

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2024

The Board of Education of Wilmington Community Unit School District No. 209-U met in regular session on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:01 P.M. in the Wilmington School District Boardroom. President Anderson called the meeting to order with the following members answering roll call: Alberico, Cragg, Dziuban(arrived at 6:03 P.M.), Kempes (absent), Kunz, Southall (absent), and Anderson.

A motion was made by Stickel and seconded by Southall at 6:02 P.M. to discuss in closed session and to take action in open session: The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees/coaches; Collective negotiating matters between the Board of Education and its employees or their representatives; To make a semi-annual review of all closed meetings. Alberico-aye, Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-absent, Kunz-aye, Southall-absent, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cragg and seconded by Alberico to leave closed session at 6:16 P.M. Alberico-aye, Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-absent, Kunz-aye, Southall-absent, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

Pledge to the Flag 6:30 P.M.

0 guests were present.

A motion was made by Dziuban and seconded by Alberico to approve the agenda and consent agenda for the Monday, January 8, 2024 meeting of the Wilmington Community Unit School District 209-U Board of Education as presented. All Aye. Motion carried.

Opportunity for Public Input:

None

Administrator Reports:

Mrs. Beth Norman, Bruning Principal reported:

All students were tested in Literacy and Math the first two weeks in January. RTI groups have been adjusted based on the scores from this testing. There is an early dismissal day on February 8th for school improvement. We will celebrate Valentine's Day on Tuesday, February 14th. The parties will be from 1:00 PM-2:00 PM. Pre-School will have a home/school connection day on Friday, February 17th. There will be no school on Monday, February 20th. Our 2nd trimester will end on February 17th and report cards will be available electronically on February 27th. The dates for Kindergarten registration have been set for March 27-31. Information will go home this month so families in the community that have a 5-year-old by September 1, 2023 can begin scheduling their registration appointments. All teachers have completed their student growth assessments for the winter testing cycle. The teachers all showed significant growth. The Pre-School teachers will attend the Pre-K/Kindergarten Conference on March 2nd and 3rd. Special thanks to Bob and Erin who have been working extra hours due to Shelia being sick.

Mrs. Casey Orellano, L.J. Stevens Principal reported:

Students were assessed using Aims + in January. I-Ready was completed in December. RTI groups were adjusted accordingly based on the data. Our 2nd BESS (social/emotional screener) will be February 8th. Fourth and fifth grade students will take the 5-Essentials Survey on February 8th. We celebrate Career Week at the end of January each year. We had Career Dress Days, Interview tips, and ended the week with a Career Charades Game. Fifth grade student researched careers and those essays were read during morning announcement. Students learned a lot. The 100th day of school was February 2nd. Students will celebrate with parties on Tuesday, February 14th from 1:45-2:30 p.m. Please join us to view the fourth grade in their presentation of "We Sing of America" on Thursday, February 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the WMS gym. There is no school on February 20th to honor Presidents Day. SIS has Tim Hanig-Pro Kids Assembly on February 23rd. Mr. Hanig will then do a community event on the night of the 23rd. Thank you to the Wilmington Coalition and PTO for sponsoring and funding this wonderful assembly. The second trimester ends February 17th. Report cards will be sent electronically on Monday, February 27th. No school on Monday, March 6th. IAR will be administered beginning April 12th. Third, Fourth, and Fifth grades take two ELA tests and three Math tests. Fifth grade will also take the ISA (Illinois Science Assessment). The February meeting of WE-PTO was February 7th. The March PTO meeting is March 7th. Beginning with the March PTO meeting, meetings will be back in person and moving to 6:00 p.m. in the SIS Library.

Mr. Adam Spicer, Wilmington Middle School Principal reported (in writing):

The 2nd Trimester will end on Friday, February 17. Report cards will be made available via Skyward on Friday, February 24. High School guidance department will begin the process this month of scheduling 8th grade students for high school classes. State mandated testing windows officially open in March. WMS students will take the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) in March and the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) in April. AIMS Web winter benchmark testing ended in January. Students were tested in Reading and Math. Meetings have been scheduled to discuss the data. All students and staff members will take the 5 Essentials survey on February 8th. Congratulations to the WMS Wildcats of the Month for January. 6th – Lesly Gutierrez; 7th – Nekko Sterkowitz; 8th – Gabrielle Kluk Mrs. Georgeff will be taking six 8th grade students to the honor band festival at Olivet on Monday, February 13th. Congratulations to the following students on being selected to attend: Gavin Biskupski, Alexis Decker, Noah Kerwin, Braden Long, Adien Myers, Nate Quesada 7th and 8th grade girls' volleyball teams are participating in the IVC Tournament. Scholastic Bowl matches began this month. Math competitions will also take place this month. Play tryouts for the spring play "The 10 Best/Worst Things About Middle School" will take place February 21 and 22. The play will run for two nights on May 2 and 3.

Mr. Scott Maupin, Wilmington High School Principal reported:

First Semester Final Exams will take place on January 10, 11, and 12, 2024. First Semester grades are due in the guidance office on Wednesday January 17, 2024 at 3:00 pm. First Semester Final Grade notifications to parents/guardians on Friday January 19, 2024. 2nd Semester classes will begin on Tuesday January 16, 2024. We will be

conducting the Illinois Youth Survey during the Week of January 29 – February 2. WHS will host the ICE Conference Cheer Invite on Wednesday January 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm. The IHSA Sectionals will take place at Darien (Hinsdale South HS) on January 27, 2024 with the State Finals in Bloomington on February 2nd and 3rd. The ICE Conference Speech Contest will be at Reed-Custer on Wednesday January 17, 2024. Scholastic Bowl will begin competition next week. ICE Conference Math Contest will take place on Wednesday January 24, 2024 at Peotone. WHS is hosting the IHSA Class 1A Wrestling Regionals on February 3, 2024. The Spring Musical "Once Upon A Mattress" will be March 7-10, 2024. These students were chosen as the students of the month of December 2023: Freshman Class – Sam Nunez and Gavin Riggs; Sophomore Class – Lyla Bruner and Grace Jones; Junior Class – Nicole Quigley and Jonathon McGonagle; Senior Class – Madison Stocking and Jake Castle.

Mr. Mike McCorminck/ Mr. Mark Langusch, Technology Coordinator reported:

Looking forward to the new 3-year website agreement with Apptegy. This company will provide a cost-effective alternative to what we have been using. The website will come with an application that all parents and staff can upload to their mobile devices, and will allow for a single platform to notify them for any school emergencies, as well as classroom notifications, sports schedules and more. The transition will begin over the course of the next semester, and will be fully up and running by this Summer. Also, we are entering an agreement with a company called AG Parts to help offset the cost of purchasing parts to repair student chromebooks and to purchase new chromebooks. AG Parts will purchase our used chromebooks that have reached the end of their lifespan.

Mr. Matt Swick, Curriculum Director reported:

Our next opportunity for Professional Development is coming up on Wednesday, January 3rd at our welcome back Teacher Institute. Our elementary staff will be working with guest speaker Kellie Doubek, who will be presenting and facilitating discussions amongst teachers regarding English, reading, and language arts in K-5. Middle and high school staff will be participating in a workshop related to the relationship between Student Attendance and Social-Emotional wellness. They will also be working together in content areas with teachers from WMS & WHS spending time together to discuss curriculum & instruction. Special Education staff will be receiving updated training on CPI on January 3rd. A few staff members will be attending the Illinois Reading Council annual state conference in Springfield in March. We will also be participating in the School Safety Summit at JJC in January. Student Recognition The annual student recognition ceremony for students who Exceed Expectations on the spring state tests will be scheduled to take place at the February 12th board meeting. Illinois State Scholars will be formally recognized at the March board meeting. Grants Update We just recently gained access on the state board website to our Title grant carry-over funds from FY23. Pre-K was also just recently notified of a small final allocation which will be of benefit to Project Sunrise. Amendments will be drafted and submitted to ISBE in early January. We recently applied for and received an award of approximately \$2,000 from the State of Illinois, which will be used to update our radio communication system throughout the district; while also receiving notification of a State grant award of just over \$1,000 from the School District Library Grant program. Textbooks & Resources The review process for our Math textbook series at WMS in grades 6-8 will continue on January 3rd. Multiple publishers have

already been contacted with a request to provide sample copies and schedule demonstrations of the various programs available for implementation. Two additional demos will take place on January 3rd with textbook company reps; and de-brief discussions will be facilitated by math consultant, Cheryl Beasley.

Mr. Kevin Feeney, Superintendent reported:

Illinois Freedom of Information Act Report: One FOIA request was received via email from Chris Allen with Dodge Construction Network, asking information about the WMS Flooring Work Project. Kevin Feeney responded by providing the name of the contractor that was awarded the project, the amount that the contractor will be charging, as well as the start and anticipated end date of the project.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- January 3.....Teacher Institute – No School
- January 4.....School Resumes
- January 8..... Board Meeting – 6:00 Closed Session; 6:30 Open Session
- January 15.....Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
- January 31.....City of Wilmington Public Open House, 6pm, WHS Cafetorium
- February 7..... Staff Development
Early Release: BRU 11:00; SIS/WMS 11:20; WHS 11:15
- February 12..... Board Meeting – 6:30 Closed Session; 7:30 Open Session
- February 13.....4th Grade Patriotic Music Program; 6:30 PM @ WMS
- February 14.....Valentine’s Day Parties (Elementary levels)
- February 19.....Presidents’ Day – No School
- March 1.....Wildcat Music Ball – 7pm, WHS
- March 4.....Pulaski Day – No School

The new IRS mileage rate starting January 2024 is .67 cents per mile The Administrators and I have been working on the school calendar for next year. We will have a recommendation ready to present at the February Board meeting.

Recommended approval for the following consent agenda items as presented: Regular meeting minutes of December 11, 2023; Closed Meeting minutes of December 11, 2023. Keep all closed minutes confidential and allow the re-use of all tapes that are older than 18 months; Approve the Building Principal’s Reports; Curriculum Director’s Report; Technology Coordinator’s Report; and Superintendent’s Report; Approve Treasurer’s Reports for December; Approve December payroll remittances, and January bills \$3,291,455.80; Ratify Payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of \$336,208.66 for the December 15, 2023 payroll; Ratify payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of \$321,971.70 for the December 29, 2023 payroll; Authorize the January 15 and 31, 2024 payrolls; Approve the Imprest Fund Report for the month of December reimbursed in the amount of \$3,989.00; Approve the Monthly Financial Report for December; Approve the Student Activity Fund Reports for December and authorize the continuance of investments of unencumbered funds; Authorize the seeking of bids for supplies for the 2024-2025 school year (Bread, garbage, gas, diesel fuel, cafeteria, etc.); Approve the additions to the Substitute Lists: None; Approve the Acceptable Use Policy 2024;

Approve the disposal of property no longer needed: 4 boxes (32 books total) 8th Grade Honors Algebra Paperback Text Books; Approve Seniority Lists as of December 8, 2023 for the Support Staff and as of December 8, 2023 for the Certified Staff; Approve the following donations: One donation in the amount of \$5,929.00 from the Wilmington Community to be used towards student lunch debt.; Approve the following fundraisers: SIS: Jump Rope 4 Heart, American Heart Association. February 20-23, 2024; SIS: Stock Up For Spring, Food Drive. February 5-9, 2024; WHS: Wrestling Mat Squares. January-February 2024; BR: Candy Grams, Bruning Elementary, February 5-9, 2024; WMS: Beta Club, Crush Canned Pop Sale, February 5-13, 2024; WHS: StuCo, Spring Dance, February 9-16, 2024; WHS: Wrestling, Tournament, February 24, 2024; SIS: SIS, Book Blast, January 22-February 2, 2024; WHS: Music Boosters, Spring Musical Preferred Seating, March 7-10, 2024; Approve the following Facility Use: WHS: Basketball Team Dinner (Cafetorium). December 20, 2023 from 5:30-6:30pm; WHS: StuCo, Spring Dance, February 16, 2024, 6:30PM – 10:30 PM; WHS: StuCo, Blood Drive, February 29, 2024, 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM; WHS: NHS, NHS Sub Sandwich Supper, February 9, 2024, 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM; WHS: Football, Kids Football Camp, February 10, 17 and 24, 2024, 10:00AM-11:30AM; WHS: Wrestling, Mighty Cats Wrestling, February 24, 2024, 6:00 AM – 5:00 PM; WHS: Music Boosters, Preferred Seating for Spring Musical Set Up, March 7, 2024, 3:00 PM; Approve updates made to the Board Policy 7:340 – Student Records.

A motion was made by Kunz and seconded by Dziuban to approve the Consent agenda items as presented for the Monday, January 8, 2024 meeting of the Wilmington Community Unit School District 209-U Board of Education. Alberico-aye, Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-absent, Kunz-aye, Southall-absent, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alberico and seconded by Dziuban to approve Scott Cherney, for the position of an 8-hour, 12-month, custodial/maintenance employee. Employment is pending compliance with all federal, state, and local guidelines. Alberico-aye, Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-absent, Kunz-aye, Southall-absent, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cragg and seconded by Alberico to approve the contract renewal with Dr. Tom Madden, Federally Impacted Properties Consultant, including an annual expense of \$7,500 for fiscal year 2025 and \$7,500 for fiscal year 2026. This agreement will cover the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years. Alberico-aye, Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-absent, Kunz-aye, Southall-absent, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Cragg and seconded by Dziuban to approve the three-year contract with Apptegy to build, design, and host the Wilmington School District website, custom mobile App, and mass notification system from July 1st, 2024 through June 30th, 2027 for an annual cost of \$10,400 and a one-time fee for training and development of \$5,641. Alberico-aye, Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-absent, Kunz-aye, Southall-absent, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dziuban and seconded by Alberico to approve the signer on the following accounts as listed. Authorized signatures are: Account #64963 District Imprest Fund and Account #64939 District Checking Account –Michalia Van Tilburg. Alberico-aye, Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-absent, Kunz-aye, Southall-absent, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dziuban and seconded by Alberico to accept the quote from AG Parts to purchase the Wilmington School District's 390 end-of-life Chromebooks for up to \$3,120, pending the condition of each Chromebook. Alberico-aye, Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-absent, Kunz-aye, Southall-absent, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dziuban and seconded by Alberico to approve the receipt of a Fiscal Year 24 School District Library Grant from the State of Illinois in the amount of \$1,016.97. Alberico-aye, Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-absent, Kunz-aye, Southall-absent, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dziuban and seconded by Alberico to approve the receipt of the State FY 24 REP Local Compensation Grant Agreement, which will cover the cost of purchasing new handheld radio accessories. Alberico-aye, Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-absent, Kunz-aye, Southall-absent, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

Discussion Items:

Board Policy – Stephanie Southall and C.J. Dziuban; N/A

Facilities Update/Construction Committee – Terry Anderson, Chris Alberico and Tim Cragg; N/A

Foundation for Excellence – Tim Cragg; N/A

Handbook Committee – Chris Alberico and Lauren Kempes; N/A

IASB Delegate/Legislative Liaison – Peggy Kunz; Next year

Negotiations Committee – Terry Anderson and Peggy Kunz; Negotiations begin on January 24, 2024.

TAB/Leadership Committee – Terry Anderson; N/A

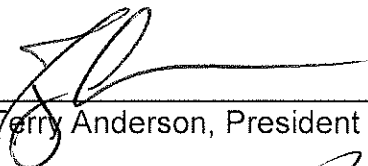
Three Rivers Governing Board – Lauren Kempes; N/A

WILCO Board of Control – Peggy Kunz; N/A

Correspondence: None at this time.

A motion was made by Cragg and seconded by Alberico at 6:56 P.M. to adjourn until the Board Study Session to be held on January 17, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

All Aye – Motion Carried.



Terry Anderson, President



Peggy Kunz, Secretary