

## REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 3, 2015

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in regular session on Thursday, December 3, 2015. The following members were present Jeff Tanner, Todd Miller, Jeff Lowry, David Allen, Gary Gudeman, Dennis Gutwein and President Jim Bergens. Also in attendance were Phyllis Koebcke, Lance Gutwein, Erica Gutwein, Kelsey Gutwein, Landon Gutwein, Maddox Gutwein, Jia Gutwein, Steve Shidler, Barb Shidler, Perla Salazar, Jesus Salazar, Elizabeth Villalba, Jacki Salazar, Claudia Salazar, Jorge Garcia, Jay Sampson, Autumn Sampson, Stacy Sampson, Amber Tomlinson, Principals Pat Culp and Dan Zylstra, Shannon Fritz and Superintendent Don Street.

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH:** Jeff Tanner presented Autumn Sampson with a certificate honoring her for being nominated as Student of the Month at the elementary school level. Dennis Gutwein presented Kelsey Gutwein with a certificate honoring her at the middle school level. David Allen presented Perla Salazar with a certificate honoring her at the high school level. Congratulations are extended to these students!

**MINUTES:** Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 12, 2015 as presented. David Allen seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

**REQUISITIONS:** Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve requisitions 15254 through 15264 for the corporation and 16054 through 16060 for Cooperative School Services. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

**RESIGNATIONS:** Todd Miller made a motion to accept the following resignation as presented:

1. Raymond Lenz – High School Teacher

Gary Gudeman seconded the motion and the resignation was accepted.

**TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT:** Jeff Tanner made a motion to accept the following termination of employment as presented:

1. Carmen Garlach – High School Cafeteria

Jim Bergens seconded the motion and the termination of employment was approved.

**LEAVE REQUEST:** Todd Miller made a motion to approve the following leave requests.

1. Arlene Metzger
2. Cathy Risner

Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the leave requests were approved.

**EMPLOYMENT:** David Allen made a motion to employ the following individuals as presented.

1. Sara Spencer – Middle School Instructional Assistant
2. Roxanne Robertson – Educational Diagnostician – Cooperative School Services
3. Reba Shepherd – Job Coach – Cooperative School Services

Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the employment items were approved.

RESOLUTION TO BALANCE ACCOUNTS: Jim Bergens made a motion to approve the following resolution as presented:

Be it resolved that the members of the Board of School Trustees hereby approve of the necessary transfers so that all accounts have a zero or positive balance for the year of 2015. Be it further resolved that funds are hereby encumbered from the 2015 accounts for use in 2016.

Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and resolution was approved.

BUS BIDS: Gary Gudeman made a motion to accept the bid from Kerlin for one 2016 Thomas, 72 passenger school bus for \$83,463 and Midwest Transit Equipment Company for a Starcraft mini-bus with a wheelchair lift for \$55,147. Kerlin will allow \$8,250 for a trade in allowance for bus 13 and Midwest Transit Equipment Company will allow \$3,000 for mini-bus 5. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the motion carried.

INDIAN TRAILS: Jim Stradling from Indian Trails Career and Technical addressed the board and discussed career and technical funding and courses that are and will be offered.

E-LEARNING: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve applying to the Indiana Department of Education and utilizing E-Learning days as presented. Built in make-up days would be used before E-Learning days. Saturday's would be used if needed as E-Learning days. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the motion carried.

FIRE ALARM SERVICE AGREEMENT: Jeff Tanner made a motion to continue the service alarm contract with ESCO Communication. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Mr. Zylstra reported that West Central Elementary is continuing to investigate the possibility of starting a preschool for the 2016-2017 school year. Community members are encouraged to fill out the survey online if they haven't yet. On November 31 and December 1 the elementary school took part in the Pulaski County Community Foundation's "Giving Days," gathering money to support the foundation that has given much to West Central over the years. Title I's Donuts with Dad event will be December 4 before school. The theme is "Kids Soar with Dad." On Tuesday, December 15 all students in grades K-5 will present their Christmas Program titled "Holly Jolly" in the High School Gym at 6:00pm. Our Thursday morning staff development time during the last month has involved faculty working on our AdvancED Accreditation standards. We will have a site visit for our reaccreditation in the spring of 2017, but this work is also a requirement for the new state-mandated school improvement plan format. Mr. Culp informed the board that on November 17, West Central MS/HS hosted a second round of Parent/Teacher conferences. The staff at the middle school and high school appreciate the positive conversations had, both in person, as well as conducted via e-mails and phone calls. The middle school is preparing for a second round of Acuity testing, while the High School is preparing for Math and English End of Course Assessments (ECA) testing. Winter sports, including boys and girls basketball, wrestling, and cheerleading are in full swing. Please come to an event to support our student-athletes, as they excel in athletic competition. Mr. Street shared a letter written to the community about the concerns with last years ISTEP test. The board discussed the importance of the Medaryville Public Library and how the public library plays an instrumental role in the lives of children and community. Mr. Street will be writing a letter to the library board expressing how the Medaryville Public Library's continued efforts are needed for the

children in the Medaryville community. Senator Ed Charbonneau and Representative Doug Gutwein will be visiting West Central. They will be observing a few programs, discussing the concerns with the ISTEP test, and discussing the problems with the State funding formula. West Central's funding decreased by over \$500,000 as a result of the State funding formula change.

CLAIMS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve claims 1143 through 1223 for the corporation and 448 through 532 for Cooperative School Services. David Allen 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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**DECEMBER 3, 2015**

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in executive session on Thursday, December 3, 2015 preceding the regular board meeting. The following members were present: Jeff Tanner, Dennis Gutwein, Jeff Lowry, David Allen, Gary Gudeman, Todd Miller and President Jim Bergens. Also in attendance were Principals Pat Culp and Dan Zylstra, 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.”

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

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APPROVED:

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Jeff Lowry, Secretary