

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 7, 2019

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in regular session on Thursday, February 1, 2018. The following members were present Kyle McTeigue, Jeff Lowry, Dennis Gutwein, Jeff Tanner and President Todd Miller. Also in attendance were, Principals Scott Ritchie and Dan Zylstra, Amy Anliker, Amber Tomlinson, Leanna Nielson, Christie Ingram, Glenn Ingram, Aybree Ingram and Superintendent Don Street.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH: Jonathan Gutwein presented Aybree Ingram with a certificate honoring her for being selected as February Student of the Month at the elementary school level. Daniel Beiswanger middle school February Student of the Month was unable to attend. Congratulations are extended to these students!

MINUTES: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the Board of Finance meetings of January 10, 2019. Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve requisitions 19022 through 19035 for the corporation. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

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

1. Mercedes Pack – Instructional Assistant

Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the resignation was approved.

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

1. Daniel Becker – Custodial
2. Marlana Saltsman – Instructional Assistant

Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the contracts were approved.

LEAVE REQUESTS: Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the following leave requests as presented:

1. Sally Smidler
2. Betty Rogers

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

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

1. Stephanie Thilges - FCCLA – State Leadership Conference in Muncie

Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the request was approved.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the transfer of funds from the General Fund, Rainy Day Fund, Capital Projects, Transportation and Debt Services Fund to close out the 2018 budget.

Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the transfers were approved.

DATA/TEST COORDINATOR: A data/test coordinator position for the 2019-20 School year would provide more time for guidance counselors to spend with students instead of completing state reports as well as many other task. Jonathan Gutwein made a

motion to approve the position for the 2019-20 school year. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the data/test coordinator position was approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Mr. Zylstra informed the board students returned from the polar vortex on February 1. We resumed classes and are fully engaged in another busy month. On Saturday, February 2 we had soloists and choir members participate in the ISSMA vocal contest and take home a plethora of medals. On Friday, February 8 5th grade students will attend the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra. Progress reports on the 3rd quarter will go home on February 13. February 14 the elementary school is always delighted to participate in the National Honor Society's Valentine's Day activities, along with their classroom parties. Gym'n's swim ends on February 15. FFA week is February 18-22, and will conclude on Friday with their annual petting zoo. On February 27 the school will welcome back our social-emotional learning trainer, Dina Emser. She will be working with elementary school teachers in the morning, and we will provide time for her to meet with instructional assistants and bus drivers that afternoon. For professional development, the elementary school has focused more on standards and curriculum as we head into ILEARN testing.

Mr. Ritchie reported that on January 26 West Central students competed in the District Solo & Ensemble contest. We had three students qualify for State Solo & Ensemble contest: Kaelie Eberhart, Jaden Cords, and Nate Thompson. This is the first time in several years that West Central has had more than one student qualify for State! The following students earned gold medals: Alexa Schultz, Brooklynn Mellon, Natalie Baran, Adam Stimson, Micah Newbolds, Hunter Schultz, Cambria Schleman, Natalia Ashley, Collin Stalbaum, Emma Taylor and Jocelyn Adams. The following students earned Silver medals: Alex Lynch, Miranda Thompson and Tatum Toosley. On February 2 five wrestlers participated in the IHSAA Regional event at Logansport HS: Braden Nuest, Collin Fritz, Brandon Stevens, Dalton Sizemore and Conner Fritz. Three of those athletes qualified for semi-state, which will take place on February 9, 2019 at East Chicago Central.

On February 6 Jennifer Johns and Heather Straus received a Cheryl Lyn Welter Charitable Foundation Grant. The awards were presented on February 6 by Mr. Harold Welter.

This month PD Focus is student learning objectives and curriculum alignment, student learning objectives are used to complete the teacher evaluation process. We have made BIG movement on curriculum alignment as those begin to come in from our teaching staff. Areas to be addressed are: eLearning attendance, eLearning procedures, Remediation and Scheduling.

Mr. Street reported that we will be utilizing our built-in days because of the school closures. School will be in session on February 15, February 18, and April 22. eLearning will continued to be used. The ending cash balances for 2018 were reviewed. We have maintained a positive cash balance. West Central is a member of the Northern Indiana Educational Service Center. WCSC is able to reduce spending as a result of the consolidated purchasing and shared services with the NIESC. Mr. Street reported that the construction company is completing a few minor details with the Secure Entrance and Utilization of Space Project. WCSC will be exploring other student information systems in the near future as well as other software. WCSC continues to search for qualified individuals for non-certified positions

CLAIMS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve claims 46 through 169 for the corporation. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the claims were approved.

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

A work session was held on February 7, 201 at 6:00 PM. The following members were present: Kyle McTeigue, Jeff Lowry, Jonathan Gutwein, Dennis Gutwein, Jeff Tanner and President Todd Miller. Also in attendance were David Allen, Kris Aschbrenner, Principals Dan Zylstra and Scott Ritchie, and Superintendent Don Street.

The purpose of the work session was to receive information to receive information to assist with future plans for West Central

Discussion Items:

Technology

Mr. Kris Aschbrenner, Directory of Technology, discussed the need to purchase additional Chromebooks for the upcoming school year. Mr. Cody Wireman is doing an outstanding job as the assistant. The sound upgrades to the classrooms have been very helpful. Mr. Aschbrenner also discussed that in the future we will need to replace other computers, memory, and monitors.

Mr. Aschbrenner was very beneficial with the electronic needs during our Secure Entrance and Utilization of Space Project.

The board expressed their appreciation for the work that Mr. Aschbrenner does for our students.

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. David Allen, Director of Maintenance, provided information from the projects last summer as well as a list of future projects. Mr. Allen reported that software updates to the HVAC will need to be updated. Mr. Allen would like to continue the replacing the original doors in the buildings. A few sidewalks will need attention in the near future. There is a need to replace water valves and circulating pumps. The main water lines in the boiler room will need attention in the near future. Planning for updating the remaining restrooms in the high school in order to address aging piping is needed. Continue updating the original electric panels. Addressing some classroom walls and hallways in the future by stripping the wallpaper and painting will be in the future. Mr. Street discussed information provided by the architect on addressing the choir room and the acquisitions in the band room.

Elementary School

Mr. Zylstra provided curriculum updates at the elementary school. Mr. Zylstra reported that the staff has been working very hard at addressing academic needs of students as well as the social and emotional needs of students.

Middle/High School

Mr. Ritchie provided curriculum updates at the middle/high school. Mr. Ritchie reported that teachers have been working on curriculum updates. Remediation plans are being made. Future academic courses are being explored. Planning for summer school is underway. Continuing to improve eLearning and the development of student learning objectives have been the recent topics for professional development.

District

Mr. Street reviewed the current enrollment of 754 students. WCSC has 61 students from outside the district.

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