

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 10, 2019

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in regular session on Thursday, January 10, 2019. The following members were present Dennis Gutwein, Jeff Lowry, Jonathan Gutwein, Jeff Tanner, Mandy Sharpe, Kyle McTeigue, and President Todd Miller. Also in attendance were Amber Tomlinson, Rodney & Christine Ringen, Abby Ringen, Joel & Wendy Putt, Boden Putt, Tami Putt, Nancy Taylor, Hannah Taylor, Emma Taylor, Jennifer Byrne, Brad Odom, Marilyn Bernal, Principals Scott Ritchie and Dan Zylstra, Amy Anliker and Superintendent Don Street.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH: Dennis Gutwein presented Boden Putt with a certificate honoring him for being selected as the January Student of the Month at the elementary school level. Mandy Sharpe presented Abby Ringen with a certificate honoring her for being selected as the January Student of the Month at the middle school level. Jeff Tanner presented Emma Taylor with a certificate honoring her for being selected as the January Student of the Month at the middle school level. Becca Hunter January Student of the Month at the middle school level was unable to attend. Congratulations are extended to these students!

COMMENTS: Teachers Jennifer Byrne, Brad Odom & Marilyn Bernal representing the West Central Classroom Teachers Association expressed appreciation to First Christian Church for the backpack food program and for the Christmas gifts that were given to those students. Brad thanked Monica Gainor for organizing a gift drive for 25 needy students. Marilyn thanked the board for all their support last semester.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORMS: The board members filled out annual conflict of interest forms as required by law.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: President Todd Miller opened the floor for the nomination of officers. Mandy Sharpe nominated Todd Miller for President. Kyle McTeigue made a motion to close nominations. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and Todd Miller was elected President. Jonathan Gutwein nominated Mandy Sharpe for Vice-President. Jeff Lowry made a motion to close nominations. Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and Mandy Sharpe was elected Vice-President. Jeff Lowry nominated Jonathan Gutwein for Secretary. Kyle McTeigue made a motion to close nominations. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and Jonathan Gutwein was elected Secretary.

MINUTES: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2018 regular meeting, the Executive Sessions on December 10 & 13, 2018 and the Special Meeting on December 17, 2018 as presented. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve requisitions 19000 through 19017 for the corporation. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

RESIGNATION: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the following resignation as presented:

1. Laura Faler
2. Shane Pack – MS Wrestling Coach

3. Jason Wall – Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach
Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the resignations were approved.

EMPLOYMENT: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the following employment as presented.

1. Cindy Lodholtz – Bus Driver
2. Wyatt McIlvain – Volunteer Wrestling Coach

Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the contracts were approved.

LEAVE REQUEST: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the following leave requests as presented:

1. Monica Gainor
2. Lisa Marlatt
3. Megan Kaluf

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

CONFERENCE REQUEST: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the following conference requests as presented:

1. Brian Pilarski – INSHAPE
2. Kasey Lowry – Orton-Gillingham Dyslexia Training
3. Rebecca Reed, Hillary Durie and Jeremy Glasford – IATCCC
4. Joanne Stevens – BPA State Conference

Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the conference requests were approved. Jeff Lowry abstained from voting.

FIELD TRIPS: Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the following field trip request as presented:

1. Business Professionals of America State Contest March 10 – 12

Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the field trip request was approved.

APPOINTMENTS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the reappointment of the following individuals for 2019:

1. Bonnie Koebcke – Corporation Treasurer
2. Shannon Fritz – Corporation Assistant Treasurer/Small Claims Representative
3. Monica Franscoviak – Extra-Curricular Treasurer
4. Edward Dumas – School Corporation Attorney

Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the appointments were approved.

RAINY DAY FUND: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to transfer \$50,000 to the Rainy Day Fund from the Capital Projects Fund, \$60,000 from the Transportation Fund, and \$40,000 from the Bus Replacement Fund. Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the motion carried.

TEXTBOOK FUND: Jeff Lowry made a motion to transfer \$10,000 to the Textbook Fund from the Debt Service Fund for reimbursement of unreimbursed textbook expenses. Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the motion carried.

REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURES: Jeff Tanner made a motion to transfer \$50,000 from the Construction Fund to the Rainy Day Fund for reimbursement of expenditures

as a result of the Secure Entrance and Utilization of Space Project. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Mr. Zylstra informed the board that students returned to school with gusto on Monday, January 7. The Perfect Attendance Lunch for students who weren't absent or tardy during the 2nd quarter will be January 10 & 11. Students in grades 3-5, along with 6-8. will take the ILEARN Readiness test on January 23 to test the state's ability to handle the real test in April. Teachers are continuing to use professional development and collaboration time to look at State Standards and work on build a climate conducive to positive social-emotional learning.

Mr. Ritchie reported that he is meeting people. We are starting our PD off this week with a meeting of the math and English departments and an introduction for me on what they have been working on concerning curriculum alignment, curriculum mapping, and lesson planning. The other departments are continuing their efforts with power standards and alignment in their separate groups. We also have ninth grade orientation on Thursday, January 17 at 5:30 pm. Statewide readiness testing starts this month.

Mr. Street shared tax rate data for all school corporations in the state. West Central is ranked 7th lowest out of 290 school districts. West Centrals tax rate in 2018 was .5682. The highest was \$2.9238. The average tax rate for all schools is \$1.0300. The average tax rate for Indiana Small Rural Schools Association members is .9635. The board discussed the responsibilities for a district data/test coordinator. The guidance counselors spend a great deal of their time working on state reports and requirements and less time working with students. If a district data/test coordinator position was created, the guidance counselors would be able to spend more time working with students and the social and emotional needs of students. The West Central Board of Education has full membership with the Indiana School Boards Association. The board extended a thank you to Miller's Fabrication for manufacturing and donating new mailboxes for the school. The construction company is completing a few items with the Secure Entrance and Utilization of Space Project. The board discussed inviting teachers to present at future board meetings. This would allow the teachers to explain the educational curriculum and happenings in their classrooms. Financial Indicators released by the Indiana DUAB was shared. The recent wind turbine maintenance report went well.

CLAIMS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve claims 1518 through 1637 for 2018 and 1 through 45 for 2019 for the corporation. Jonathan 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.

BOARD OF FINANCE

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The Board of Finance Committee of the West Central School Corporation met on Thursday, January 10, 2019. The following members were present: Dennis Gutwein, Jonathan Gutwein, Mandy Sharpe, Jeff Tanner, Jeff Lowry, Kyle McTeigue, and Todd Miller. Also in attendance were Bonnie Koebcke and Superintendent Don Street.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Board of Finance President Mandy Sharpe opened the floor for the nomination of officers. Dennis Gutwein made a motion to nominate Mandy Sharpe as President. Jeff Lowry made a motion to close nominations. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried. Mandy Sharpe was elected President of the Board of Finance. Todd Miller made a motion to nominate Jeff Tanner as Secretary. Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to close nominations. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the motion carried. Jeff Tanner was elected Secretary of the Board of Finance. Kyle McTeigue made a motion to designate Bonnie Koebcke, Treasurer, as the investing officer. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the motion carried.

DEPOSITORIES: Todd Miller made a motion to designate Lake City Bank, Medaryville Branch, and Alliance Bank, Francesville Branch as depositories for the year. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the depositories were approved.

DISPOSITION OF CHECKS: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to declare the listing of outstanding and unpaid checks from West Central School Corporation. Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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