

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 16, 2023

The Board of Education of Wilmington Community Unit School District No. 209-U met in regular session on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. in the Wilmington School District Boardroom. President Anderson called the meeting to order with the following members answering roll call: Cragg, Dziuban, Kempes, Kunz, Southall, and Anderson.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Kunz at 5:33 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; Litigation that is probable or imminent; The appointment of member to fill a vacancy on the Board of Education; Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Kempes to leave closed session at 6:09 P.M. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

Pledge to the Flag 6:30 P.M.

There were no guests present.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Kunz to approve the agenda and consent agenda for the Monday, October 16, 202 meeting of the Wilmington Community Unit School District 209-U Board of Education as presented. All Aye. Motion carried.

Administrator Reports:

Mrs. Beth Norman, Bruning School Principal reported (In Writing):

The Wilmington Fire Department was at Bruning the week of 10/2nd. A Bus Evacuation drill was held on 10/12th. The 2022 RTI meetings took place on 10/10th. Halloween parade and parties are scheduled for 10/31st. Red Ribbon Week will be held from October 23-27th. Students and staff will not be in attendance on 10/9th to celebrate Columbus Day. The "Paws"ative Behavior drawing this month will be on 10/30th. Mid-terms of the first trimester is 10/13th. 2023 RTI Intervention groups began on 10/10th. Special thank you to Bob Van Duyne for painting the windows.

Mrs. Casey Orellano, Stevens Intermediate School Principal reported:

Fifth grade Band sign ups on 9/18. Picture retakes will be on 11/8. Candy Grams will be 10/13th through 10/18th. Bus Evacuation Drills will be 10/18th. Earthquake Drills will be on 10/19th. Soft lockdown drill will be on 10/17th. Red Ribbon week's theme is "Be Kind to your Mind. Live Drug Free". Halloween parties will be 10/31st. Costume parade begins at 1:30 p.m. Parent Teachers Conferences will be on November 9th from 3-7 and November 10th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Special Thanks to Officer Brimer getting the school year started off right.

Mr. Adam Spicer, Wilmington Middle School Principal:

WMS will celebrate Red Ribbon Week 10/23 – 10/27. Each day will have a different theme for students to participate in. Congratulations to the new members that were inducted into Beta Club on 9/21st. Parent teacher conferences will take place on 11/9th and 11/10th. Girls Basketball is at the halfway point in their season. Boys Basketball begins 10/16th. Speech Team will have its first competition 11/4th. Congratulations to our Wildcats of the Month for September 6th grade – Henry Lewis, 7th grade – Weston Lancaster, and 8th grade – Yhanie Empedrad. 1st trimester progress reports will be emailed home on 9/13th. Brook Cahill in Technology has been meeting with teachers to conduct training sessions for the large interactive tv's.

Mr. Scott Maupin, Wilmington High School Principal reported:

Departmental Meetings were held the week of October 30th – November 3rd. The focus of those meetings were to discuss the following topics: 2023-2024 School Improvement Plan, Grading procedures/practices, 2024-2025 Program of Studies Updates, and E-Learning Preparations, just in case. SAT & PSAT Exams were given on 10/11th. 1st Quarter Grading Period concluded on 11/3rd. The fifth annual Fall Play –Empowered – will be held 10/22nd and 10/23rd. Congratulations to September students of the month: Freshmen – Owen O'Donnell and Taylor Stickel, Sophomores – Alan Peace and Makenna Adams, Juniors – Parker Cox and Annabelle Kircher, Seniors – Matt Swisher and Carlie Freis. The IL Central Eight Conference is hosting the annual Leadership Conference on 10/18th. Tri-M inductions will be on 10/26. NHS Inductions will be on 11/6. Herscher High school will host the Illinois Central Eight Conference Art Workshop on 11/1, ICE Conference Chorus Festival will be on 11/8 at Lisle High School. Homecoming week was a success. 1st round of Safety drills have been completed for fire, lockdown, tornado and bus evacuations.

Mr. Mike McCormick, Technology Manager reported: No report.

Matt Swick, Curriculum Director reported:

October 4th will be a staff Professional Development Day. K-5 students participated in Fall benchmark assessments. The AIMSWEB Plus program is being utilized to benchmark students in grades K-8. WHS Juniors PSAT/NMSQT assessments on 10/11th. A full report of state-wide averages for 2023 required state exam results will be made available to the board, along with SIPs at the November meeting. Wilco is working on the formal recognition of college and career pathways. We are beginning the process to recommend replacement of current Math series at WMS in grades 6-8.

Kevin Feeney, Superintendent Reported:

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

Illinois Freedom of Information Act Reports: None at this time.

1.) Dates to Remember:

- October 10.....Columbus Day-No School
- October 22 & 23.....WHS Fall Play, "Night of January 16th"
- October 31.....11:15 Release Staff Development
- November 14... ..School Board Meeting

November 8.....No School- General Election Day
November 9.....1:45 Early Dismissals / Parent Teacher Meetings (3PM-7PM)
November 10.....No School- Parent Teacher Meetings
November 11.....Veterans Day- No School
November 16.....SIP Day- Early Release – 11:15 Dismissal
November 23 – 25...Thanksgiving Break– No School

2. IASB has notified us that November 15, 2022 is School Board Members Day. In recognition of School Board Members Day, and your service to the students of the Wilmington School District, we are planning the following activities for the November 14th Board meeting:
 - 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting Opportunity for Public Input - Recognition of Board members
3. Dr. Swick has indicated that our Title I and Preschool for All grant have been approved. We will continue to make amendments to each grant as necessary throughout the school year.

Recommended approval for the following consent agenda items as presented: Regular Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2023; Closed Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2023; Approve Building Principal's reports; Approve Curriculum Director's Report; Approve Superintendent's Report; Approve Treasurer's Reports for September; Approve September 15 and September 29 payroll remittances, and October bills, in the amount of \$1,011,345.16; Ratify Payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of \$320,386.56 for the September 15, 2023 payroll; Ratify Payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of \$328,654.97 for the September 29, 2023 payroll; Ratify Payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of \$327,755.79 for the October 13, 2023 pay roll. Authorize October 31, 2023 payroll to be ratified at the November 13th meeting; Approve the Imprest Fund Report for the month of September in the amount of \$7,515.00; Approve the Monthly Financial Reports for September; Approve the Student Activity Fund Reports for September and authorize the continuance of investments of unencumbered funds; Approve the following additions to the 2023-2024 Substitute Lists: None at this time; Approve the following fundraisers:

1. WHS: Interact Club, Winter Clothes Drive, October 24 – November 22, 2022
 2. WHS: Interact Club, Plastic Bag Collection, October 2022 – May 2023
 3. WHS: Interact Club, Purple Pinky, October 17 – 21, 2022
 4. WMS: Beta Club, Pumpkin Decorating Contest, October 19-28, 2022
 5. WMS: Beta Club, Thanksgiving Food Drive, November 14-18, 2022
 6. WMS: Beta Club, Caring Closet Winter Clothing Drive, December 5-16, 2022
 7. WMS: Beta Club, Halloween Candy Messages, October 24-31, 2022
 8. SIS: Library, Artsonia, 2022-2023 school year
 9. WHS: NHS, Trick-or Treat for canned goods, October 30 or 31, 2022
- ; Approve the following Facility Use requests:

1. WHS: Musical Theatre Department, Wildcat Cabaret Performance and Rehearsals, April 24-May 19, 2023 (Rehearsals 3-6PM), May 15-18, 2023 (tech week 4-9PM), May 19, 2023 (Performance 3-9PM)
2. WHS: Sophomore Class, Homecoming Dance, September 24, 2022, 6-10 PM
3. WHS: Fall Play, October 22 & 23, 2022, 5PM – 9 PM (22nd), 1 PM – 5 PM (23rd)
4. WHS: Cheer, Cheer Practice, 3PM-5PM, (dates on separate attachment)
5. WHS: Band Dept. & RVWE, Combined Concert, March 20, 2023, 5 PM – 9 PM
6. WHS: Wilmington Wrestling Club, November 1, 2022 – March 18, 2022, 5:15 PM -7:15 PM
7. WHS: NHS, Induction Ceremony, October 12, 2022, 6 PM – 8 PM

To approve the following donations: None at this time; Sale or Disposal of Property No Longer Needed for School Purposes: None at this time; To approve the 2023-2024 Early Graduate Request, provided they meet all requirements of Wilmington Community School District 209-U and the State of Illinois; To approve the application for Summer School State Aid.

Act on the Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Dziuban and seconded by Kempes to approve the Consent agenda items as presented for the Monday, October 16, 2023 meeting of the Wilmington Community Unit School District 209-U Board of Education. 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 resignation of Donald Lund as an 8-hour, 12-month custodian, effective immediately. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Kempes to approve the maternity leave request (12 week FMLA) from Julie Farmer, a Stevens Intermediate School 3rd grade Teacher, which will tentatively take place starting December 8, 2023. FMLA will be carried out in concurrence with her accumulated sick leave and any days used beyond exhaustion of sick days will be without pay. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Kunz to approve Mrs. Orellano's recommendation to employ Dacia Lambert as a 1.5 hour per day Playground Supervisor at Steven's Intermediate School for the 2023-2024 school term. Employment is pending the compliance with all federal, state, and local guidelines. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Kempes to approve Mr. Maupin's recommendation to employ Jason Hess as a Step 1 Lead Musical Director at Wilmington High School for the 2023-2024 school term. Employment is pending the compliance with all federal, state, and local guidelines. 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 Mr. Maupin's recommendation to employ Jacob Tolbert as a ½ stipend, Step 1 Assistant Musical Director at Wilmington High School for the 2023-2024 school term. Employment is pending the compliance with all federal, state, and local guidelines. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kunz and seconded by Southall to approve Mr. Maupin's recommendation of Thomas Erhardt as a Musical Volunteer for Choreography at Wilmington High School for the 2023-2024 school term. Employment is pending the compliance with all federal, state, and local guidelines. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Kempes to approve Mr. Spicer and Mr. Hansen's recommendation to employ Ryan Wisneski as a ½ stipend, Step 1 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach at Wilmington Middle School for the 2023-2024 school term. Employment is pending the compliance with all federal, state, and local guidelines. 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 Mr. Spicer and Mr. Hansen's recommendation to employ Jacob Walsh as a ½ stipend, Step 1 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach at Wilmington Middle School for the 2023-2024 school term. Employment is pending the compliance with all federal, state, and local guidelines. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Kempes to approve Mr. Maupin and Mr. Goff's recommendation to employ Nolan Smith as a Step 1 Assistant Boys basketball Coach at Wilmington High School for the 2023-2024 school term. Employment is pending the compliance with all federal, state, and local guidelines. 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 Resolution 16-23: Property Tax Appeal. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cragg and seconded by Southall to approve Non-Resident Tuition Statute. In accordance with 5/10-20.12b of the School Code, I hereby move that the board make a determination that students 001, 002, 003, and 004, who are presently attending school in the district on a tuition free basis are non-residents of the district for whom tuition is to be charged in accordance with 5/10-20.12a of the School Code, and that the Superintendent is hereby authorized to take all necessary actions on behalf of the board as required under the statute. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

Discussion Items:

Board Policy – Stephanie Southall and C.J. Dziuban: No report

Facilities Update/Construction Committee – Terry Anderson: No report

Foundation for Excellence – Tim Cragg: No report

Handbook Committee – Lauren Kempes: No report

IASB Delegate/Legislative Liaison – Peggy Kunz: No report

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, 2023 @ 6pm.

WILCO Board of Control – Peggy Kunz: many great developments ahead.

Correspondence:

The following thank you notes have been received: None

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Dziuban at 6:58 P.M. to adjourn until the regular meeting on November 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Closed Session will be at 6:00 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Terry Anderson, President

Peggy Kunz, Secretary