

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 18, 2020

The regular meeting of the board of education of Carmi-White County Community Unit District No. 5 was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at Jefferson Attendance Center (new building). The meeting was called to order by President Andy Acord at 7:00 p.m. Barbara Mitchell served as Acting Secretary.

RECITAL OF PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. Those present were board members Acord, Hammell, Mitchell and Scates. Others present were Superintendent Brad Lee; Amy Atteberry, Washington Attendance Center principal; Amy Dixon, Jefferson and Lincoln Attendance Centers principal; Bart King, junior high principal; Jarrod Newell, high school principal; Kathy Price, Brownsville Attendance Center Principal; Tom Knasel and Patrick Haskell, Brownsville School Foundation; Rachel Blazier, unit secretary; Scott Mareing (WROY); and Nicole Behnke--Bullock, Editor (Carmi Chronicle).

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED

Consent agenda items were presented to the board for its approval as follows:

1. Minutes of January 21, 2020 regular meeting of the board of education
2. Board Scholar, first semester, 2019-2020 school year

Under Board Policy, any high school student who earns a grade of "A" in every class in which he/she is enrolled and in which grades are assigned and has received credit in those classes where no grades are assigned has earned the distinction of Board Scholar. The following student was inadvertently left out and has achieved that distinction for the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year.

SENIOR
Olivia Gwaltney

3. Junior high completion ceremony and high school graduation and baccalaureate dates

The junior high completion ceremony has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. In addition, the high school graduation date has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. and baccalaureate has been scheduled for Sunday, May 3, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

It was recommended that the board set junior high school completion ceremony, high school graduation, and baccalaureate dates as noted above.

4. 2020-2021 School Calendar

The calendar that was selected by the majority (62%) of those voting is Option 1. A copy is attached to these minutes. This calendar begins on a Thursday with two-full day teacher inservice days and students beginning with a full day on Monday, August 17, and a fifty-minute early dismissal. It has traditional Christmas and spring breaks.

It was recommended that the board of education adopt the calendar that received the most votes.

5. 2020-2021 open house, inservice, and parent/teacher conference dates

The Unit 5 Events Coordination Committee for 2019-2020 has met and determined programs and dates to recommend for approval by the board of education. The inservice and parent/teacher conference dates, if approved, will be incorporated into our 2020-2021 school calendar. Dr. Dixon, Director of Instruction, has outlined the recommendations of the Unit 5 Events Coordination Committee as follows:

The following are proposed 2020-2021 open house, inservice, and parent/teacher conference dates presented to the board of education for its approval at the regular February meeting of the board of education.

<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>Back-to-School</u>
Lincoln	August 13
Jefferson	August 14
Washington	August 17
Junior High School	August 18
High School	August 21

<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>Inservice Dates</u>
First two days of school	August 13 and 14/ Full Day Teacher Institute
September 11	½ Day Inservice
October 9.....	½ Day Inservice
November 20.....	½ Day Inservice
January 15	½ Day Inservice
February 12	½ Day Inservice
March 12	½ Day Inservice
April 16	½ Day Inservice
Last Day of School.....	Full Day Institute

<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>Parent/Teacher Conference Dates</u>
Brownsville	September 24, 3:30-6:30 p.m. September 29, 3:30-6:30 p.m.
Lincoln	October 22, 3:30-6:30 p.m. October 26, 3:30-6:30 p.m.
Jefferson	October 22, 3:30-6:30 p.m. October 26, 3:30-6:30 p.m.
Washington	October 21, 3:30-6:30 p.m. October 26, 3:30-6:30 p.m.
Junior High School	To be announced
High School	To be announced

Conference times will be extended to accommodate any parent who cannot attend during the scheduled time.

<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>Open House Dates</u>
Brownsville	October 15, 2020
Lincoln	April 16, 2021
Jefferson	October 1, 2020
Washington	To be announced
Junior High School	To be announced
High School	To be announced

It was recommended that the board approve the 2020-2021 open house, inservice, and parent/teacher conference dates as recommended by the Unit 5 Events Coordination Committee.

6. Final Action of Changes in Board Policies: 2:20, 2:70, 2:100, 2:105, 2:110, 2:200, 2:220, 2:260, 4:15, 4:30, 4:60, 4:80, 4:150, 5:10, 5:20, 5:30, 5:50, 5:90, 5:100, 5:120, 5:200, 5:220, 5:250, 5:290, 5:330, 6:20, 6:60, 6:150, 6:300, 7:20, 7:150, 7:180, 7:270 and 8:30

For board policy adoptions to become effective, they must be acted on at two (2) meetings. This will be the second and final action on adoption of board policies: 2:20 Powers and Duties of the Board of Education; Indemnification; 2:70 Vacancies on the Board of Education – Filling Vacancies; 2:100 Board Member Conflict of Interest; 2:105 Ethics and Gift Ban; 2:110 Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers; 2:200 Types of Board of Education Meetings; 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedure; 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure; 4:15 Identity Protection; 4:30 Revenue and Investments; 4:60 Purchases and Contracts; 4:80 Accounting and Audits; 4:150 Facility Management and Building Programs; 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment; 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited; 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria; 5:50 Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition; 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting; 5:100 Staff Development Program; 5:120 Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest; 5:200 Terms and

Conditions of Employment and Dismissal; 5:220 Substitute Teachers; 5:250 Leaves of Absence; 5:290 Employment Termination and Suspensions; 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves; 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day; 6:60 Curriculum Content; 6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction; 6:300 Graduation Requirements; 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited; 7:150 Agency and Police Interviews; 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment; 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students; and 8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property.

It was recommended that the board of education give final approval to adoption of board policies, as amended.

7. Final Action on Adoption of Board Policy: 4:190 Targeted School Violence Prevention

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It was recommended that the board of education give final approval to adoption of board policy.

8. Resignations

Laura Saunders has submitted a letter of resignation as a 7th Grade English Language Arts Teacher at the Carmi-White County Junior High School effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

Anna York has submitted a letter of resignation as a Fifth Grade Teacher at Washington Attendance Center effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

Rita Thomas has submitted a letter of resignation as a Special Education Classroom Aide at Brownsville Attendance Center effective January 7, 2020.

Janet Childers has submitted a letter of resignation as a Noon Supervisor and Crossing Guard at Lincoln Attendance Center effective February 5, 2020.

Trey Mason has submitted a letter of resignation as the Carmi-White County Junior High School Girls' Track Coach effective immediately.

Matthew Sneed has submitted a letter of resignation as a Special Education Individual Aide at the Carmi-White County Junior High School effective February 14, 2020.

It was recommended that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Laura Saunders as a 7th Grade English Language Arts Teacher at the Carmi-White

County Junior High School effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year, the resignation of Anna York as a Fifth Grade Teacher at Washington Attendance Center effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year, the resignation of Rita Thomas as a Special Education Classroom Aide at Brownsville Attendance Center effective January 7, 2020, the resignation of Janet Childers as a Noon Supervisor and Crossing Guard at Lincoln Attendance Center effective February 5, 2020, the resignation of Trey Mason as the Carmi-White County Junior High School Girls' Track Coach effective immediately, and the resignation of Matthew Sneed as a Special Education Individual Aide at the Carmi-White County Junior High School effective February 14, 2020.

9. Donations

Brownsville Attendance Center has been the recent recipient of the following donations in support of its program:

In Memory of Guy Moore:

Ms. Cindy Martin.....\$50.00

In Memory of Glenn Lankford:

Ms. Cindy Martin.....\$50.00

Anonymous.....\$210.00

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shupe.....\$25.00

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Etheridge.....\$20.00

Mrs. Terry Mewes.....\$20.00

Ms. Pam Drechsel.....\$25.00

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Shepherd.....\$60.00

Mr. Marty Doan.....\$50.00

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Shepherd.....\$50.00

Mr. and Mrs. Britt Shepherd.....\$50.00

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Washburn.....\$20.00

Little Prairie Christian Church

(Agape SS Class).....\$20.00

Mr. and Mrs. Kris Stanhope.....\$50.00

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Schnicker.....\$50.00

Ms. Cindy Poppenhager.....\$25.00

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hurley.....\$25.00

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Drechsel.....\$50.00

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Waters.....\$100.00

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mann.....\$25.00

Ms. Ellen Sams.....\$75.00

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Loyd.....\$100.00

Ms. Jolene Knight.....\$100.00

Samaria Baptist Church.....\$100.00

Little Prairie Christian Church

(Loyal Men & Women SS Class).....\$400.00

Ms. Ruth Kimbrell	\$20.00
Ms. Diana Outlaw	\$100.00
Little Prairie Church	\$50.00
Knights of Columbus	\$445.00
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Charities Inc.....	\$558.00
TOTAL DONATIONS	\$2,923.00

In line with board policy, it was recommended that the board of education accept the donations noted above.

Motion by Hammell, second by Mitchell, that recommendations for consent agenda items as follows:

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be approved. Roll call vote: Hammell, yes; Mitchell, yes; Scates, yes; Acord, yes. Motion carried.

BILLS APPROVED

An additional list of bills was presented to the board of education for its consideration and approval.

Motion by Scates, second by Hammell, that the bills for the month of January 2020 be approved as listed. Roll call vote: Hammell, yes; Mitchell, yes; Scates, yes; Acord, yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report for the month of January 2020 was read as follows: Education Fund, \$3,295,435; Building Fund, \$259,891; Transportation Fund, \$541,704; Municipal Retirement Fund, \$108,740; Imprest Fund, \$6,409; Tort Fund, \$618,187; Debt Service Fund, \$419,370; Working Cash Fund, \$81,506; Fire Prevention and Safety Fund, \$172,285; and Capital Projects Fund, \$522,148. Investments by Fund: Education Fund, \$4,000,000; Building Fund, \$600,000; Municipal Retirement Fund, \$475,000; Working Cash Fund, \$425,000; and Capital Projects, \$1,000,000.

Superintendent Lee provided the board with a breakdown of receipts for the month of January 2020. He reported that the Education Fund received \$1,168,798 and 1% Sales Tax received \$55,318. Total receipts for January 2020 totaled \$1,224,117.

Motion by Mitchell, second by Hammell, that the treasurer's report for the month of January 2020 be approved as read. Roll call vote: Mitchell, yes; Scates, yes; Hammell, yes; Acord, yes. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Lee reported the following items to the board:

1. ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS, SPRING DINNER MEETING

The spring dinner meeting of the IASB, Egyptian Division, will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at Nashville CHSD #99 in Nashville, Illinois. If any board members would like to attend, they may contact Mr. Lee at the central office and the appropriate reservations will be made.

2. WOVSSED GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

A WOVSSED governing board meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Board Member Kelli Chapman is the district's representative on this board.

3. CONGRATULATIONS ACES TEAM (ACADEMIC CHALLENGE IN ENGINEERING SCIENCE)

Congratulations to the Carmi-White County High School ACES Team on their 2nd place finish in Regional Competition at Southeastern Illinois College. They will advance to Sectionals on March 11 at SIU-Carbondale. Following are the individual results.

Alex Issawi – 1st place Computer Science

Kyle Glaser – 1st place Computer Science and 3rd place Engineering Graphics

Alex O’Daniel – 2nd place Engineering Graphics
 Gia Berekashvilli – 2nd place Mathematics
 Sloane Barbre – 2nd place English
 Marie Blankenberger – 2nd place English
 Justin Weaver – 3rd place Chemistry and 3rd place English

The ACES team is coached by Emily Driscoll and Adam Cross.

4. EMERGENCY DAYS

To date the district has used one emergency day this school year. If no more emergency days are utilized, the last student attendance day would be Friday, May 15 and the last day for staff would be Monday, May 18.

5. STAND FOR CHILDREN ILLINOIS

A representative from Stand for Children Illinois contacted Superintendent Lee about including our district in a series of videos focusing on telling our story. Our district was recommended to them by the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA) because of the financial hardships our district endured and how the Evidence Based Funding (EBF) has contributed to its turnaround. They videoed some of the staff that has been hired since the EBF funding started, some classes they teach, students that have benefited from those classes and a parent advocate. Dr. Dixon and Mr. Newell were also interviewed and played a vital role in organizing the information for the video. The goal of Stand for Children Illinois is to encourage legislators to continue investing in the EBF formula. They hope that by producing and publicizing a series of high-energy, compelling videos filmed in various districts across Illinois, it will impact the decision to continue increasing State Funding for public schools.

BROWNSVILLE SCHOOL FOUNDATION

Members of the Brownsville School Foundation (Tom Knasel and Patrick Haskell) gave an update on the playground at the Brownsville School. A “Brownsville School Foundation Inc. Playground Project” report and a “Become a Friend to the Brownsville School Foundation” brochure were provided for each board member. Mr. Knasel provided an update to board members of what the foundation is trying to accomplish and where the foundation is in Phase 1 of the project.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Scates, second by Hammell, that the board meet in closed session at 7:20 p.m. for purposes of discussing appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of an employee or officer. Roll call vote: Mitchell, yes; Scates, yes; Hammell, yes; Acord, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mitchell, second by Scates, that the board return to open session at 9:40 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES APPROVED

Motion by Scates, second by Mitchell, that the board approve closed session minutes of the December 16, 2019 and January 21, 2020 regular meeting of the board of education. Roll call vote: Hammell, yes; Mitchell, yes; Scates, yes; Acord, yes. Motion carried.

AMANDA BUTTRY EMPLOYED AS BUILDING SECRETARY AT LINCOLN ATTENDANCE CENTER

Motion by Mitchell, second by Acord, that Amanda Buttry be employed as the Building Secretary at Lincoln Attendance Center for the 2019-2020 school year to fill the vacancy created by the reassignment of Joy McCully. Roll call vote: Hammell, yes; Mitchell, yes; Scates, yes; Acord, yes. Motion carried.

BAILEY WINTERS EMPLOYED AS THE HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT SOFTBALL COACH

Motion by Hammell, second by Acord, that Bailey Winters be employed as the High School Assistant Softball Coach for the 2019-2020 school year to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Beth Hart. Roll call vote: Hammell, yes; Mitchell, yes; Scates, yes; Acord, yes. Motion carried.

CAMMIE POLLARD, ABBEY VAUGHAN, ARIANA WATTS, JOHN CHOATE, AND THYS BAX APPROVED AS JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACHES FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Scates, second by Mitchell, that the following be approved: Cammie Pollard, Abbey Vaughan and Ariana Watts as Volunteer Assistant Junior High Volleyball Coaches for the 2019-2020 school year, John Choate as a Volunteer Assistant High School Baseball Coach for the 2019-2019 school year, and Thys Bax as a Volunteer High School Assistant Girls'/Boys' Track Coach for the 2019-2020 school year. Roll call vote: Mitchell, yes; Scates, yes; Hammell, yes; Acord, yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Motion by Scates, second by Hammell, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:44 p.m.
Motion carried by unanimous vote.

BARBARA MITCHELL, ACTING SECRETARY
Carmi-White County Community Unit
District No. 5
White County, Illinois

ANDY ACORD, PRESIDENT