

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 12, 2015

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in regular session on Thursday, November 12, 2015. The following members were present Dennis Gutwein, Todd Miller, Jeff Lowry, Jeff Tanner, Gary Gudeman, and President Jim Bergens. Also in attendance were Tammy Huddleston, Abby Huddleston, Levi Huddleston, Sam Huddleston, Elijah Huddleston, Sam Garlach, Carmen Garlach, Amber Berkshire, Addison Berkshire, Josh Berkshire, Shannon Fritz, Amber Tomlinson Principals Pat Culp & Dan Zylstra, and Superintendent Don Street.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH: Gary Gudeman presented Addison Berkshire with a certificate honoring her for being nominated as Student of the Month at the elementary school level. Todd Miller presented Samantha Garlach with a certificate honoring her at the middle school level. Jeff Lowry presented Elijah Huddleston with a certificate honoring him at the high school level. Congratulations are extended to these students!

MINUTES: Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the Executive Session of October 1, 2015 as presented. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Gary Gudeman made a motion to approve requisitions 15209 through 15253 for the corporation and 16041 through 16053 for Cooperative School Services. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

RESIGNATIONS: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the following resignations as presented:

1. Brandy Aschbrenner – Instructional Aide
2. Jennifer Owens – Girls Varsity Softball

Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the resignations were accepted.

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

1. E. Anne Ketchen – Long term substitute for Elementary Music maternity leave
2. Marlana Lewark – JV/Varsity Girls Basketball Assistant Coach
3. Mark Hamilton – High School Varsity Track Coach
4. Lisa Baker – Volunteer High School Track Coach
5. Jodie Schlatter – Title 1 Program Administrator

Gary Gudeman seconded the motion and the contracts were approved.

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

1. Kellis Gutwein – Personal Leave – Elementary Teacher
2. Lisa Baker – Personal Leave – High School Teacher
3. Becky Reed – Personal Leave – High School Teacher
4. Jennifer Istre – Personal Leave – Middle School Teacher

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

CONFERENCE REQUESTS: Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the following conference requests as presented:

1. IAG (High Ability) Conference – December 14-15, 2015 – Janet Kruger, Sarah Sensibaugh, Hillary Durie, Kathy Minnick, Emma Kiser – paid by High Ability Grant
2. Future of Education Technology Conference – January 12-16, 2016 – Joanne Stevens, Marci Kennedy – all expenses are to be paid by Indian Trails

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

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

1. FCA – Indianapolis Colts – Sunday, December 20, 2015

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

2015-2016 COOPERATIVE SCHOOL SERVICES CONTRACTS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 Cooperative School Services Contracts as presented. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the contracts were approved.

COURSE DESCRIPTION BOOKS: The recommended changes to the course description books were reviewed. Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the high school course description book changes for the 2016-17 school year as presented. Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the motion carried.

HIGH ABILITY GRANT: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the 2015-16 high ability grant application as presented. Jim Bergens seconded the motion and the grant application was approved.

AFFIDAVIT OF DESIGNATED EMPLOYEE: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to designate Shannon Fritz as the corporation representative in the presentation or defense in Small Claims Court on claims arising out of the business of the corporation, not exceeding \$1500.00. Gary Gudeman seconded the motion and the affidavit was approved.

FY 16 SECURED SAFETY GRANT: Gary Gudeman made a motion to approve the FY 16 Secured Safety Grant. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the grant was approved. The total grant amount is \$28,842.20 for 1,285.10 square feet of Clear-Armor laminates for the entrance doors and windows. It will enhance the security of our entrance doors and windows by reducing the probability of someone breaking the glass and entering the school.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Mr. Zylstra reported that West Central Elementary is looking into the possibility of starting a preschool for the 2016-2017 school year. Currently the school is gauging interest levels. Preschool surveys are available on the elementary school website, in the Communicator, and in the elementary school's Trojan

News. They should be returned to the elementary school office. Students were busy in October sending Christmas cards to our troops. The Medaryville American Legion purchased Christmas Cards from the Life Skills Class, elementary students signed them, and the ladies from the Medaryville American Legion sent them out to troops in time for Christmas. The school thanks everyone involved for their efforts. The PTC finished its Fall Catalogue Fundraiser in October. The top selling students will get to hit Mr. Zylstra in the face with a whip cream pie. Those orders will be available for pickup on November 24. For those that still want to donate to the PTC, they can write checks directly to the organization and drop them off at the school, or they can purchase a bag of delicious Trojan Blend gourmet coffee at the Central Office or at the Elementary School. Bags are only \$8.00. Students with perfect attendance in October were honored with a Perfect Attendance Lunch. The 5th grade students traveled to Fort Wayne on November 12 to attend the JA BizTown program where they displayed their business acumen and presentation skills. On November 20 we will have a local author, Amie Clemons, reading a book she has written to each grade level of students. Mr. Culp informed the board that Mr. Richard Boehning, a 1955 graduate of Francesville High School, has graciously donated funds in honor of his late wife Phyllis Albrecht Boehning, also a 1955 graduate of Francesville High School, for the purchase of a Personal Finance curriculum. The 8th grade students participated in the Reality Fair recently. Students, with the help of community partners, were able to learn "Real World" costs of housing, taxes, clothing, rent, etc. The FFA participated in the National FFA convention in Louisville, KY recently. FFA President Regan Culp shared some highlights from the convention: *"Amplify your impact. A saying us FFA officers often heard this past week as we attended the 88th National FFA Convention. My teammates and I attended several sessions along with leadership trainings to listen to keynote speakers who told us how they have touched others and witnessed change. We heard retiring addresses from the national FFA officers where we were told to shine our greatness, live life to the fullest, listen to our hearts, and follow our dreams. They shared their personal experiences and experiences they had heard about from others which gave us a glimpse into other chapters experiences. My officers and I met other FFA members from across the nation! Including a chapter from Puerto Rico! We bonded and sparked new ideas that would benefit our chapter in many ways. We are going to use these new ideas to expand our chapter. Our chapter will become better as we amplify our experiences to get our members more involved. National Convention was a great opportunity and we can't wait to go back next year!"* The student council hosted a dance marathon to raise awareness for Riley Hospital. On November 7 and 8, the student council participated in the State Student Council Convention in Indianapolis. The student council was honored to host the Veteran's Day program. Mr. Don Nezda spoke to students in grades 5-12. Upcoming, West Central MS/HS will be hosting Parent/Teacher conferences on Tuesday, November 17.

The tentative results of the Spring 2015 ISTEP results were shared. All parents are encouraged to request a rescore due to the questionable validity of the test.

Mr. Street reported that West Central School Corporation scored a 100% by the Indiana Department of Education with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Audit. The 2015 Career/Technical Funding 30 A was shared with the board. The Pulaski County Public Library Medaryville Branch is closing. A letter from the PCCPL Board was sent to many community members. The Indiana Department of Education is conducting their School Nutrition Audit. Students took an Internet Survey. The survey results stated that 83.4% of our students have Internet at home. Consideration will be given on continuing E-learning days on Saturdays. Snow make-up days would be used before E-learning. Enrollment projections for the next two (2) school years were presented. Several promotional projects are being planned to share the outstanding

programs available at WCSC, such as the 30 dual credits available through universities and numerous career and technical courses such health occupations/sciences, welding, agriculture, business, advanced manufacturing, and family and consumer science. Several school projects are underway. Maintenance with the outside light poles was completed. Mrs. Julie Hart reupholstered the elementary chairs. She did an outstanding job and the board would like to extend a sincere thank you!

CLAIMS: Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve claims 1006 through 1142 for the corporation and 331 through 447 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.

Jim Bergens, President

APPROVED:

Jeff Lowry, Secretary