

## **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2024**

The Board of Education of Wilmington Community Unit School District No. 209-U met in regular session on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:00 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 (absent), Kempes, Kunz, Southall, and Anderson.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Kempes at 6:01 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. Alberico-aye, Cragg-aye, Dziuban-(arrived at 6:25 PM), Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye  
. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Dziuban to leave closed session at 6:30 P.M. Alberico-aye, Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

Pledge to the Flag 6:35 P.M. in the Small Gym  
Approximately 160 guests present.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Kempes to approve the agenda and consent agenda for the Monday, February 12, 2024 meeting of the Wilmington Community Unit School District 209-U Board of Education as presented. All Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cragg and seconded by Southall to approve the academic proclamations as presented for IAR and SAT exceeds awards in Math and ELA. All Aye. Motion carried.

### **Opportunity for Public Input:**

Presentation of academic proclamations as presented for IAR exceeds awards in Math and ELA. 72 students were recognized.

### **Administrator Reports:**

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

February 5th is Internet Safety Week. I will be talking to the students about internet safety during announcement time. Information will include: Do not give out personal information: address, name, phone #, parent's name, school name, etc. Do not send pictures to anyone. Obey your parents' rules for the internet and computer. Always have good manners and be polite online. Tell an adult if someone makes you feel uncomfortable. Students are on early dismissal on February 7th. Students will be dismissed at 11:00 PM. AM preschool will not attend on this day. PM preschool will attend from 8-11. Valentine Parties are Wednesday, February 14th from 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM. There will be five parent volunteers for each party. No School on Monday, February 19th to celebrate President's

Day. No School on Monday, March 4th to celebrate Casimir Pulaski Day. Pre-School will host a home school connection day on Friday, February 23rd. February 29th is our Pawsative Reward Drawing. PTO meeting is Tuesday, February 6th via google meet beginning at 5:30 PM. Early registration for Kindergarten will be held March 18- March 21. There will be pre-school screenings held on March 15th at Bruning. We will celebrate reading and Dr. Seuss's birthday the week of February 27th. Each day we will have a different dress up day.

**Mrs. Casey Orellano, LJ Stevens Intermediate Principal reported:**

We wrapped up Book Blast on Friday, 2/2 and raised \$10,198.33 for books for students. Every student will receive at least one book. Books will be delivered in the coming weeks. 3rd Grade hosted their annual, "Stock Up for Spring" fundraiser during the week of February 5. They collected over 300 non-perishable items which will be donated to Kuzma Care Cottage. Mrs. Long and 5th Grade leaders ran a Candy Gram Fundraiser during the week of February 5. They raised over \$400 which will go towards purchasing art supplies for Mrs. Lawrence, our library aide, who teaches a 45-minute, bi-weekly art class for each of our classes at SIS. We celebrated our 100th Day of School on Friday, 2/9. Our 4th Graders will perform their Patriotic Program at WMS on Tuesday, 2/13 at 6:30 p.m. Valentine's Day Parties will be held on Wednesday, 2/14 from 1:45-2:30 p.m. On 2/21 and 2/22, Orland Park Dental will perform dental exams on students whose parents gave consent to receive this free service.

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

High School guidance department has begun the process of scheduling 8th grade students for high school classes. The guidance department met with all 8th grade students on Friday, February 2nd. The registration process for classes will take place February 15th and February 16th. 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. The RTI team has met to analyze testing data, and changes to our RTI classrooms were made. All 8th grade students will take the Illinois Youth Survey on Wednesday, February 7th. Congratulations to the WMS Wildcats of the Month for January: 6th – Charlie Prendergast; 7th – Kailyn Winkle; 8th – Samantha Cutter. CO-CURRICULARS: 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 will take place February 21 and 22. The play will run for two nights on April 30 and May 1. The WMS Cheerleaders will compete at the IESA state tournament on Wednesday, February 7th in Peoria.

**Mr. Scott Maupin, Wilmington High School Principal written report:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Progress Reports are due February 16th. Parents will be notified via email. We begin SAT Test prep for juniors tonight. SAT/PSAT will be administered on Wednesday April 11, 2024 Testing Day for Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshman on chromebooks. Our Guidance Department is continuing registrations for our Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshman for next school year. We will have Department Meetings and review the Illinois Literacy Plan focus during our SIP Day on 2/7/24. Congratulations to the following students who were chosen as the students of the month in January; Freshman Class – Veronica Boyer and Keeley Walsh, Sophomore Class – Nicholas Simek and Alyssa Chiappetta, Junior Class – Jamie Cahill and Kylee Knowles, Senior Class – Joe Allgood and Channing Sexton The ICE Conference Scholastic Bowl Tournament is scheduled for Thursday February 29th at Coal City High School with the IHSA Regionals on Monday March 4, 2024. Congratulations to Katelyn Walsh and the WHS Speech Team for their season success by earning 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the ICE Tournament hosted by Reed-Custer HS. We had Channing Sexton earn a 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish while Emilia Williams earned a 3<sup>rd</sup> place medal. The IHSA Speech Regional were held February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Coal City. Junior Evan Surdey placed in Radio Speaking and now advances to the Sectionals. The IHSA Sectional will be at Morris on February 10th. The State Finals is at Peoria on February 16th and 17th. Peotone High School hosted the ICE Conference Math Competition on Wednesday January 24th, 2023 for 8 schools. We earned 5<sup>th</sup> place. Cheerleading State Finals were held on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Bloomington. We are proud to say that we finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall at the IHSA State Finals. The team was outstanding all season. We hosted the IHSA Wrestling Regionals on Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup>. We had 4 individuals advance to the IHSA Wrestling Sectionals. Senior Landon Dooley, Freshman Oakley Rivera, Senior Parker Adams, and Sophomore Logan Van Duyn will advance to the Sectionals at Chicago Hope Academy. Girls Basketball Regional is slated for February 10th thru 15th. We will play at Reed-Custer in the Opening Round at Braidwood on Saturday February 10th at 1:00 pm. Boys Basketball Regional is slated for February 19th – 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Mr. Mike McCorminck, Technology Coordinator reported:**

No report.

**Mr. Kevin Feeney, Finance report:**

Our garbage and recycling service are open for bid on February 13, 2024. Our current service is with Waste Management. The bid opening will be on March 8, 2024. Non-English-speaking student numbers are rising. We may need to employ an ESL certified teacher next year if the numbers continue to climb. Interviews will begin at the end of the month for the Director of Facilities position. We are hoping to have a recommendation for approval at the April 15, 2024 School Board Meeting. The 2024-2025 school calendar will be approved tonight.

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

On Wednesday February 7, we had a ½ day of release time for school improvement / staff development. Our elementary staff participated in workshops with Math consultant Cheryl Beasley. The focus was on the effective use of our Go Math resources, as well as on the shared understanding & prioritization of learning standards, IAR math assessments, etc. Middle and high school staff (math and English) participated in articulation meetings together, in striving towards consistency and coordination in grades 6-12. A few staff members will be attending the Illinois Reading Council annual state conference in Springfield in March, while one of our high school CTE teachers will also be attending a state-wide career & tech education conference in Peoria in mid-March. Student Recognition The annual student recognition ceremony for students who Exceed Expectations on the spring state tests will be scheduled to take place tonight's Board meeting. Illinois State Scholars will be formally recognized at the March board meeting. Grants Update Amendments including final allotments for both Pre-K and Title I grants have been submitted and approved. We will be receiving funds from the METT grant which was received by WILCO. This year, some of these funds will be used to assist in updating our autocad drafting lab at WHS. Textbooks & Resources After reviewing multiple textbook series and participating in demonstrations from 4 different publishers, we have narrowed down the middle school Math adoption to two finalists. We are planning for 6-week pilots in which we will be utilizing materials from both finalists to assist in making of the final recommendation. Testing & Assessment The initial testing period for the state IAR assessment will be taking place at WMS in in mid-March and at Stevens Intermediate in early April. All of our juniors will also be taking the state required SAT exam again this year on April 10th .

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

Illinois Freedom of Information Act Report:

- a. One FOIA request was received from Mai-Ang Pham with Legal Action Chicago, asking for information regarding unpaid bills for school meals. Matt Swick responded via email to answer all questions. Please see attached.
- b. One FOIA request was received from Lydia Simrayh, Construction Analyst with Indiana, Illinois, Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting. She requested a copy of Meeting Minutes from March 14, 2022. Matt Swick responded via email to provide a copy of the requested material.
- c. DATES TO REMEMBER:  
February 7.....Half-Day In-Service/Early Release: BRU 11:00; SIS/WMS 11:20; WHS 11:15  
February 12.....Board Meeting – 6:00 Closed Session; 6:30 Open Session  
February 13.....4<sup>th</sup> Grade Patriotic Program 6:30 PM @ WMS  
February 14.....Valentine's Parties: BRU 1:00 – 2:00, SIS 1:45-2:45  
February 19.....No School – President's Day  
March 4.....No School - Pulaski Day  
March 18.....Board Meeting – 6:00 Closed Session; 6:30 Open Session
- d. The SOWIC report for February, 2024 was submitted.

1. Recommended approval for the following consent agenda items as presented: Regular meeting of January 8, 2024; Closed Meeting of January 8, 2024; Approve the Building Principal's Reports; Curriculum Director's Report; Technology Coordinator's Report; Financial Report and Superintendent's Report; Approve Treasurer's Reports for January; Approve February bills and January payroll remittances in the amount of \$813,296.02; Ratify payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of \$323,539.10 for the January 12, 2024 payroll; Ratify payroll Direct Deposit in the amount for \$307,949.12 for the January 31, 2024 payroll; Authorize the signing of the checks of the February 15, 2024 and February 29, 2024 payroll; Approve the Imprest Fund Report for the month of January reimbursed in the amount of \$4,491.60; Approve the Monthly Financial Report for January; Approve the Student Activity Fund Reports for January and authorize the continuance of investments of unencumbered funds; Approve the additions to the Substitute Lists: Paige Nutt – Secretarial Substitute, and Doris Swisher – Custodial Substitute; Approve the following donations: Books and Monetary Donations to WHS Library for Amy's Corner, by George and Carol Salaba; Approve the following fundraisers: WMS: StuCo, Candy Grams, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, WHS: Boys Basketball, Free Throw-A-Thon, Feb. 7, 2024, WHS: Baseball, Go Booster Shot Fantasy Baseball Cards, March 4-15, 2023, WHS: Wrestling, Wrestling Tournament, February 24, 2024, Musical Theater Dept., Flower Sale, March 7-10, 2024, Musical Theater Dept., Program Advertisements, March 7-10, 2024, Musical Theater Dept., Split-the-Pot, March 7-10, 2024, Musical Theater Dept., Concessions/Bake Sale, March 7-10, 2024, WHS: Boys Basketball, Basketball Squares, March 21 – April 8, 2024; Approve the following facility use forms: WHS: Football, K-8 Indoor Football Camp, Jan. 27, Feb. 10 & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Both gyms, wrestling room, and weight room, 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM, WHS: Wilmington Park District, Adult Basketball, April 7 – May 5, 2024(Sundays, with the exception of April 21 because of Prom), WMS & WHS: Wilmington Park District, Youth Volleyball, WHS April 7,14, and 28, and May 5, 2024, and (WMS) April 21, 2024, 6:00PM – 8:00PM; To approve the Disposal of Property no longer needed for school purposes: None at this time; To approve Crisis Plan Updates;

Act on the Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Dziuban and seconded by Southall to approve the Consent agenda items as presented for the Monday, February 12, 2024 meeting of the Wilmington Community Unit School District 209-U Board of Education. Alberico-aye, Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alberico and seconded by Southall to approve the resignation of a Wilmington School District Choir Teacher, effective on February 29, 2024. Alberico-aye, Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Dziuban to approve the irrevocable notice of retirement from Brenda Craig-Cherveney, a Wilmington High School Guidance Counselor, effective at the end of the 2027-2028 school year. Alberico-aye, Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dziuban and seconded by Kempes to approve the irrevocable notice of retirement from Ed Hanlon, a Wilmington Middle School Art Teacher, effective immediately. Alberico-aye, Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Alberico to approve the employment of Christy Ziller as the WMS Art Club Sponsor for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year at ½ of Step 1 on the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Employment is pending compliance with all local, state and federal guidelines. Alberico-aye, Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Alberico to approve the employment of Mary Hatfield as the Steven's Intermediate School Music Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year at BA Step 3 on the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Employment is pending compliance with all federal, state, and local guidelines. Alberico-aye, Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kempes and seconded by Dziuban to approve the employment of Chantelle Corlett as a Steven's intermediate School Third Grade Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year at BA Step 6 on the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Employment is pending compliance with all federal, state, and local guidelines. Alberico-aye, Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Dziuban to approve Document No 2-1-24 – Wilmington High School Spring Co-Curricular Assignments for 2023-2024. Stipends are set by the current Collective Bargaining Agreement, and employment is contingent on completion of all paperwork, and meeting all local, state and federal guidelines. Alberico-aye, Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cragg and seconded by Kempes to approve the Memorandum of Understanding from the Teachers Union to Create a Sick Bank for Nick Dziuban, a teacher at Wilmington High School. Alberico-aye, Cragg-aye, Dziuban-abstain, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Kempes to approve the participation and expenses for Terry Anderson, the School Board President, to attend the NAFIS Conference during the 2023-2024 school year. Alberico-aye, Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-abstain. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cragg and seconded by Alberico to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar as proposed:

August 7	Fee Day (2PM – 6 PM)
August 14	New Teacher Orientation (8:15 AM-3 PM)
August 19	Teacher Institute
August 20	Teacher Institute
August 21	First Full Day Pupil Attendance
September 2	Labor Day – No School
September 11	11:15 Release Staff Development
September 30- Oct. 5	Homecoming Week 2024
October 14	Columbus Day - No School
October 18	Last Day of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
October 21	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Begins
October 31	11:15 Release Staff Development
November 5	Election Day – No School
November 7	P/T Conferences 1:45 Dismissal (3PM-7PM)
November 8	P/T Conferences (9AM-12PM)
November 11	Veterans Day – No School
November 27-29	Thanksgiving Break – No School
December 20	Early Dismissal 1:45 PM
December 23 - January 3	Winter Break
January 6	Teachers Institute
January 7	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Second Semester
January 20	MLJ Jr. Day – No School
February 5	11:15 Release Staff Development
February 17	Presidents' Day – No School
March 3	Pulaski Holiday – No School
March 14	Last Day of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
March 31 – April 4	Spring Break
April 9	11:15 Release Staff Development
April 18 & April 21	Easter Holiday
May 26	Memorial Day
June 3	Last Day of Student Attendance Early Dismissal
1:45 (Tentative)	
June 4	Teacher Institute (Tentative)
June 5 – 11	Emergency Days (Tentative)

Alberico-aye, Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dziuban and seconded by Southall to approve the 8th Grade Promotion on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. Alberico-aye, Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Dziuban to approve the High School Graduation on Saturday May 17, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. Alberico-aye, Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

**Discussion Items:** President's Prerogative –

Board Policy – Stephanie Southall and C.J. Dziuban:

Facilities Update/Construction Committee – Terry Anderson, Chris Alberico and Tim Cragg:

Foundation for Excellence – Tim Cragg:

Handbook Committee – Chris Alberico and Lauren Kempes:

IASB Delegate/Legislative Liaison – Peggy Kunz:

Negotiations Committee – Terry Anderson and Peggy Kunz:

TAB/Leadership Committee – Terry Anderson:

Three Rivers Governing Board – Lauren Kempes:

WILCO Board of Control – Peggy Kunz:

Correspondence: None

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Kempes at 7:36 P.M. to adjourn until the regular meeting on March 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Closed Session will be at 6:00 p.m. All Aye – Motion Carried.

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Terry Anderson, President

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Peggy Kunz, Secretary