

Minutes of Regular Meeting September 11, 2023

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The Board of Education of Wilmington Community Unit School District No. 209-U met in regular session on Monday, September 11, 2023 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: Cragg, Dziuban-absent, Holmes-absent, Kempes, Kunz, Southall- absent, and Anderson.

A motion was made by Cragg and seconded by Kempes 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. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-absent, Holmes – absent, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-absent, Stickel-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

Southall arrived at 6:04 P.M.

A motion was made by Stickel and seconded by Southall to leave closed session at 6:10 P.M. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-absent, Holmes-absent, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

Budget Hearing 6:15 P.M.

Mr. Feeney opened the hearing at 6:15 P.M. There were no guests present. Mr. Feeney presented information on the 2023-2024 budget and closed the hearing at 6:20 P.M.

Pledge to the Flag 6:30 P.M.

0 guests were present.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Kempes to approve the agenda and consent agenda for the Monday, September 11, 2023 meeting of the Wilmington Community Unit School District 209-U Board of Education as presented. All Aye. Motion carried.

**Opportunity for Public Input:**

Ms. Tawnya Mack (Mack and Associates): Audit Presentation

**Administrator Reports:**

**Mrs. Beth Norman, Bruning Principal reported:**

There are a total of 205 students enrolled at Bruning: 56 in Pre-K, 73 in Kindergarten and 76 in First Grade. All students participated in a fire drill on 9/7. Open House with students was held on 8/31. Picture day will be held on 9/14. Kindergarteners and First Graders will have RTI Benchmarking on 9/18 with literacy. Pre-K screening was 9/15. The first drawing for our new "Pawsative" Behavior Program is 9/28. Homecoming week and dress up days will be celebrated the week of 9/16. There will be a book fair 9/25-9/29.

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

Enrollment at L. J. Stevens Intermediate School as of today is 352 students. 95 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, 79 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders, 97 4<sup>th</sup> Graders, and 81 5<sup>th</sup> Graders. Open house was held on Monday, 8/31. There was an assembly on the first day of school to review school-wide expectations. Band sign-ups for 5<sup>th</sup> grade are on 9/12. Aims +Testing, I-Ready, Fountas and Pinnel, and Behavioral and Emotional Screening System testing will be completed by 10/5. Homecoming week and dress up days will be celebrated the week of 9/16. Picture day was 9/27. First trimester reports go out 10/13.

**Mr. Adam Spicer, Middle School Principal reported:**

Enrollment at Wilmington Middle School as of today is 272 students. There have been 15 new students. Open house was held on 8/31. Aims WEB Plus benchmark testing began the week of 9/18. We will have an assembly with WHS on 9/27 with Ben Tracy. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade cookie dough fundraiser begins this week with proceeds going towards the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class trip. Homework Helpers will begin at the end of September. Congratulations to the newest members of the Beta Club. Baseball and Softball are close to finishing up their seasons. Cheerleaders have been practicing. Girls basketball begins this week. Students are beginning to sign up for clubs.

**Mr. Scott Maupin, High School Principal reported:**

Enrollment at Wilmington High School as of today is at 408 total. Sowic has 25 students, Wilco has 62 students. The WHS School Improvement Team is reviewing and updating our school improvement plan throughout the year. We are focusing on improving SAT/PSAT scores for 2023-2024. Departmental meetings taking place the week of October 30- November 3. First quarter progress reports are due on 10/6. Fall testing is 10/11 for the PSAT/NMSQT for all Juniors. The Fall Play will begin practicing. This year's Fall Play is called "Empowered". The tentative date is 10/21 & 10/22. Fall Athletic Season is in full swing for Boys and Girls Golf, Volleyball, and Football. Congratulations to Giana Stahulak, Lily Turcany, McKenzie Shields, Michael Archey, and Emma Grace Strong for receiving the National PSAT Small Town Recognition Award for Achievements at WHS and on the PSAT/NMSQT Test. College and Career Fair will be on 10/4. Homecoming week begins on September 16.

**Mr. Mike McCormick, Technology Manager reported:**

Discussion about SIS outdoor camera upgrades.

**Mr. Matt Swick, Curriculum Director reported:**

New Teacher Orientation occurred on 8/23, and we welcome 7 new members to the staff. Staff Development took place on 9/1 for Middle School and High School ELA teachers, and tech training was provided by Brooke Cahill, regarding the new large screens in many of our classrooms throughout the district. Staff will receive grade level training. Students will begin benchmark assessments soon with Aimsweb, I-Ready, and Fountas & Pinnell in grades K-5. All WHS Juniors will take the PSAT/NMSQT assessment on 10/11. All State and Federal grants have been submitted and approved. Staff annually are required to do GCN trainings that are required by the state. A \$500,000 grant was awarded to our schools from ARPA Infrastructure, which will be distributed through Will County. These grant dollars will help to offset the total cost of the SIS renovation project.

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**Mr. Kevin Feeney, Superintendent Reported:**

Mr. Feeney provided Fund Balances as of August 31, 2023.

The Auditors presented tonight. The budget is ready for adoption.

Building Trades House will be ready for opening bid approval at the October meeting. Projected sale is October/November. New 2023-2024 Building Trades house will begin construction in the next week.

Recommended approval for the following consent agenda items as presented: Regular Meeting of August 14, 2023, Closed Meeting of August 14, 2023.

1. Open Session of September 11, 2023; Approve Building Principal's reports; Approve Curriculum Director's Report; Approve Technology Director's Report; Approve Superintendent's Report; Approve Treasurer's Reports for August; Ratify Payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of \$302,933.77 for August 15, 2023 payroll; Ratify September bills, and August 31<sup>st</sup> payroll remittances in the amount of \$1,891,472.63. Ratify Payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of \$303,405.13 for the August 31, 2023 payroll; Authorize the signing of the September 15, 2023 and the September 29, 2023 payrolls to be ratified at the October meeting; Approve the Imprest Fund Reports for the month of August in the amount of \$3,136.00; Approve the Monthly Financial Report for August; Approve the Student Activity Fund Reports for August and authorize the continuance of investments of unencumbered funds; Approve the following donations: None; Approve additions to the 23-24 Support Staff Substitute List: None; Approve the following fundraisers: BR: Bruning School, Spiritwear, September 5-19, 2023, WHS: Cheer, Sponsorships, September 15 – October 15, 2023, WHS: Cheer, Fan Shirts, October 23 – November 3, 2023, WMS: Homecoming Concessions, September 22, 2023, WMS/WHS: Band, T-shirts, October 16-30, 2023, WHS: Senior Class, World's Finest Chocolates Sale, September 18-October 31, 2023, WMS: Athletics, Fannie May Sale, September 27- November 1, 2023; Approve the following Facility Use Forms: WHS: Volleyball, Team Dinners, September 23, 30, September 6, 13, 27 and October 11, 2023, 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM, WMS: Music Boosters, Homecoming Concessions, September 22, 2023, WHS: Wilmington Police Department, Wilmington Night Out, October 1, 2023, 12:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M, WHS: Bobcats Cheer, Practice, September 27, October 3,4,11,16,17, and 19, 2023, 5:15 P.M. – 7:45 P.M; To approve the sale or disposal of property no longer needed for school purposes: None at this time; Approve the Salary Compensation Reports: Public Act 96-0434, Illinois School Code 5/10-20.47 and 5/34-18-38 and Public Act 97-0609; Approve the Backpack Buddies Program for Bruning and Stevens Intermediate School.

Act on the Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Kempes to approve the Consent agenda items as presented for the Monday, September 11, 2023 meeting of the Wilmington Community Unit School District 209-U Board of Education. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-absent, Holmes-absent, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Kempes to approve the resignation submitted by Paige Jones, a Bruning Elementary School Developmental Kindergarten Aide, effective immediately. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-absent, Holmes-absent, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Kempes to approve the the resignation submitted by Joe Snyder as the Wilmington High School Spring Musical Assistant Director, effective immediately. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-absent, Holmes-absent, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cragg and seconded by Southall to approve the resignation submitted by Lisa Holmes as a Wilmington CUSD 209U School Board member, effective immediately. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-absent, Holmes-absent, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

FMLA request from Scott Murphy, a Bruning Elementary School Custodian, which began on May 26, 2023. FMLA will be carried out in concurrence with his accumulated sick leave days and any days used beyond exhaustion of sick days will be without pay. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-absent, Holmes-absent, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

FMLA request from Michael Bushnell, a Wilmington High School Science teacher, which will begin on October 23, 2023 through December 6, 2023. FMLA will be carried out in concurrence with his accumulated sick leave days and any days used beyond exhaustion of sick days will be without pay. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-absent, Holmes-absent, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Kempes to approve Mrs. Norman's recommendation to ratify the employment of Erin Key as a Bruning Elementary School Developmental Kindergarten Aide for the 2023-2024 school year. Employment is pending compliance with all federal, state and local guidelines. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-absent, Holmes-absent, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cragg and seconded by Southall to approve Mr. Feeney's recommendation to employ Michalia Van Tilburg as the part-time (up to 25-hours per week) District Office Secretary for the 2023-2024 school year. Employment is pending compliance with all federal, state, and local guidelines. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-absent, Holmes-absent, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kempes and seconded by Southall to approve Mrs. Brownlee's recommendation to employ Sherri Blair as a Bruning Elementary School 3-hour server for the 2023-2024 school year. Employment is pending compliance with all federal, state, and local guidelines. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-absent, Holmes-absent, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cragg and seconded by Southall to approve Mr. Habing's recommendation to employ Donald Lund as an 8-hour, 12-month custodian for the 2023-2024 school year. Employment is pending compliance with all federal, state, and local guidelines. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-absent, Holmes-absent, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Cragg and seconded by Kempes to approve Mrs. Orellano's recommendation to employ Lisa Holmes as the Steven's Intermediate School Attendance Secretary for the 2023-2024 school year. Employment is pending compliance with all federal, state, and local guidelines. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-absent, Holmes-absent, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Kempes to approve the submission of the FY-23 Audit Report and the printing of the Annual Financial Report. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-absent, Holmes-absent, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Kunz to approve Resolution 15-23: Adoption of the 2023-2024 Budget. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-absent, Holmes-absent, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Kempes to approve the data sharing agreement with Northern Illinois University as part of the Accelerated Model Pathways in IT (AMP-IT). Cragg-aye, Dziuban-absent, Holmes-absent, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Kempes to approve making a correction to the cost of reduced breakfast pricing which was previously approved at the June 12, 2023 Board of Education Meeting. The correct cost of reduced breakfast for K-12 is \$.30 and reduced lunch is \$.40. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-absent, Holmes-absent, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Kempes to approve changing the milk bid award from HPS, who backed out of their contract in July 2023, to Cloverleaf Farms for the 2023-2024 school year. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-absent, Holmes-absent, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

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Discussion Items:

Board Policy – Stephanie Southall and C.J. Dziuban: 2<sup>nd</sup> reading tonight.

Facilities Update/Construction Committee – Terry Anderson and Ben Stickel: Lights at Reents Stadium are working great and getting compliments. SIS project is going through fine tuning.

Foundation for Excellence – Tim Cragg: Golf outing Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Handbook Committee – Ben Stickel and Lauren Kempes: No report

IASB Delegate/Legislative Liaison – Peggy Kunz: Meeting in November

Negotiations Committee – Terry Anderson and Peggy Kunz: No report

TAB/Leadership Committee – Terry Anderson: No report

Three Rivers Governing Board – Lauren Kempes: Meeting October 27<sup>th</sup> .

WILCO Board of Control – Peggy Kunz: Tuition has gone up \$100. 1339 projected program student enrollment. There is a budget deficit due to construction projects.

Correspondence: None at this time.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Kempes at 7:16 P.M. to adjourn until the regular meeting on October 16, 2023 at 6:30 PM. Closed session will begin at 6:00 P.M. All aye. Motion carried.

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Terry Anderson, President

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Peggy Kunz, Secretary