

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 2, 2017

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in regular session on Thursday, March 2, 2017. The following members were present Dennis Gutwein, Mandy Sharpe, Todd Miller, Jonathan Gutwein, and President Jeff Lowry. Also in attendance were, Amanda Gonzales, Isabel Gonzales, Sharon Cords, Jaden Cords, Brian Cords, John Murray, Jessica Murray, Laurie Linback, Amber Tomlinson, Principals Dan Zylstra and Pat Culp, Shannon Fritz and Superintendent Don Street.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH: Todd Miller presented Isabel Gonzales with a certificate honoring her for being selected as Student of the Month at the elementary. Mandy Sharpe presented Jaden Cords with a certificate honoring her at the middle school level. Congratulations are extended to these students!

MINUTES: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the work session for February 2, 2017. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve requisitions 17049 through 17071 for the corporation. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

RESIGNATION: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the following resignation as presented:

1. Melvin Wireman – 8th grade boys basketball

Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the resignation was approved.

RETIREMENT: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the following retirement as presented:

1. Karen Srull – Middle School Language Arts

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the retirement was approved.

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

1. Glacier Football Clinic – Marc Hall and Melvin Wireman
2. IIAAA State Conference – Wes Allen
3. Legislative Action Conference – Jessica Murray
4. National Leadership Conference – Jessica Murray
5. Annual National Conference for School Nutrition – Jessica Murray, Cathy Risner and Brittany Mendiola

Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the conference requests were approved.

FIELD TRIP REQUEST: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the following field trip request:

1. Sunshine Society to Chicago - Stephanie Thilges
2. West Central Student Council Lock In – Laura Stout and Lisa Baker

Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the field trip requests were approved.

POLICY MANUAL SECOND READING: The second reading of the Procedure for Student Lunch/Meal Accounts and Collection and Forgiveness of Debt policies was held. Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the second reading as presented. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the policy manual policies were approved.

JESSICA MURRAY PRESENTATION: Jessica Murray, cafeteria manager, informed the board about a guest speaker, Matt Upton, which spoke with the cafeteria staff. Mr. Upton provided some tremendous motivation to the cafeteria staff and reminded the staff to, “always focus on the positive and ignore the negative!” Mr. Upton was a positive influence on the entire cafeteria staff. Mrs. Murray informed the board that she is a representative for the Indiana School Nutrition Association representing nine (9) counties in Region II. The board extended their appreciation to the cafeteria staff and Mrs. Murray for their service and dedication to the students.

RESOLUTION FOR LOCAL INCOME TAX SCHOOL DISTRIBUTION: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the resolution for Local Income Tax School Distribution as presented. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the resolution was approved.

SALEM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY APPOINTMENT: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve Roberta Geyer to the Library Board of the Francesville-Salem Township Public Library Board. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the appointment was approved.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Mr. Street went over the Vision, Mission, Belief Statements, and Strategic Plan as was discussed during the work session. The plan covers educational goals, financial goals and policy goals for the coming years. Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve and Todd Miller seconded the motion. The Vision, Mission, Belief Statements, and Strategic Plan were approved.

PERMISSION TO SEEK QUOTES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL ENTRANCE: Todd Miller made a motion to give permission to seek quotes for updating a more secure middle school entrance. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and permission to seek quotes was approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Mr. Zylstra reported that much is happening this March in the elementary school. Mrs. Gutwein’s class will be heading to Parkview Haven for their monthly reading time. Currently students in grades 3-5 are in the process of taking their Applied Skills ISTEP+ tests. March 13 and 14, all 3rd grade students will take the state-mandated IREAD3 assessment. On March 10, students who met their February Accelerated Reader Goal will get ice cream with their lunches. 3rd quarter report cards will go out on March 14, and we will have perfect attendance lunches on March 15 and 16 to honor those students who were present for every minute of instruction during the 3rd quarter. The school-wide Star Lab, a large, movable display that will be set up in the gym to teach students about the stars. Family Literacy Night, on March 16, will follow this theme with its title “Reading Under the Stars.” On March 17, we will have our spring student pictures. In April, the library will have its Buy One, Get One Free book fair from April 3-7, and Kindergarten Roundup will be Thursday, April 6. Staff development time continues to be spent on improving the implementation of our new math series.

Mr. Culp informed the board that as a part of the middle school incentive program, students will be eligible for a bowling trip on Friday, March 17. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the middle school staff, led by 6th grade teacher Mrs. Kathy Minnick, the middle school incentive program has successfully recognized those students displaying positive characteristics, getting good grades, and having great attendance. For all the great students of West Central Middle School, the incentive program is an opportunity for positive recognition. Way to go!! The Fellowship of Christian Athletes

(FCA) is sponsoring Pennies for Patients during the week of March 13 including 3 vs. 3 students and staff basketball tournament on Friday, March 17. All proceeds for the event will be donated to Riley Hospital. A financial goal of \$2,500 has been established by the FCA. The annual Sports Spectacular for students in grades 7-12 will be on March 17. Students and parents are invited to attend.

Mr. Street reviewed the enrollment history of West Central and a projection for 2017-18. Kindergarten round-up is scheduled for Thursday, April 6. Enrollment has dropped 20 students from the September count to the February count. Based upon the student enrollment during kindergarten round-up, a possible reduction of force might be necessary. All open positions will be evaluated on the need to replace. Wind production during January and February has been outstanding. There were some coolant fans that were replaced last week. West Central is scheduled for the AdvancED District Visit in April. In the event of making up any school closure dates, we will use March 24, April 17, May 24, 25, and 26. Substitute teachers are paid \$65 a day without benefits. Substitute pay will be reviewed later.

CLAIMS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve claims 183 through 323 for the corporation. Todd Miller 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