

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 1, 2018

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in regular session on Thursday, November 1, 2018. The following members were present Dennis Gutwein, Mandy Sharpe, Jeff Lowry, Jeff Tanner, Jim Bergens, Jonathan Gutwein, and President Todd Miller. Also in attendance were, Wendy Salazar, Jesus Salazar, Elizabeth Villalba, Janet Kruger Amber Tomlinson, Amy Anliker, Principal Pat Culp, and Superintendent Don Street.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH: Jeff Lowry presented Wendy Salazar with a certificate honoring her at the high school level. Braelynn Thayer and Brandon Conley were unable to attend. Congratulations are extended to these students!

COMMENTS: Janet Kruger representing the West Central Classroom Teachers Association expressed appreciation to Mr. Kris Aschbrenner and the technology staff for the work they do for the students and staff.

MINUTES: Jim Bergens made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 4, 2018 as presented. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve requisitions 18203 through 18228 for the corporation. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

RESIGNATIONS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the following resignations as presented:

1. Paxton Keefover – Custodial
2. Travis Rodriguez – 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
3. Kerry Nielsen – 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach

Jim Bergens seconded the motion and the resignations were approved.

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

1. Ethan Perry – Custodial
2. Jon Pilarski – JV Boys Basketball Coach
3. Marlana Lewark – Varsity Girls Basketball Assistant
4. Matt Miller – 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
5. Zeph Conley – 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach

Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and employment was approved.

LEAVE REQUESTS: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the following leave request as presented.

1. Haley Tapper - Maternity

Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the leave request was approved.

RETIREMENT: Jim Bergens made a motion to approve the following retirement request as presented.

1. Billie Kyburz – Teacher

Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the retirement was approved. The West Central Board of Education appreciates Mrs. Kyburz and her years of dedicated service to the students at West Central School Corporation.

COURSE DESCRIPTION BOOKS: The recommended changes to the course description book were reviewed. Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the high school course description book changes for the 2019-20 school year as presented. Jim Bergens seconded the motion and the motion carried.

SCHOOL IMPROVMENT PLANS: Mr. Zylstra and Mr. Culp provided an overview of each buildings state test scores and school improvement plans. Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the school improvement plans for each school. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the school improvement plans were approved.

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE SALARY AND BENEFITS: Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the salary and benefits adjustments for eligible classified staff as presented. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the motion carried. The salary adjustments will be made before December.

CERTIFIED EMPLOYEE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the MOU for health insurance board contributions. Jim Bergens seconded the motion and the MOU was approved. 2018-19 teacher salary is based upon 2017-18 evaluations, which is based upon the State ISTEP and State assigned letter grades for schools. The State Board of Education has not approved the assigned letter grades for schools as of November 1.

IPAD RETIREMENT: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to sell 80 iPads to Tech to School (SourcePlus). Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the recommendation to sell the 80 iPads was approved. The iPads are no longer accepting updates and are obsolete.

FRANCESCIVILLE/SALEM TOWNWHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY APPOINTMENT: Jim Bergens made a motion to approve Tammy Perry to the Library Board of the Francesville-Salem Township Public Library Board. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the appointment was approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Mr. Zylstra reported West Central held its annual Family Literacy Night. In addition to many literacy activities, we hosted a real author. The excitement continues. Gym'n'swim starts on November 5 for all students K-5. On November 13 Student Council will be hosting their Turkey Twist Dance, during which we will have a body safety presentation by Sergeant Terry Hall. Progress reports go home on November 15, and Mobile Dentist will be here on November 16. Looking ahead we will have Donuts with Dad on December 7 and our K-3 Christmas Program on December 11. Staff development has continued to focus on Social-Emotional Learning and also prep teachers for the adjustments to our new state test, ILEARN.

Mr. Culp reported thanks to the hard work and dedication of the West Central middle school counselor, Mrs. Monica Gainor, all 8th grade students participated in the Reality Fair recently. Local business leaders helped students with budgeting, expenditures, and "real world" learning. The Reality Fair is a great learning opportunity for our 8th grade students. On Friday, November 2, West Central high school students in grades 11-12 will participate in the ASVAB. The ASVAB is a timed multi-aptitude test, which is given at high schools nationwide. The ASVAB is developed and maintained by the United States Department of Defense. Sgt. Terry Hall will be back at West Central again to talk with students in the elementary, middle, and high school. Terry Hall is a 38 year

veteran of the Indianapolis Police Department who has worked the administrative, operations and investigative areas of law enforcement during his career. Sergeant Hall spent seven years in the IPD Sex Offense Branch and was the former director of the “Good Touch Bad-Touch Program” for prevention of child abuse and neglect. Sergeant Hall has attended training at the FBI Academy and is a certified law enforcement instructor for the State of Indiana. West Central MS/HS will once again host the annual Veteran’s Day on Monday, November 12. The program will begin at 11 A.M. in the high school gymnasium. Mr. Patrick Gutwein, a 1996 West Central graduate, will be the speaker. All veterans and their families are invited to attend the program. After the program, a chili lunch will be served to all veterans and their families. A big thank you to the high school student council for organizing the event.

Mr. Street gave an update on the Secure Entrance and Utilization of Space Project. West Central’s free and reduced lunch rate is 55.36%. Career and Technical Educational funding was reviewed. The amount of funding is decreasing because of a formula change from the State. Receiving schools no longer will receive area participation money for hosting other students into programs. The State Board of education is scheduled to approve and release school letter grades on November 14.

CLAIMS: Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve claims 1213 through 1349 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOVEMBER 1, 2018

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in executive session on Thursday, November 1, 2018 preceding the regular board meeting. The following members were present: Mandy Sharpe, Jonathan Gutwein, Jeff Tanner, Jeff Lowry, Dennis Gutwein, Jim Bergens, President Todd Miller and Superintendent Don Street.

The Executive Session was held in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b) (5), “For discussion of strategy with respect to the receipt of information about and the interviewing of prospective employees”

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