

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 4, 2016

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in regular session on Thursday, August 4, 2016. The following members were present Dennis Gutwein, Todd Miller, Jeff Tanner, Mandy Sharpe, Jim Bergens and President Jeff Lowry. Also in attendance were Principals Pat Culp and Dan Zylstra, Amber Tomlinson, Shannon Fritz and Superintendent Don Street.

MINUTES: Jim Bergens made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 7, 2016 as presented. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve requisitions 16142 through 16152 for the corporation. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

RESIGNATIONS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the following resignations.

1. Emma Kiser – Language Arts
2. Marsha Minkert – Art
3. Jenna Wojdula – Band and Choir Director
4. Brandi Kappes – 1st Grade
5. Alexandra Shonk – Cafeteria
6. Kelsey Erb – Life Skills Aide
7. Kaci Kruger – Cooperative School Services

Jim Bergens seconded the motion and the resignations were approved.

TRANSFER: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the following transfers.

1. Lindley Laposi – High School Language Arts to 6th Grade Language Arts
2. Jennifer Istre – 6th Grade Science/Social Studies to Middle/High School Science

Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the transfers were approved.

RECALL: Jim Bergens made a motion to approve the following teachers from the reduction of force list.

1. Lisa Baker – High School Language Arts
2. Leanna Nielsen – 1st Grade

Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the motion was approved. All teachers that were placed on the reduction of force list have been recalled.

EMPLOYMENT: Jeff Tanner made a motion to employ the following individuals as presented:

1. Heather Straus – Band and Choir Director

2. Natalie Dickinson – Art
3. Josh Cooper – 6th Grade Science/Social Studies
4. Haley Givens – 2nd Grade
5. Cylee Marlatt – Life Skills Instructional Assistant
6. Bekah Erb – High School Cross Country Coach
7. Mike McKay – Head Baseball Coach
8. David Allen – Assistant Baseball Coach
9. Ryan Howat – Middle School Football Coach
10. Mike McKay – Middle School Assistant Football Coach
11. Brian Pilarski – Head Softball Coach
12. Shelby Powell – Assistant Softball Coach
13. Samantha Pepples – Cooperative School Services

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the contracts were approved.

FACILITIES UPDATE: The parking lot has been sealed and coated, water pressure tanks have been replaced in the elementary and high school, security window coating has been added to several windows on campus, the gym floors have been cleaned and waxed, a new cooler was installed in the elementary cafeteria, new carpet in five classrooms, carpet has been cleaned and shampooed, painting of several rooms, painting of light poles, floors have been cleaned and waxed, trees are being trimmed and removed, and computers have been cleaned and updated. The maintenance and custodial staff have worked very hard for the preparation for a new school year.

TITLE I GRANT: Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the Title I Grant as presented. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion carried. Title 1, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), provides financial assistance to states and school districts to meet the needs of educationally at-risk students. The goal of Title 1 is to provide extra instructional services and activities which support students for the state's challenging performance standards in mathematics, reading and writing.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE: Jim Bergens made a motion to approve advertising the 2017 School Budget, Capital Projects Plan and the Bus Replacement Plan as presented. Todd Miller seconded the motion and approval was given to advertise.

VIRTUAL OPTION FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER PROGRAM: The Indiana Department of Education is offering an application for virtual option for inclement weather. Schools have the option to use the day school is missed or another day that school is not in session. If it is decided to utilize a virtual option, all built-in make-up days would be used first. A survey will be conducted later in the school year to determine the percent of students that have Internet at home.

COOPERATIVE SCHOOL SERVICES EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS:
Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the Cooperative School Service Employment contracts for the 2016-17 school year. Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the contracts were approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Mr. Zylstra informed the board that final preparations are underway for the 2016-2017 school year at the elementary school. During registration, 27 new students enrolled. Online registration was offered for the first time. A number of parents chose to register completely online from the comfort of their own home. Over 30 students had their book rental payed through the online payment

portal. On the whole it was a positive experience and improvements will be made for next school year. Head Start is officially moved into the building. During the Head Start parent meeting Principal Zylstra spoke with parents attending, many of whom were very excited they no longer had to drive to Winamac to participate in their child's Head Start experience. Head Start's first student day will be August 24. All K-5 staff at the elementary school took part in Ready Math training. A presenter from the company came to the school guided the staff through the digital and print portions of the new program, which will greatly utilize the district's IPADs and Chromebooks in the pursuit of greater math achievement. The building will look great for Meet the Teacher Night, which will be held on Tuesday, August 9 from 6:00-7:00. The first student day is August 10. That morning the students will gather for an all-school assembly in the gym to review expectations and kick off the new school year. Mr. Culp reported that the annual West Central Trojan Scholarship golf outing is Saturday, August 13 at Moss Creek Golf Club starting at 1:00 PM. Teams and sponsors can still participate by contacting Athletic Director Mr. Wes Allen. Golfers of all ages and abilities are welcome to play. Extended School Year (ESY) for students and teachers has concluded. Ms. Chelsea Reed and her staff, Mrs. Kelly Jackson and Ms. Shelby Powell, worked hard in preparation for ESY. During the two weeks of ESY, students from North White and West Central worked on various academic skills and community based instruction. On Friday, August 19, the student council is hosting the 18th annual Pork and Chicken dinner prior to the football game against LaVille. Please come out and enjoy some delicious food and entertaining football! Mr. Street started a discussion concerning the future possibility of redesigning the main entrances to the school buildings for increasing school security and utilizing building space to meet the current educational needs took place. Most buildings are designed for visitors to enter the school office before entering the building and limiting access to the building. The 2015-16 extracurricular fund report was reviewed. Mr. Street informed the board that several Indiana small and rural schools are working collaboratively to inform the state legislature of the continued drop of funding for schools. All Indiana small and rural schools are being hurt financially as a result of the state financial formula. The wind turbine production was reviewed. The wind in the summer months slows compared to the spring and fall. The 2016-17 school year is the 50th year for West Central.

CLAIMS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve claims 710 through 816 for the corporation. Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the claims were approved.

ADJOURNMENT: President Jeff Lowry asked the board if there was any further business. Being none, the president adjourned the meeting.

Jeff Lowry, President

APPROVED

Jim Bergens, Secretary

WORK SESSION

AUGUST 4, 2016

A work session was held on August 4, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. The following members were present: Dennis Gutwein, Mandy Sharpe, Jeff Tanner, Todd Miller, Jim Bergens and President Jeff Lowry. Also in attendance was Superintendent Don Street.

The work session was held to go over the 2017 School Budget, Capital Projects Plan and the Bus Replacement Plan.

President Jeff Lowry asked the board if there was any further business. Being none, the president adjourned the meeting.

Jeff Lowry, President

APPROVED

Jim Bergens, Secretary