

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 5, 2016

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in regular session on Thursday, May 5, 2016. The following members were present Todd Miller, Gary Gudeman, Jeff Lowry, Jeff Tanner, Dennis Gutwein, Jim Bergens and President David Allen. Also in attendance were Madison Woodward, Stephanie Woodward, Edmund Woodward, Zane Woodward, Terri Ray, Zack Boehning, Deeanne Patton, Chris Boehning, Lindsey Boehning, Brad Odom, Janet Kruger, Principals Pat Culp and Dan Zylstra, Shannon Fritz, and Superintendent Don Street.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH: Jeff Tanner presented Zackary Boehning with a certificate honoring him as Student of the Month at the elementary school. Dennis Gutwein presented Madison Woodward with a certificate honoring her at the high school level. Deven O'Dell was not able 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 April 7, 2016 as presented. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve requisitions 16052 through 16103 for the corporation and 16115 through 16118 for the Cooperative School Services. Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

David Allen recused himself from Personnel Matters. Secretary Todd Miller assumed the chairman responsibilities.

RESIGNATIONS: Jim Bergens made a motion to accept the following resignations as presented:

- A. Kelly Zeltwanger – Instructional Assistant
- B. Emma Osterfeld – Cooperative School Services

Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the resignations were accepted.

EMPLOYMENT: Gary Gudeman made a motion to approve employing the following people as presented:

- A. Alicia Cotner – Corporation Library/Media Specialist
- B. David Allen – Corporation Maintenance Director

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the employment was approved.

At this time, David Allen read his resignation to the board. Dennis Gutwein made a motion to accept the resignation of David Allen from the Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation effective Friday, May 6, 2016. Jim Bergens seconded the motion and the resignation was accepted.

After the Personnel Matters were taken care of, David Allen reassumed the chairman responsibilities.

BOARD POLICY ADDITIONS AND UPDATES FIRST READING: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the first reading of the Board Policy Manual additions, Collection and Forgiveness of Debt; Internal Controls; Criminal Gangs and Criminal Gang Activity in Schools; and the update for Graduation Requirements. Gary Gudeman

seconded the motion and the first reading of the additions and updates for the Board Policy Manual was approved.

BUDGET CALENDAR: Jim Bergens made a motion to approve the budget calendar for 2016-17 as presented. David Allen seconded the motion and the dates were approved.

SCHOOL MEALS: Based upon information from the State/Federal Guidelines meal prices must be raised. Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve increasing the elementary lunch by 5 cents, the middle school/high school lunch by 20 cents with no increase in the student breakfast and a 10 cent increase in the adult breakfast prices and a 60 cent increase in the adult lunch prices for the 2016-17 school year. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the prices were approved.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE PLAN: Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the renewal of the student accident insurance plan with Student Assurance Services as presented for the 2016-17 school year. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

SEVEN PERIOD DAY FOR MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL: Jeff Lowry made a motion to move to a seven period day. Jim Bergens seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

STUDENT HANDBOOKS: Principals Pat Culp and Dan Zylstra went over the changes in the student handbooks for the 2016-17 school year. Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the handbooks as presented. Gary Gudeman seconded the motion and the handbooks were approved.

CLASSIFIED STAFF WORK MEMORANDUMS: Jim Bergens made a motion to approve the classified staff work memorandums as presented. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the work memorandums were approved. David Allen abstained from voting.

COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS: Todd Miller made a motion to add CCR Bridge: Math Ready course and FINITE Mathematics to the high school course description guide. David Allen seconded the motion and the course was approved.

TEXTBOOK ADOPTION: Jim Bergens made a motion to adopt the math books as presented. The elementary school is adopting IREADY Mathematics while the middle/high school will be adopting Big Ideas Mathematics: A Bridge to Success. Pre-Calculus will be adopting Pre-Calculus with Limits. Calculus will be adopting Calculus 9e. Finite Math will be adopting Finite. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

TEXTBOOK RENTAL AND FEES: Textbook rental and fees were presented and compared to area schools. West Central's textbook rental and fees are lower or comparable to other area school districts. Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the book rental and fees for 2016-17 as follows:

Kindergarten	\$98.00
First Grade	\$119.00
Second Grade	\$120.00
Third Grade	\$120.00
Fourth Grade	\$108.00
Fifth Grade	\$110.00

Grades 6-12 will be determined by course selection.

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the book rental and fees were approved.

ATHLETIC CONFERENCE: West Central has been approached about joining a conference with several former MidWest Conference Schools. Jeff Tanner made a motion to give permission for the high school administration to pursue and join a new athletic conference. David Allen seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

SCHOOL PLAY DATE REQUEST: Jim Bergens made a motion to approve two (2) Sunday performances, Sunday, October 16 and Sunday, February 26, for the middle/high school plays. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

BOARD MEETING DATES: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the Board meeting dates for 2016-17 as presented. Gary Gudeman seconded the motion and the dates were approved.

SALEM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY APPOINTMENT: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve Andy Durham to the Library Board of the Francesville-Salem Township Public Library Board. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the appointment was approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Mr. Zylstra reported that the elementary school had another great turnout with Muffins with Moms. Thanks again to Mrs. Schlatter, the Title I Staff, and all the moms who came to make it a great occasion. The elementary school completed all students' ISTEP+ tests earlier this week. Friday, May 6 students will get their ice cream treats for meeting their April Accelerated Reader goal. The PTC's Spring Port-A-Pit is on that same day. West Central will host the annual Pulaski County Spelling Bee at 4:00 on Wednesday, May 11. Field Day will be Thursday, May 19. The Accelerated Read Movie will be Monday, May 23, and our Awards Day Program will be Tuesday, May 24 on our students' last day of school. Much of the PD time at the elementary schools has been focused on planning for the implementation of next year's math adoption and some of the changes in scheduling in store for next year. Summer school sign-up is underway. Summer school begins on Tuesday, May 31 and ends on Thursday, June 9.

Mr. Culp informed the board that the Middle School Ecology Club came in 3rd out of eight schools for the recycling contest we entered through NorthWest Solid Waste District. The 3rd place finish receives a check for \$1000. The Math and English teams recently competed in the Hoosier North Athletic Conference competition. Students in grades 8-12 participated in the competitions. Both teams worked hard throughout the school year and completed the competition with 4th place finishes. Jennifer Johns recently nominated two students for the CTE 21 under 21, honoring student accomplishments in Career and Technical Education (CTE). Katie Isch and Courtney Troxel, both 2014 graduates, were selected for the 21 under 21 as well! This is the first time West Central students were honored in this way. Thank you to Mr. Don Good for funding books for the Health Occupations class next year. Throughout the course of the school year, West Central students, Randi Nine, Braylin Balough and Cassie Wuethrich have served on the Alliance Bank Jr. Board of Directors. On May 1, West Central students, and students from Twin Lakes, North White, and Winamac, were honored for their participation in this endeavor. The purpose of the program is to create leaders, encourage community involvement, provide knowledge about local employers, and further develop and keep local talent. Braylin and Cassie will continue to serve our local community next year. West Central sophomores, Jared Glasford and Winston Leman will join Braylin and Cassie and the rest of the Alliance Bank team next year. On May 6, the FFA is hosting the Spring Banquet at West Central. Prom will be Saturday, May 14 at the Brandywine in Monticello. Senior Awards Night is scheduled for Monday, May 16

starting at 7:00 in the High School cafeteria. On Thursday, May 19, those 8th graders who have earned a trip to Indianapolis will enjoy an Indianapolis Indians game. On May 25, the Wall Gang riders honoring our country's Veterans will be visiting West Central again at approximately 10:15. The veterans will change our MIA/POW flag and meet anyone from the community wanting to thank the veterans riding. The Wall Gang rides across the United States culminating in Washington D.C. stopping at Veteran's Homes, schools, and communities to thank veterans for their service. This year, 6th grade students made 50 "Thank You" cards to be distributed during the ride. Baccalaureate Services and Graduation will be Sunday, May 29. Baccalaureate Services will begin at 2:00 with Mr. Steve Birch sharing with students. Graduation will begin at 2:30. Mr. Street stated that on-line registration planning by the principals and office staff is continuing. Parents will be able to register at home or school using a computer. Textbook rental and fee payments may be mailed or sent to the school. The cafeteria will have breakfast and lunch available for elementary summer school students. The staff recognition breakfast will be Wednesday, May 25. An email from a visitor complementing the efforts being made by Wes Allen, coaches, and volunteers on the baseball field were shared. The projected enrollment for next school year is 800 students.

CLAIMS: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve claims 359 through 464 for the corporation and 939 through 1033 for Cooperative School Services. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the claims were approved.

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

David Allen, President

APPROVED:

Todd Miller, Secretary

EXECUTIVE SESSION

May 5, 2016

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in executive session on Thursday, May 5, 2016 following the regular board meeting. The following members were present: Jeff Lowry, Todd Miller, Dennis Gutwein, Gary Gudeman, Jeff Tanner, President David Allen and Superintendent Don Street.

The Executive Session was held in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9), To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employee(s), apart from the budget process.” as well as in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1,(10) “ When considering the appointment of a public official, to: (A) develop a list of prospective appointees.”

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Todd Miller, Secretary