

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 3, 2017

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in regular session on Thursday, August 3, 2017. The following members were present Dennis Gutwein, Todd Miller, Jeff Tanner, Mandy Sharpe, Jonathan Gutwein, and President Jeff Lowry. Also in attendance were Principals Pat Culp and Dan Zylstra, Wes Allen, Ed Dumas, Bonnie Coleman, Amber Tomlinson, Justin Perry, Shannon Fritz and Superintendent Don Street.

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY SECRETARY: President Jeff Lowry opened the floor for the nomination of a temporary secretary. Dennis Gutwein nominated Mandy Sharpe for the temporary secretary. Todd Miller made a motion to close nominations. Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and Mandy Sharpe was elected Secretary.

MINUTES: Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 6, 2017 as presented. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve requisitions 17158 through 17163 for the corporation. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

RESIGNATIONS: Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the following resignation:

1. Cecil Dodson - Custodian

Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the resignation was approved.

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

1. Lorie Zellers

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

TRANSFER: Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the following transfer requests:

1. Jennifer Istre – Biology
2. Deb Nedza – Guidance Instructional Assistant

Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the transfer requests were approved.

EMPLOYMENT: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to employ the following individuals as presented:

1. Sharon Adams – Elementary Music
2. Ashley Burge – Chemistry Teacher
3. Shane Pack – High School Art
4. Sara Strus – Middle School Science
5. Jill Rohrer – Long Term Substitute
6. Carmella Miller – Custodian
7. Mike Ledford – Mini Bus Driver
8. Dayna Armstrong – Cooperative School Services

Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the contracts were approved.

TITLE I GRANT: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the Title I Grant as presented. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion carried. Title 1, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), provides financial assistance to states and school districts to meet the needs of educationally at-risk students. The goal of Title 1 is to provide extra instructional services and activities which support students for the state's challenging performance standards in mathematics, reading and writing.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE: Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve advertising the 2018 School Budget, Capital Projects Plan and the Bus Replacement Plan as presented. Todd Miller seconded the motion and approval was given to advertise.

VIRTUAL OPTION FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER PROGRAM: The Indiana Department of Education is offering an application for virtual option for inclement weather. Schools have the option to use the day school is missed or using another day that school is not in session. An internet availability survey will be conducted with students to determine which option would be used if necessary.

APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL PARTNERS FOR SECURITY ENTRANCE PROJECT AND UTILIZATION OF SPACE PROJECT: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the following professionals for hire for the project: H.J. Umbaugh & Associates, Certified Public Accountants LLP; Barton-Coe-Vilamaa; Ice Miller LLP, Edward P. Dumas, Esq. and Bonnie Coleman Esq. of Hodges and Davis, P.C. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the professional partners for the projects were approved.

RESOLUTION OF OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES FOR PROJECTS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the resolution of intent to reimburse expenditures for the projects. If the West Central School Corporation pays any preliminary costs related to the projects prior to receiving bond proceeds, it may reserve its ability to be reimbursed from bond proceeds after the closing. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the resolution of official intent to reimburse expenditures for the project was approved.

POLICY MANUAL FIRST READING: The first reading of the Criminal History Information-Applicants and Contractors, Criminal History Checks-School Employees, Reporting Child Abuse/Neglect, Transfer Students, and Teacher Appreciation Grants policies was held. Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the first reading as presented. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion. There will be a second reading at the next school board meeting in September.

COOPERATIVE SCHOOL EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the employee contracts for the Cooperative School Employees. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the contracts were approved.

WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION EVALUATION PLANS FOR CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES: The board reviewed the evaluation plans for certified employees.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Mr. Zylstra reported that registration occurred on Monday, July 31 and Tuesday, August 1. 26 new students registered for the school year and joined the West Central family. Meet the Teacher Night for students in elementary school will

be Tuesday, August 8 from 6:00-7:00, with the first day of school on Wednesday, August 9. The grounds and building have been thoroughly cleaned over the summer, and new mulch has been added to the playground areas. West Central teachers spent Wednesday, August 2, with an on-site trainer learning how to best utilize the new online science textbook and curriculum. Mr. Allen and Mr. Culp shared the new West Central Athletic web-site. Mr. Street shared data from Nathan Origer, director of Pulaski County CDC, about the positive results of the RAM-Tech course that Mr. DeMoss is teaching. The PACE board is continuing to explore pre-school education. The Indiana Department of Education is appealing to the federal government on recognized diplomas. The federal government will not recognize a general education diploma in the future. Mr. Street provided information about the drug Fentanyl and the state-wide opioid overdose epidemic as well as the use of Narcan. Area school corporations will be discussing sharing of difficult teaching positions via distance learning in the future, due to lack of teacher candidates. The board reviewed the electricity production of the wind turbine.

CLAIMS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve claims 870 through 971 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

Amanda Sharpe, Temporary Secretary

WORK SESSION

AUGUST 3, 2017

A work session was held on August 3, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. The following members were present: Dennis Gutwein, Mandy Sharpe, Jeff Tanner, Todd Miller, Jonathan Gutwein and President Jeff Lowry. Also in attendance were Dan Zylstra and Superintendent Don Street.

The work session was held to go over the 2018 School Budget, Capital Projects Plan and the Bus Replacement Plan.

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

Jeff Lowry, President

APPROVED

Amanda Sharpe, Temporary Secretary