 – yes; 1 – absent; 1 – abstain. Motion carried.

Motion by Melhus to approve July 24, 2008, Regular Meeting, Closed Session Minutes. Seconded by Boyd. Roll call vote: Boyd – yes, Foltz – absent, Highland – yes, Kelley – yes, Klein – yes, Melhus – yes, Sweeney – abstain. 5 – yes; 1 – absent; 1 – abstain. Motion carried.

Motion by Sweeney to approve August 14, 2008, Special Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Melhus. Roll call vote: Boyd – yes, Foltz – absent, Highland – yes, Kelley – abstain, Klein – abstain, Melhus – yes, Sweeney – yes. 4 – yes; 2 – abstain; 1 – absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Boyd to approve August 14, 2008, Special Meeting, Closed Session Minutes. Seconded by Highland. Roll call vote: Boyd – yes, Foltz – absent, Highland – yes, Kelley – abstain, Klein – abstain, Melhus – yes, Sweeney – yes. 4 – yes; 2 – abstain; 1 – absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Highland to approve the financial reports and payment of bills as presented. Seconded by Kelley. Roll call vote: 6 yes. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Superintendent Mathers received a letter regarding a 6th Grade Volleyball program. The person who sent the letter was volunteering to run the program at the Middle School.

Monica Burkholder, said that as an 8th Grade Volleyball Coach last year, she could testify that the 6th Grade Program had really helped the Junior High Volleyball Program in the past and was very worthwhile. Board members agreed to move forward with the program and Superintendent Mathers will check into all the details involved.

Middle School Principal, Julie Katzenberger, reported that eight Middle School teachers attended the RtI (Response to Intervention) workshop on August 14, 2008, in Freeport; everyone felt the workshop was a valuable experience and they are looking forward to meeting the needs of all children. The first home volleyball game will be held on Monday, August 25th and the first home football game will be on Tuesday, September 2nd. WCMS Picture Day is Wednesday, September 10th and Open House will be held on September 23rd from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Mrs. Katzenberger congratulated Jon Paisley for writing and receiving a \$200.00 Grant for the Phonics Program.

Intermediate School Principal, Pam Delp, thanked the custodians and George Kruse, who all worked very hard to prepare for the new school year. The new Air Phone-Door Lock System is installed and is really appreciated. Open House for the WCIS is planned for September 9th from 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.; Beginning Band Night and the Book Fair Family Night will also be held that evening. Mrs. Delp has been very busy with Special Education and provided enrollment numbers for the new school year. Mrs. Delp thanked Mrs. Ashby and the Primary School's RtI Team for compiling the RtI Reference Sheet that was included in the Board packets.

Primary School Principal, Jeanette Ashby, informed the Board that their "Back to School Night" was held on Monday, August 18th. Many of the teachers have attended Rtl Workshops over the summer so they can begin Rtl at the Primary School this year; students will be tested in September and the data will then be used to determine the students' needs. Mrs. Ashby noted that the WC Primary School will have volunteer training again for anyone who would like to help at school.

High School Principal, Bob Lamb, thanked WC High School Guidance Counselors, Dave Baisden and Jack Roemer, for turning the schedule around and having it ready for the first day of school. "Meet the Thunder" will be held on Friday, August 22nd for the High School Golf, Volleyball and Football teams. Mr. Lamb thanked the maintenance staff for installing the Air Phone-Door Lock System and thanked the Board for providing this additional security.

Foltz entered the meeting at 6:50 P.M.

Superintendent Mathers' report included the following information:

- Truancy Committee Update
- AVC Approved Tentative Budget for FY '09
- Sports Booster Club Update
- New Teacher Orientation
- Staff Absence Procedures
- Melon Days
- Alliance Legislative Report
- Illinois Department of Corrections
- Invitation to a School Law Conference
- Legal Update from HLERK

President Boyd presented a Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$3,910,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2008C, and not to exceed \$1,640,000 Taxable General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2008D, of Community Unit School District No. 314, Carroll and JoDaviess Counties, Illinois, and for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds.

Motion by Kelley to approve the Resolution as presented. Seconded by Highland. Roll call vote: 7 yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Klein to approve the destruction of the West Carroll Board of Education Closed Session Meeting tape from the December 18, 2006, Regular Meeting. Seconded by Sweeney. Roll call vote: 7 yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelley to appoint Superintendent Mathers to review, approve and accept the draft audit and the draft state financial report for the current fiscal year, and to sign the transmittal letter to the District's auditors, Robert L. Carlile, CPA, within a five day period. Seconded by Sweeney. Roll call vote: 7 yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Highland to approve the annual Facilities Space Lease with the City of Savanna for the radio antenna. Seconded by Klein. Roll call vote: 7 yes. Motion carried.

Board Members discussed the approval of a three (3) year Consulting Agreement with Miller & Buettner to broker the district's health insurance.

Motion by Melhus to table the discussion of the approval of a three (3) year Consulting Agreement with Miller and Buettner. Motion died for lack of a second.

The Board decided not to take any action regarding the Consulting Agreement with Miller and Buettner at this time.

Motion by Boyd to approve the bid from Northwest Mechanical to complete the boiler work at the WC Primary School, at a cost not to exceed \$29,208. Seconded Sweeney. Roll call vote: 7 yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelley to approve the First Reading of the 2008-2009 Tentative Budget and put it on display in the West Carroll District Office located at 801 South Street, Thomson, Illinois, for the public to review, with the Public Hearing set for 6:30 P.M. on September 18, 2008, in the West Carroll Intermediate School Library/Media Center. Seconded by Foltz. Roll call vote: 7 yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sweeney to approve the Application for Occupancy Permit for the West Carroll High School following the completion of the Health/Life/Safety work on July 25, 2008. Seconded by Klein. Roll call vote: 7 yes. Motion carried.

Superintendent Mathers informed the Board that the Savanna Park District is interested in expanding the West Carroll District's use of the pool for lessons. The idea could be advantageous for the students in a community with so much access to water. For the Park District, it could generate additional interest, revenue, and advertise the programs offered. Several points for the WC School District to consider before making a final decision include: transportation, curriculum correlation, scheduling issues/class sizes, certification of staff, timeframes, and costs. Superintendent Mathers will investigate all the issues involved and provide the Board with a report as soon as he has all of the information needed to make a decision regarding the Park District's offer.

Superintendent Mathers informed the Board that the West Carroll High School received an invitation to join the Big Rivers Conference for 2010-2011. The WC School District would have to consider the following items: transportation costs, scheduling, strength of conference, traditional rivals, timeline for commitment to NUIC and Big Rivers, what activities are available, conference stability, and annual costs such as officials, conference fees, etc. The Board agreed to respectfully decline the offer.

Superintendent Mathers provided information regarding the monetary breakdown from registration which was held on July 29 & 30, 2008. There were many positive comments and it was evident the credit card option is a successful adaptation.

Motion by Sweeney to enter closed session at 7:48 P.M. for consideration of the Appointment, employment, discipline, performance or dismissal or removal of specific employees; Collective Bargaining matters or consideration of salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and the Purchase or lease of real property or setting of a price for sale or lease of district property. Seconded by Boyd. Roll call vote: 7 yes. Motion carried.

Board returned to open session at 8:46 P.M.

Motion by Kelley to accept Lindsay Safranek's resignation as a 2008-2009 West Carroll High School Math Teacher, effective immediately. Seconded by Sweeney. Roll call vote: 7 yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sweeney to employ Renee White as a West Carroll High School Math Teacher for the 2008-09 school year. Seconded by Foltz. Roll call vote: 7 yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Foltz to employ Denise Vandendooren as a Special Education Aide at the West Carroll Middle School for the 2008-2009 school year. Seconded by Highland. Roll call vote: 7 yes. Motion carried.

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Motion by Highland to allow Jeanette Ashby to transfer her remaining six vacation days from the 2007-2008 school year to the 2008-2009 school year. Seconded Klein. Roll call vote: 7 yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Klein to approve a request from Julie Katzenberger to extend her remaining 1 ½ vacation days from 2007-2008, to August 15, 2008. Seconded by Boyd. Roll call vote: 7 yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Boyd to employ Jessica Kness as a West Carroll School District Bus Driver. Seconded by Melhus. Roll call vote: 7 yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelley to adjourn at 8:47 P.M. Seconded by Sweeney. Roll call vote: 7 yes. Motion carried.

L. Spencer
Recorder

Secretary,

Mike Highland

APPROVED: _____
David Boyd, Board President