

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 6, 2016

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in regular session on Thursday, October 6, 2016. The following members were present Gary Gudeman, Jeff Tanner, Dennis Gutwein, Todd Miller, Mandy Sharpe, Jim Bergens and President Jeff Lowry. Also in attendance were Jonathan Gutwein, Lorie Zellers, Janelle Odom, Matt Scheffer, Natasha Scheffer, Alexandria Scheffer, Olivia Scheffer, Amber Tomlinson, Principal Dan Zylstra, Shannon Fritz and Superintendent Don Street.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH: Jeff Tanner presented Olivia Scheffer with a certificate honoring her for being selected as Student of the Month at the elementary school. Kayli Wireman and Taylor Day were unable to attend. The board is proud of both Kayli and Taylor for being selected as the Students of the Month for the middle school and high school. Congratulations are extended to these students!

MINUTES: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 1, 2016 and the special meeting of September 26, 2016 as presented. Jim Bergens seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Jim Bergens made a motion to approve requisitions 16177 through 16211 for the corporation. Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

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

1. Lynne Wuethrich – Maternity leave for Lindsay Hopkins
2. E.Anne Ketchen – Maternity leave for Joy Schlatter
3. Josh Cooper – 6th Grade Boys Basketball
4. Megan Hunsley – Job Coach Cooperative School Services

Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the contracts were approved.

RESIGNATION: Gary Gudeman made a motion to approve the following resignation as presented:

1. Sheila Shafer – Cooperative School Services

Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the resignation was approved.

LEAVE REQUEST: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the following leave requests as presented:

1. Joy Schlatter – Maternity Leave
2. Alison Carnahan – Family Medical Leave
3. Jennifer Byrne – Personal Leave

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the leave requests were approved.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS: Jim Bergens made a motion to approve the following conference requests:

1. AdvancED Team – Marci Kennedy – October 26-27, 2016
2. Indiana School Nurses Conference – Arlene Metzger – November 3-4, 2016
3. Indiana School Nutrition Association Conference – Brittany Mendiola, Cathy Risner and Jessica Murray – November 3-4, 2016
4. 2016 Indiana Library Federation Annual Conference – Alicia Cotner – November 8-10, 2016
5. Region 7 Food & Commodity Testing – Brittany Mendiola, Cathy Risner and Jessica Murray – November 17-18, 2016

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

MASE HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS: Superintendent Street discussed the 5.5% premium increase for the MASE Health Insurance renewals and the classified staff corporation contributions. Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the health insurance corporation contributions for classified employees as presented. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the rates were approved.

2017 BUDGET ADOPTION: Jim Bergens made a motion to adopt the 2017 school corporation budget, Capital Projects Plan, and the Bus Replacement Plan as presented. Gary Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the authority to lower appropriations where necessary to more accurately reflect expenditures. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

RAINY DAY RESOLUTION: Jim Bergens made a motion to approve the rainy day resolution as presented. Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the rainy day resolution was approved.

SALARY INCREASES FOR CLASSIFIED STAFF: Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the salary increases for eligible classified staff as presented. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Mr. Zylstra reported that October is always a busy month for the elementary school. 2016 is no exception. Mrs. Metzger has arranged for Mobile Dentist to come on October 12. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, October 17 from 3:25-7:00 and Tuesday, October 18 from 3:25-6:00. Special thanks to the Elementary School Cheer Committee and the PTC for providing dinner for teachers on those extended days. School Safety

Week is October 17-20. The elementary school, in coordination with the middle/high school, will be conducting various safety drills during the week. The Book Fair will be October 31 - November 4. It will be a pirate theme, minus the pillaging and plundering. Family Literacy Night will be on November 3. The theme for Family Literacy Night is celebrating Indiana's birthday for our state's bicentennial. A special thanks goes to Alliance Bank for providing free ice cream and to Gutwein Popcorn for providing free popcorn to students on that special night. The West Central Parent Teacher Council's (PTC) "No Hassle" fundraiser raised almost \$4,000. This was the first time the PTC attempted a fundraiser of this sort, and while the overall fundraising goal was not met, the amount of funds raised will allow the PTC to significantly curtail fundraising activities while maintaining its support for programs. The West Central Head Start location has been a great success in its first month and a half. 16 students are enrolled and receiving Head Start services in the same building they will later attend for school, easing the transition to kindergarten. 2 of those students would not have been able to attend had the site remained in Winamac. The demand for the program exceeds its capacity, and there are currently students on a waiting list ready to attend if space opens up. The Head Start Staff and students have blended in well with the West Central environment, working harmoniously with the West Central culture and building-wide expectations. Mr. Culp informed the board that the middle school and high school have been working diligently on continuously improving technology integration, particularly using Google Classroom and Kahoot. Classroom helps teachers save time, keep classes organized, and improve communication with students. All classroom videos, reading assignments, classroom notes, and formative assessments can be placed on Google Classroom for easy access. Kahoot is a formative assessment both teachers and students can use to guide instruction. Using tech devices such as the Chromebook, I-Pad, or cell phone, students can answer questions as a review of material or to determine present level performance. The end of the 1st nine-weeks is Wednesday, October 12 with subsequent Parent/Teacher conferences scheduled for Monday, October 17 and Tuesday, October 18. Parent/Teacher conferences start at 3:30 each night. We encourage all parents or guardians to visit MS/HS during parent teacher conferences. On Wednesday, October 12, the West Central Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is hosting an event entitled, Fields of Faith. This FCA sponsored event is a nationwide event. Students invite, pray for, share with, and challenge their peers to read the Bible and follow Jesus Christ. An athletic field provides a neutral, rally point where a community can come together. The West Central drama department is excited to present "*Death by Chocolate*" on Saturday, October 15 and Sunday, October 16. Directors Mrs. Reed and Ms. Durie and the students have spent hours in developing an entertaining production. Mr. Street reported that the September student count is at 825 students about the same as it was at the end of the last school year. 42 out of district students are enrolled. The tentative career and technical enrollment is about the same as last year. Title I funding is . Mrs. Becky Reed is planning on organizing another Educational Travel Opportunity for students in the future. The 2016-17 Indiana Assessment Windows from the Indiana Department of Education was shared. The utility usage was reviewed.

CLAIMS: Gary Gudeman made a motion to approve claims 930 through 1092 for the corporation. Dennis Gutwein 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