

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in regular session on Thursday, October 4, 2018. The following members were present Jonathan Gutwein, Jeff Tanner, Dennis Gutwein, Mandy Sharpe, and President Todd Miller. Also in attendance were Jenna Marlatt, Jennie Marlatt, William Marlatt, Bella Amsler, Kandace Warner, Lorie Zellers, Jennifer Byrne, Haley Tapper, Jaden Cords, Sharon Cords, Sarah Sensibaugh, Jocelyn Gonzalez, Alma Velasquez, Francisco Gonzalez Jr., Amber Tomlinson, Adam Weesner, Principals Dan Zylstra and Pat Culp, Amy Anliker and Superintendent Don Street.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH: Jeff Tanner presented Jenna Marlatt with a certificate honoring her for being selected as Student of the Month at the elementary school. Jonathan Gutwein presented Jocelyn Gonzalez with a certificate honoring her for being selected as Student of the Month at the middle school. Todd Miller presented Jaden Cords with a certificate honoring her as the high school Student of the Month. Congratulations are extended to these students!

West Central teachers Jennifer Byrne and Sarah Sensibaugh thanked the board for the recent classroom speakers at the elementary and highlighted some very positive events at the school. The board would like to thank all the teachers for their dedication to the students at West Central!

MINUTES: Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 6, 2018. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve requisitions 18177 through 18201 for the corporation. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

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

1. Dee Messer - Cafeteria

Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the resignation was approved.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the following leave of absence:

1. Vivian Mitchell – Medical

Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the leave was approved.

RETIREMENT: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the following retirement agreement:

1. Bill Rowe

Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the retirement was approved.

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS: Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the following field trip requests as presented:

1. Indiana Student Council Convention – Casie Allen & Jennifer Johns
2. FFA SOAR Conference – Shaw Haselby

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

CONFERENCE REQUESTS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the following conference requests as presented:

1. School Nurse Conference – Kristen Mellon
2. AdvanceED – Marci Kennedy
3. Inshape PE/Health Conference – Brian Pilarski & Matt Miller

Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the conference requests were approved.

2019 BUDGET ADOPTION: Jeff Tanner made a motion to adopt the 2019 school corporation budget, Capital Projects Plan, and the Bus Replacement Plan as presented. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the authority to lower appropriations where necessary to more accurately reflect expenditures. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the resolution was approved.

HIGH ABILITY GRANT: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the High Ability Grant. Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the High Ability Grant was approved.

TITLE II GRANT: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the Title II Grant. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the Title II Grant was approved.

AUCTION: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the auction of surplus school equipment. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the auction was approved. The auction will be on Saturday, November 17 starting at 10:00AM at the bus barn area.

SECURE ENTRANCE and UTILIZATION OF SPACE PROJECT: Adam Weesner from Barton-Coe-Vilma updated the board on the project. Overall the project went very well with the scope of work that was done. The construction company is completing the final details of the project.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Mr. Zylstra reported West Central Elementary had a successful eLearning day. Participation rates were high, and the students and teachers are ready for a true cancellation day when/if the time comes. Staff also had the opportunity to partake in professional development on social-emotional learning and spend time as grade-level teams reviewing state standards while students were learning virtually. Thursday PD time will continue to be used for these purposes. The first quarter will end on October 11. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, October 15 & Tuesday, October 16, and Fall Break will be October 18-22. Perfect Attendance Lunches will be enjoyed by students October 25 & 26. The Book Fair is the week of October 29-November 2, and our Family Literacy Night will be

Tuesday, October 30. Unit Leaders and staff members have been examining last year's ISTEP data and are formulating an appropriate school improvement plan to address areas for improvement.

Mr. Culp informed the Board the end of the 1st nine-weeks is Thursday, October 11th with subsequent Parent/Teacher conferences scheduled for Monday, October 15 and Tuesday, October 16. Parent/Teacher conferences start at 3:30 each night. Conferences on Monday conclude at 7:00, and conferences on Tuesday end at 6:00 pm.

During our recent eLearning day, staff worked on developing a guaranteed and viable curriculum for all students in grades 6-12. As well as worked with Dina Emser on Positive Discipline. The session was a follow-up and extension from the 2-day summer session in June. Students in 10th and 11th grade will take the new PSAT to measure readiness for college, access scholarships, and practice for the SAT. The PSAT is also an integral aspect for the new Graduation Pathways diploma for students. Mrs. Marci Kennedy will be hosting a Financial Aid night on Tuesday, October 16 for all seniors and parents. Important information regarding scholarships and the FASFA will be shared. Mrs. Kristen Mellon, school nurse is helping organize a program entitled *Stay Sharp*. Please visit the Facebook website called Stay Sharp for more information. Speaker, Mr. Andy Bowman and others are planning on speaking to middle/high school students on Wednesday October.

Mr. Street provided information on the IDOE requirements for data reporting. NIPSCO provided a rebate for the LED parking lot lighting project. Mr. Street informed the school board on the Indiana Distressed Unit Appeal Board and the upcoming determination of the fiscal and qualitative indicators to be used for evaluating the financial condition of each school corporation. A recent school safety audit was conducted for the districts. The information will be used to improve safety at the school.

CLAIMS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve claims 1081 through 1212 for the corporation. Mandy Sharpe 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.