

Regular Meeting

July 11, 2019

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in regular session on Thursday, July 11, 2019. The following members were present Mandy Sharpe, Jonathan Gutwein, Kyle McTeigue, Jeff Lowry, Dennis Gutwein, Jeff Tanner. Also in attendance were Amy Anliker, Principal Scott Ritchie, Principal Mike Carlson, Angie Radtke, Wes Radtke, Brooklyn Radtke, Bianca Radtke, Bailee, Radtke, Brodie Radtke, Brad Odom, Kara Trent, Tracey Trent, Mike Holle, Tiffany Holle, Jessica Murray, Amber Tomlinson, Paul Hettinger, Elizabeth Ritchie, and Superintendent Dan Zylstra.

PUBLIC HEARING: Vice President Mandy Sharpe opened the floor for public comments on the Master Contract in accordance with per IC 20-29-6-1. There being no patron comments, Vice president Mandy Sharpe closed the floor for public comments.

MINUTES: Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 6, 2019 as presented. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve requisitions 19167 through 19190 for the corporation. Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

RESIGNATIONS: Jeff Lowry made a motion to accept the following resignations as presented:

1. Sharon Adams – Teacher
2. Shane Pack – Teacher, MS Football Coach
3. Kim Gilbert – Cooperative School Services
4. Jacob Garling - Teacher

Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the resignations were accepted.

EMPLOYMENT: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to accept the following employment as presented:

1. Marilyn Bernal - Summer School Teacher
2. Haley Tapper - Summer School Teacher
3. Jennifer Byrne - Summer School Teacher
4. Kristin Burton – Cooperative School Services Secretary
5. Dawn Burnside – Cooperative School Services Speech/Language Pathology
6. Coleen King – Cooperative School Services Physical Therapist Assistant
7. Angie Radtke – Assistant Principal
8. Devin Green – Teacher
9. Kielely Messer - Instructional Assistant
10. Charles Roberts – Athletic Director
11. Breanna Smith - Cooperative School Services Secretary
12. Kara Trent - Teacher
13. Jerlu Vincent Santillana - Teacher
14. Brooke Hughes - Teacher
15. Abigail Birnell-Beall

Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the employment was approved.

PRODUCE BIDS: The produce bids that were awarded by the Northern Indiana Educational Service Center for West Central were reviewed. Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the bids as presented. Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the bids were approved.

CAFETERIA MEAL POLICY: Policy changes for student unpaid meal accounts, closing of student and staff meal accounts, and collection and forgiveness of debt were reviewed. Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the changes. Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the changes were approved.

COMMENTS: Members from the Athletic Boosters presented on ideas for a new football scoreboard funded through advertising. Mike Holle also proposed improvements to the elementary playground ball diamond. The Board will take these proposals into consideration.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Mr. Zylstra discussed the positions still vacant in the district and the teachers recently hired. He noted the district hired a 3rd Kindergarten teacher to decrease class size at that level. Mr. Zylstra also shared West Central will be hosting an international math teacher from the Philippines as part of the district's participation in the State Department's Teacher Exchange Program. It was also noted that the district has realigned its secondary administrative staff, hiring an Athletic Director who will also handle other administrative responsibilities, and an Assistant Principal who will assist with some of the counseling duties. These two positions are taking the place of the Athletic Director/Assistant Principal. Summer work projects, including new carpet and finishes, bus inspection, and the new student information system were shared. The principals outlined changes to the professional development plan for 2019-2020. Mr. Zylstra shared budget projections for 2019-2020. A decrease in enrollment coupled with lower Career and Technical Funding translates into roughly \$200,000 less in revenue from the state. Additionally, HB1003, requiring no more than 15% of the Education Fund to be transferred to the Operations Fund, will further crimp the district's ability to maintain its current property tax rate.

CLAIMS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve claims 698 through 840 for the corporation. Kyle McTiegue seconded the motion and the claims were approved.

ADJOURNMENT: Vice President Mandy Sharpe asked the board if there was any further business. Being none, the president adjourned the meeting

Todd Miller, President

APPROVED:

Jonathan Gutwein, Secretary