

## REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in regular session on Thursday, September 3, 2015. The following members were present Gary Gudeman, Dennis Gutwein, Jeff Tanner, Jeff Lowry, David Allen, Todd Miller and President Jim Bergens. Also in attendance were Mason Istre, Jennifer Istre, Kathy Wappel, Rodger Wappel, Kathy Minnick, Kendra Grigsby, Delmer Grigsby, Shirley Grigsby, Jason Grigsby, Cindi Grigsby, Dan Zylstra, Pat Culp, Shannon Fritz and Superintendent Don Street.

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH:** Jeff Lowry presented Mason Istre with a certificate honoring him for being selected as Student of the Month at the elementary school. Gary Gudeman read the teacher recommendation to the board as Manny Hoover was not able to attend the meeting honoring him for being selected as Student of the Month at the middle school. Todd Miller presented Kendra Grigsby with a certificate honoring her for being selected as Student of the Month at the high school. Congratulations are extended to these students!

**MINUTES:** Gary Gudeman made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the budget work session of August 6, 2015 as presented. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

**REQUISITIONS:** Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve requisitions 15175 through 15192 for the corporation and 16016 through 16027 for Cooperative School Services. David Allen seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

**RESIGNATIONS:** David Allen made a motion to approve the following resignations as presented:

1. Heather Beach – Language Arts
2. Ryan Radtke – Industrial Technology
3. Derek DeRoo – Instructional Assistant
4. Marc Hall – Boys Varsity Track Coach
5. Don Anderson – Cooperative School Services
6. Sherrie LeBeau – Cooperative School Services

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the resignations were approved.

**EMPLOYMENT:** Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the following employment items as presented:

1. Tyler DeMoss – Industrial Techonology/Asst. Varsity Baseball
2. Lisa Baker – Language Arts
3. Jenna Wojdula – Band/Choir
4. Kristin Cullen – High School Custodian
5. Lori Fort – Elementary Cafeteria
6. David Schultheiss – JV Boys Basketball

7. Mike McKay – Varsity Baseball
8. Natalie Wenzel – Asst. Volleyball Coach

Gary Gudeman seconded the motion and the contracts were approved.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the following leave of absence:

1. Anna DeRoo – Maternity Leave

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the leave of absence was approved.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the following conference requests:

1. Courtney Cervenka – IRCA Autism Conference
2. Pat Culp – Safety Academy Advanced Training
3. Dan Zylstra – AdvancED District Accreditation Visit
4. Jessica Murray, Cathy Risner and Brittany Mendiola – Gordon Food Service Food Show

Jim Bergens seconded the motion and the conference requests were approved.

FIELD TRIP REQUEST: David Allen made a motion to approve the following field trip request:

1. FFA – FFA National Convention

Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the field trip request was approved.

2016 BUDGET HEARING: President Jim Bergens opened the hearing for the 2016 budget, capital projects plan, transportation plan and bus replacement plan. Superintendent Street went over line items in the budget. President Jim Bergens asked for questions or comments, hearing none, the 2016 budget hearing was closed.

PROPERTY INSURANCE RENEWAL: The board reviewed the renewal with Regions Insurance for the 2015-2016 school year. Todd Miller made a motion to approve the property & liability insurance renewal with Regions Insurance as presented. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the motion carried.

INDIAN TRAILS CAREER & TECHNICAL AGREEMENT: Jeff Tanner made a motion to accept the Indiana Trails Career & Technical Agreement as presented. David Allen seconded the motion and the agreement was approved.

VISION INSURANCE RENEWAL PLAN: Gary Gudeman made a motion to accept the vision insurance renewal plan as presented. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the vision insurance plan was approved.

CLINICAL SERVICE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOUR-COUNTY AGREEMENT: Four-County provides at no cost a case worker to work with school age clients at West Central. Dennis Gutwein made a motion to accept the clinical service memorandum of understanding Four-County agreement as presented. Jim Bergens seconded the motion and the agreement was approved.

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Mr. Zylstra stated that we've had a great start to the school year and all classes are in full swing. Students will have their Fall pictures taken on September 9, and Dr. Moyer will be in school on September 10 to do kindergarten vision screenings. She deserves special thanks in advance for her service to the school corporation. Students in grades 3-5 will take their first round of Acuity testing starting September 14. The Pulaski Community Foundation's "Friends of Philanthropy Club" will take place again this year from September 28-30. More details about how students can participate will be sent home soon. The Fall Book Fair will be held from October 5-9, with a preview day on October 2.

Mr. Culp presented that on August 24, West Central School Corp. was honored to hear the story of Rachel Joy Scott during the Rachel's Challenge program. Rachel Scott was the first student killed at Columbine High School. Students also participated in a separate training session to generate ideas and plans for continuing the message of compassion and kindness delivered in Rachel's Challenge. On September 14 and 15, the 6th grade students and teachers will again be attending a camping trip at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston. Students will be challenged with team building activities, educational opportunities, and fun during the two-day trip, many thanks to the 6th grade teachers, Kathy Minnick, Jennifer Istre, Emma Kiser, and Chelsea Reed for their preparation and hard work organizing the trip. At the middle school, students and teachers are adjusting to the new schedule. Students are on an 8-period day as opposed to the Block 4. Teachers see all their students every day, and more time is built in for students to receive remediation and enrichment. Students and staff have been exposed to "The West Central Way", focusing on 5 principles of Servanthood, Thankfulness, Unity, Humility, and Passion. Students and staff were introduced to the principles during start of the year meetings. The West Central Way is visible to all students and staff.

Mr. Street reviewed the Northern Indiana Educational Service Center consolidated purchasing power. The estimated savings is \$31,000 as a result from cooperative bulk purchasing. The wind turbine performance report was reviewed. Cyber insurance and cyber security were discussed. Additional information will be gathered and discussed in the future. The school improvement plans are due by March 1, 2016 as a result of the Spring 2015 ISTEP scores not being returned until December or later. The IDOE will require all schools to use the new

AdvancED/NCA school improvement program. West Central School Corporation is an Accredited AdvancED/NCA District.

CLAIMS: Gary Gudeman made a motion to approve claims 796 through 909 for the corporation and 123 through 234 for Cooperative School Services. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the claims were approved.

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

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Jim Bergens, President

APPROVED

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Jeff Lowry, Secretary