Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2023

The Board of Education of Wilmington Community Unit School District No. 209-U met in regular session on Monday, February 13, 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 (arrived at 6:04), Kempes, Kunz, Southall, Stickel 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; and Emergency security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, Stickel-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Stickel to leave closed session at 6:17 P.M. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, Stickel-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

Pledge to the Flag 6:30 P.M. in the Small Gym
Approximately 180 guests present.

A motion was made by Cragg and seconded by Stickel to approve the agenda and consent agenda for the Monday, February 13, 2023 meeting of the Wilmington Community Unit School District 209-U Board of Education as presented. All Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Stickel and seconded by Kempes 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 and SAT exceeds awards in Math and ELA. 79 students were recognized.

Administrator Reports:

<u>Mrs. Beth Norman, Bruning Principal reported:</u>
Students were tested in Literacy and Math in the first two weeks of January and RTI groups have been adjusted accordingly. There will be early dismissal 2/8th. Valentine's parties will be held on 2/14 from 1:00 – 2:00pm. There will be no school on 2/20th to celebrate President's Day. Our second trimester will end on 2/17th. Report cards will be available electronically on 2/27th. Kindergarten registration will take place 3/27-3/31. Pre-school will have a home/school connection day on Friday, February 17th. Pre-School teachers will attend the Pre-K/Kindergarten Conference on March 2nd and 3rd.

Mrs. Venita Dennis, LJ Stevens Intermediate Principal reported:
Students were assessed using Aims + in January. I-Ready was completed in December. Fourth grade students will present a patriotic musical assembly on 2/16th at 6:30pm in the WMS gym. Valentine parties will be held on 2/14th from 1:45 – 2:30. There is no school 2/20th to honor President's Day. The second trimester ends on 2/17th, and report cards will be available electronically on 2/27th. The next PTO meeting will be held on 3/7th. IAR will be administered beginning April 12th. 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade students take two ELA tests and three Math tests. 5th grade will also take the Illinois Science Assessment. The 100th day of school is on 2/2nd.

Mr. Adam Spicer, Wilmington Middle School Principal reported:
The second trimester ends on 2/17th, and report cards will be available electronically on 2/24th. The High School Guidance Department will meet with 8th grade students and begin to schedule their Freshman year classes. State mandated testing will begin in March. WMS students will take the IL Science Assessment in April and the IL Assessment of Readiness in late March. Aims Web winter benchmark testing ended in January. Students were tested in reading and Math. Mrs. Georgeff will be taking six 8th grade students to the honor band festival at Olivet on Monday, February 13th. 7th and 8th grade 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 21-22. The play will run for two nights on May 2nd and 3rd. Congratulations to the WMS Wildcats of the Month of January: 6th grade Lesley Gutierrez, 7th grade Nekko Sterkowitz, and 8th grade Gabrielle Kluk.

Mr. Scott Maupin, Wilmington High School Principal written report:
3rd quarter progress reports are due on 2/10th. Guidance Department is continuing registrations for our Juniors, Sophomores and Freshman for next school year. Beginning SAT/PSAT test prep on 4/12th testing day for Juniors, Sophomores and Freshman. ICE Conference Scholastic Bowl Tournament will be held at Reed Custer on 3/2nd and the IHSA Regionals on 3/6th. The WHS Speech Team earned 3rd place at the ICE Tournament. IHSA sectionals will be at Morris High School on 2/11th. Lisle High School hosted the ICE Conference Math Competition on 1/25th. WHS earned 5th place. Cheerleading state finals were held 2/3 and 2/4th in Bloomington. The cheerleaders came in 9th place in state. We are hosting the Girls Basketball Regionals on 2/13th and 2/16th. We had 2 students advance to the IHSA Wrestling Sectionals. January students of the month were: Freshmen – Ella Hansen and Taylor Stefancic, Sophomores – Alex Boyer and Jocelyn Herrera, Juniors – Emily Geiss and Ava Rabideau, Seniors – Ella Cooper and Troy Gill.

Mr. Mike McCorminck, Technology Coordinator reported:
No report.

Mrs. Lisa Hipes, Finance Director reported:
Chapman and Cutler filed our annual Continuing Disclosure with EMMA on 1/23rd. On 1/27, Mrs. Hipes completed the Post-Issuance Tax Compliance Report for 2023. The board is asked to approve a 3-year renewal for our Skyward Student Management

system. The new fee is $15.57 per student annually. This is an increase of $.57. The board will also be asked to approve the purchase of the Skyward financial software at a cost of $72,501. Half of the cost will be paid this fiscal year and the other half in FY 24.

Mr. Kevin Feeney, Curriculum Director reported:

The next Professional Development Day is scheduled for 2/8th. The focus will be Superkids lessons and IAR and SAT assessment prep. Students at SIS and WMS will take IAR tests in April. Freshman will take the PSAT 9, sophomores the PSAT 10, and juniors will take the SAT Assessment. Results will be shared sometime during the fall of 2023/2024 school year.

Dr. Matt Swick, Superintendent reported:

Illinois Freedom of Information Act Report: None at this time

DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 8..……..Half-Day In-Service/Early Release: BRU 11:00; SIS/WMS 11:20; WHS 11:15
February 13……..Board Meeting – 6:00 Closed Session; 6:30 Open Session
February 14……..Valentine's Parties: BRU 1:00 – 2:00, SIS 1:45-2:45
February 16……..4th Grade Patriotic Program 6:30 PM @ WMS
February 20……..No School – President's Day
March 6…….No School - Pulaski Day
March 13.……Board Meeting – 6:00 Closed Session; 6:30 Open Session

There will be sign-up sheets for the Middle School Promotion and High School Graduation. We will need to know if you will be participating in graduation this year.

The SOWIC report for February, 2023 was submitted.

Recommended approval for the following consent agenda items as presented: Regular meeting of January 17, 2023; Closed Meeting of January 17, 2023; Approve the Building Principal's Reports; Curriculum Director's Report; Technology Coordinator's Report; Financial Director's Report and Superintendent's Report; Approve Treasurer's Reports for January; Approve February bills and January payroll remittances in the amount of $728,563.22; Ratify payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of $319,570.62 for the January 13, 2023 payroll; Ratify payroll Direct Deposit in the amount for $307,949.12; Authorize the signing of the checks of the February 15, 2023 and February 28, 2023 payroll; Approve the Imprest Fund Report for the month of January reimbursed in the amount of $7,183.00; 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: None; Approve the following donations: Books and Monetary Donations to WHS Library for Amy's Corner, by George and Carol Salaba; A $10,000 Donation for new indoor scoreboards in the WHS Main Gym from Grundy Bank; Approve the following fundraisers: WHS: Senior Class, Gourmet Popcorn Sales, February – March 2023; WHS: Baseball, Go Booster Shot Fantasy Baseball Cards, March 1-15, 2023;

BR, SIS, WMS: PTO, Dinning for Dollars, February 21, 2023; BR, SIS, WMS: PTO, Kiss a Pig, May 2023; BR,SIS, WMS: PTO, Mother's Day Cookbooks, April 2023; BR, SIS, WMS: PTO, Pizza for U Teachers Delivery, March 6, 2023; WHS: Music Boosters, Preferred Seating, March 9-12, 2023; Approve the following facility use forms: WHS: Senior Awards Night Committee, Senior Awards Night, April 26, 2023, 3:00PM-10:00PM; SIS: Bobcats Football and Cheerleading Sign-Ups, March 24-25, 2023 (6-9PM)24th, and 9:00AM-12:00PM (25th); To approve the Disposal of Property no longer needed for school purposes: 1992 John Deere AMT 626 Gator, Serial # W00626X7646; 1994 Kubota L2350, Serial # 50213;

Approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar as presented:

August 16	Fee Day (2PM – 6 PM)
August 22	New Teacher Orientation (8:15 AM-3 PM)
August 31	Teacher Institute
September 1	Teacher Institute
September 4	Labor Day – No school
September 5	First Full Day Pupil Attendance
September 18-23	Homecoming Week 2023
October 4	11:15 Release Staff Development
October 9	Columbus Day - No School
November 3	Last Day of 1st Quarter
November 6	2nd Quarter Begins
November 9	P/T Conferences 1:45 Dismissal (3PM-7PM)
November 10	P/T Conferences (9AM-12PM)
November 15	11:15 Release Staff Development
November 22-24	Thanksgiving Break – No School
December 22	Early Dismissal 1:45 PM
December 25-January 2	Winter Break
January 3	Teacher Institute
January 4	Resume 2nd Quarter
January 12	End of 2nd Quarter
January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
February 7	11:15 Release Staff Development
February 19	Presidents' Day – No School
March 4	Pulaski Holiday – No School
March 22	Last Day of 3rd Quarter
March 25 – April 1	Spring Break
April 2	School Resumes
April 17	11:15 Release Staff Development
May 27	Memorial Day
June 6	Last Day of Student Attendance (Tentative)
June 7	Teacher Institute (Tentative)
June 10-June 14	Emergency Days (Tentative)

Approve the 8th Grade Promotion date of Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. at the High School; Approve the Wilmington High School Graduation date of Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. To approve Crisis Plan Updates; To retroactively approve contract renewal with Pepsi-Cola as the Beverage Supplier for all Wilmington Schools

and Functions from August 1, 2022-July 31, 2027.

Act on the Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Stickel and seconded by Southall to approve the Consent agenda items as presented for the Monday, February 13, 2023 meeting of the Wilmington Community Unit School District 209-U Board of Education. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, Stickel-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Stickel to approve the letter of resignation submitted by Max Higgins, a Stevens Intermediate School Part-Time Custodian, effective January 13, 2023. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, Stickel-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Stickel and seconded by Kempes to approve the letter of resignation submitted by Lisa Holmes, the Wilmington High School Building Principal Secretary. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, Stickel-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Stickel and seconded by Southall to approve the employment of Krista Niehls as a Wilmington High School Building Principal secretary beginning on March 14, 2023. Employment is pending compliance with all federal, state, and local guidelines. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, Stickel-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Kempes to approve Document No 2-1-23 – Wilmington Middle School Spring Co-Curricular Assignments for 2022-2023. 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. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, Stickel-abstain, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Kempes to approve Document No 2-2-23 – Wilmington High School Spring Co-Curricular Assignments for 2022-2023. 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. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, Stickel-abstain, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Kunz to approve a Community Agreement between Trinity Services – Family Counseling Center and the Wilmington School District, in order to provide for additional in-school counseling resources. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, Stickel-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Stickel to approve securing the services of Skyward to assist with installation of data and provide initial year of access to the Skyward School Business Suite for a total cost of approximately $72,501. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, Stickel-aye, and Anderson-aye.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Stickel and seconded by Kempes to approve a 3-year contract renewal with Skyward as our Student Information System Software Provider from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026, with a price increase from $15.00 per student per year, to a $15.57 per student per year. Cragg-aye, Dziuban-aye, Kempes-aye, Kunz-aye, Southall-aye, Stickel-aye, and Anderson-aye. Motion carried.

Discussion Items: President's Prerogative –

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

Facilities Update/Construction Committee: Terry Anderson and Ben Stickel – SIS HVAC project and WMS Foundation project

Foundation for Excellence – Tim Cragg: No Report

Handbook Committee – Ben Stickel and Lauren Kempes: No report

IASB Delegate/Legislative Liaison – Peggy Kunz: November

Negotiations Committee – Terry Anderson and Peggy Kunz: No report

TAB/Leadership Committee – Terry Anderson: No report.

Three Rivers Governing Board – Lauren Kempes: No report.

WILCO Board of Control – Peggy Kunz: Student of the month Savanah Gorski. Pathways to Professions will be March 14th and 15th. Wilco offers Veterinary Assisting at 5 different sites online at www.tinyurl.com/vetassist.

Correspondence: None

A motion was made by Southall and seconded by Stickel at 7:16 P.M. to adjourn until the regular meeting on March 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