

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 1, 2018

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in regular session on Thursday, March 1, 2018. The following members were present Dennis Gutwein, Mandy Sharpe, Jeff Lowry, Jim Bergens, Jeff Tanner, Jonathan Gutwein, and President Todd Miller. Also in attendance were, Joy Schlatter, Abigail Wilhite, Bonnie Long, Coty Marlatt, Connor Marlatt, Jennifer Marlatt, Wes Allen, Principals Dan Zylstra and Pat Culp, Shannon Fritz and Superintendent Don Street.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH: Mandy Sharpe presented Abigail Wilhite with a certificate honoring her for being selected as Student of the Month at the elementary. Jonathan Gutwein presented Connor Marlatt with a certificate honoring him at the middle school level. Ava Hoover, who was selected for the high school, was not able to attend. Congratulations are extended to these students!

MINUTES: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the work session for February 1, 2018 and the special meeting and work session for February 15, 2018. Jim Bergens seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve requisitions 18024 through 18041 for the corporation. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

RESIGNATION: Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the following resignations as presented:

1. Courtney Rausch – 7th Grade Volleyball Coach
2. Victoria Oliver – Middle School Cheer Coach

Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the resignations were approved.

RETIREMENT: Jim Bergens made a motion to approve the following retirements as presented:

1. Mary Chesser– Middle School
2. Joanne Stevens – High School

Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the retirements were approved.

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

1. Elyse Williams – Computer/Resource Instructional Assistant
2. Monica Gainor – Middle School Track and Field Coach
3. Laura Faler – Volunteer Middle School Track and Field Coach
4. Jeremy Hauptli – Volunteer Softball Coach
5. Jake Podell – Volunteer Baseball Coach
6. Corey Howat – Volunteer Baseball Coach

Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the employment was approved.

TRANSFER: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the following transfers.

1. Bonnie Koebecke – Corporation Treasurer
2. Shannon Fritz – Corporation Assistant Treasurer/Human Resources

Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the transfers were approved.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Jim Bergens made a motion to approve the following leaves of absence as presented:

1. Cathy Risner – Personal Leave
2. Arlene Metzger – Personal Leave
3. Lori Fort – Medical Leave

Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the leaves of absence were approved.

FIELD TRIP REQUEST: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the following field trip request:

1. FCCLA – Horizon Convention Center – Muncie – Stephanie Thilges

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

POLICY MANUAL SECOND READING: The second reading of the Employee use of Student Suicide Prevention, Required Plan for Seclusions and Restraints in School, and Military Recruiters – Parent Opt-Out Provisions Under ESSA was held. Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the second reading as presented. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the policy manual policies were approved.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Mr. Zylstra reported that Friday, March 2 the Trojan Prize store will be open once again for students to redeem their Accelerated Reader and Math Fact Prize dollars. Thanks to the parents and community members who volunteer to make that such a special occasion. Round 1 of ISTEP occurred at the end of February. Students worked hard in preparation for the test and gave their best efforts. IREAD3 for 3rd grade will occur March 12 & 13. Report cards go home on March 14, with Perfect Attendance Lunches occurring later that week. The PTC's Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Contest will run the week of March 19-23. Right after Spring Break, Kindergarten Roundup is schedule for April 5.

Mr. Culp informed the board that Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for March 15 in the middle school/high school from 3:25-7:00. On Thursday, March 15, Cathie Bledsoe from the Indiana State Police and the Indiana Internet Crimes against Children Task Force (ICAC) will be at West Central conducting a presentation to all middle school and high school students regarding cyber safety and security.

Here is a summary of the event: "The Indiana ICAC Youth Educators provides age appropriate Cyber Safety presentations to help reach our youth before they become victims, to provide help to those who have already been victimized and mitigate the potential for acts of school violence committed due to online victimization."

March 16 is the annual Sports Spectacular. All middle school and high school students are invited and encouraged to attend an evening of fun, games, and fellowship. Parents are also invited to encourage students and even participate in some of the events.

Mr. Street reviewed the secure entrance and utilization of space project bond closing and pre-construction meeting schedule. The auxiliary gym roof project will start over spring break and the middle school roof project will start when school is out. West Central will utilize E-learning on Saturday's for any future missed days during this school year. E-Learning will be utilized for a professional development day and on days cancelled for future school years. Mr. Street discussed school safety and several items that the school will continue to do or is planning. Provide staff training for active shooter

threat identification and reporting, TCI training, and bullying prevention; conduct a multi-agency active shooter exercise; provide law enforcement with updated school lay-outs; review and refine school safety plans; identify ways to improve school physical security; confirm effective threat assessment among schools, law enforcement, and mental health providers; increase access to mental health and counseling services; and assess need, capacity, and feasibility for increased law enforcement presence. The positive wind turbine production was reviewed.

CLAIMS: Jim Bergens made a motion to approve claims 158 through 284 for the corporation. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the claims were approved.

ADJOURNMENT: President Todd Miller asked the board if there was any further business. Being none, the president adjourned the meeting.

Todd Miller, President

APPROVED

Jonathan Gutwein, Secretary