

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 3, 2016

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in regular session on Thursday, November 3, 2016. The following members were present Dennis Gutwein, Mandy Sharpe, Todd Miller, Jeff Tanner, Jim Bergens, Gary Gudeman, and President Jeff Lowry. Also in attendance were Kellis Gutwein, Fred Gutwein, Elliot Gutwein, Gretchen Gutwein, Sandy Prater, Dianna Maxwell, Jonathan Gutwein, Laura Stout, Mikayla Walker, Damian Harrell, Trebreona Karge, Mary Karge, Becky Huetten, Angel Summers, Paige Summers, Mercedes Waugh, Curtis Huetten, Amber Tomlinson, Shannon Fritz, Principals Pat Culp & Dan Zylstra, and Superintendent Don Street.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH: Dennis Gutwein presented Elliot Gutwein with a certificate honoring him for being nominated as Student of the Month at the elementary school level. Gary Gudeman presented Mikayla Walker with a certificate honoring her at the high school level. Thomas Chalifoux was the Student of the Month middle school nominee, but he was unable to attend. Congratulations are extended to these students!

MINUTES: Jim Bergens made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the Executive Session of October 6, 2016 as presented. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve requisitions 16213 through 16244 for the corporation. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

EMPLOYMENT: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the following employment as presented:

1. Lori McIlvain – High School Cafeteria

Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the contracts were approved.

LEAVE REQUESTS: Jim Bergens made a motion to approve the following leave requests as presented:

1. Ashley Reinhold – Personal Leave
2. Amber Leman – Personal Leave
3. Paige Anliker – Medical Leave

Gary Gudeman seconded the motion and the leave requests were approved.

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS: Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the following field trip request as presented:

1. FFA – Fire Conference- Trafalgar, IN- November 18-20, 2016

Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the field trip request was approved.

COURSE DESCRIPTION BOOKS: The recommended changes to the course description books were reviewed. Jim Bergens made a motion to approve the high school course description book changes for the 2017-18 school year as presented. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

BOARD POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS: The first reading of the policy manual addition for the Federal Grants and Awards Administration was held. There was a motion made by Dennis Gutwein and seconded by Jim Bergens to approve the first reading of the policy manual addition as presented. There will be a second reading at the next school board meeting in December.

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PRESENTATION:
Gary Gudeman made a motion to allow a representative from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to bring an unloaded gun (shotgun or rifle) for demonstration purposes. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Mr. Zylstra reported that November is a great month at the elementary school. Mrs. Gutwein's 1st grade students will go to Parkview Haven to read with residents. The 5th grade students and volunteer parents will be attending the Junior Achievement Biztown event. Progress reports will go home on November 10. Picture Retakes are on November 16. On November 17, the Student Council will be hosting an elementary school dance, the Turkey Twist from 6:00-7:30. Donuts with Dad is scheduled for December 2. The theme is "Hunt for a Good Book." The Elementary School Christmas Program will be a K-5 all-school program in the high school gym on December 20 at 6:00pm. The elementary school staff has spent their Thursday PD time reviewing the new math curriculum. Our math program facilitator will be in the building again on November 11 to continue to support teachers as they implement the program. The remaining Thursday morning PDs this semester will be spent on staff input for our upcoming accreditation report and site visit. Mr. Culp reported that the FFA recently held the annual Farmer's Breakfast. The students decided to donate all the proceeds to the families of those people impacted by the grain elevator explosion. The FFA donated over \$13,600 total. The outpouring of support from the communities is greatly appreciated.

Also, the servanthood attitude displayed by the West Central students is a true testament of the West Central Way. On November 11, West Central will be hosting the Veterans Day program in the gym at 11:00. All community members are welcome to attend.

Veterans are invited to stay after the program for a chili lunch in the high school media center. In the month of November, staff continues to work towards the AdvancEd visit which will be in April of 2017. AdvancEd is the largest community of education professionals in the world, with the commitment to help schools improve. AdvancEd conducts rigorous, on-site external reviews of Pre-K-12 schools and school systems to ensure that all learners realize their full potential. West Central staff will use Thursday morning professional development time to review survey data collected from students, staff, and parents. Also, staff will complete a district self-assessment. Mr. Street discussed a Lilly grant to improve or expand counseling in Indiana schools. Data concerning cost savings with purchases from the Northern Indiana Educational Services Center was shared. West Central was awarded a Water Fluoridation Quality Award from the State. A letter sent to our representative and senator encouraging each to support a bill that would hold harmless teachers and schools results based upon the changing state test was shared.

CLAIMS: Gary Gudeman made a motion to approve claims 1093 through 1250 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.

APPROVED:

Jeff Lowry, President

Jim Bergens, Secretary