

Executive Session

Monday, April 4, 2022

Board Room

6:15 PM

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in an executive session on Monday, April 4, 2022. The following members were present: Jake Tanner, Todd Miller, Mandy Sharpe, Dennis Gutwein, Jonathan Gutwein, Jeff Lowry, and President Kyle McTeigue.

Also present was Dan Zylstra, Superintendent.

The executive session was held in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) "To discuss, before a determination, an individual's status as a student."

President Kyle McTeigue asked the board if there was any further business. Being none, the president adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:

Kyle McTeigue, President

Todd Miller, Secretary

Work Session

Monday, April 4, 2022

Board Room

6:30 PM

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in a work session on Monday, April 4, 2022. The following members were present: Jake Tanner, Todd Miller, Mandy Sharpe, Dennis Gutwein, Jonathan Gutwein, Jeff Lowry, and President Kyle McTeigue.

Also present were Dan Zylstra, Superintendent, Cathy Rowe, Nathan Wireman, and Stacy Abernathy.

The purpose of the work session was to receive information to assist with future building projects and other campus updates for West Central.

Stacy Abernathy and Nathan Wireman, of Tecton Construction Management, presented on the services their company can provide to assist school districts with future construction projects.

President Kyle McTeigue asked the board if there was any further business. Being none, the president adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:

Kyle McTeigue, President

Todd Miller, Secretary

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in a regular session on Monday, April 4, 2022. The following members were present: Jake Tanner, Todd Miller, Mandy Sharpe, Dennis Gutwein, Jonathan Gutwein, Jeff Lowry, and President Kyle McTeigue.

Also present were: Dan Zylstra, Superintendent, Angie Radtke, MS/HS Principal, Mike Carlson, Elementary School Principal, Michelle Miller, MS/HS Vice Principal, Cathy Rowe, Hillary Durie, Marci Kennedy, MS/HS Guidance Counselor, and Sherri Cameron, Corporation Secretary.

MINUTES: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and executive session on March 3, 2022.

Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve requisitions 22048 through 22066 for the corporation.

Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

EMPLOYMENTS: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the following employments as presented:

1. Cathy Rowe - Superintendent
2. JoEllen Sheffer - HS Instructional Assistant

Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the employments were approved.

RESIGNATIONS: Jake Tanner made a motion to approve the following resignations as presented:

1. Dylan Ingram - HS Instructional Assistant
2. Karson McHenry - MS Cheer Coach
3. Regina Baran - Bus Driver

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the resignations were approved.

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

1. Stephanie Thilges - National FCCLA Conference

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

CONFERENCE REQUEST: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the following conference request as presented:

1. Andrea Campbell - IASN School Nurse Conference

Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the conference request was approved.

EXPULSION APPEAL: The West Central School Board met in Executive Session to hear an appeal of a student expulsion. Dennis Gutwein made a motion to uphold the expulsion.

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the expulsion was approved.

NIESC DIETICIAN CONTRACT: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the contract with NIESC to provide dietary services to West Central for the 2022-2023 school year.

Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the contract was approved.

HB1003 WAIVER REQUEST: Jake Tanner made a motion to approve the Resolution to Request an HB1003 Waiver request for the 2022-2023 school year to allow for early release of students on specific days for professional development.

Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the Resolution was approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE HANDBOOK UPDATE: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the updates to the Administrative Handbook regarding student unpaid meal accounts.

Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the Administrative Handbook update was approved.

COLLECTION OF DEBT POLICY: A first reading of changes to the Corporation Collection of Debt Policy was held.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW: Mr. Zylstra reviewed the 2021 Annual Performance Report. The data and information was supplied by the Indiana Department of Education.

COURSE DESCRIPTION BOOK UPDATE: Jake Tanner made a motion to approve the course description updates for 2022-2023.

Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the course description updates were approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Elementary Principal Mike Carlson reported that Kindergarten round-up will be held tomorrow. Thirty-eight prospective Trojans are signed up. This is similar to the numbers last year. IREAD was given to third grade at the beginning of March. The passing rate is down from previous years. Plans are underway for ILEARN which begins on April 19th. The elementary school had a little fun before Spring Break with a staff versus sixth grade volleyball game. The staff was defending their title from last year's basketball game. After being tied at one set each, the staff pulled away in the third set for the win. It was a great time for the whole school as they cheered on the players.

Middle/High School Principal Angie Radtke announced that they finished up the third grading period at the beginning of March. The middle schoolers who qualified for the incentive trip enjoyed pizza at the park and then headed to Winamac to the Isis Theater to watch a movie. The high schoolers finally had the chance to participate in their second grade period incentive; they went bowling in Lafayette. Mr. Pilarski did a great job of promoting and putting on the Sports Spectacular. Everyone who attended had a great time. The junior class won, but those seventh graders were a very close second. Paige Wireman, Natalia Ashley, Zoe Nelson, and Kayla Schlatter all earned the right to compete at the national level in San Diego, California for their FCCLA projects this summer. The FCCLA students are also leading festivities in celebration of Autism Awareness Month. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes sponsored a Pennies for Patients competition and hosted a 3 on 3 tournament last Friday to raise funds for 8 Days of Hope. Mrs. Kennedy and Mr. Scutchfield are putting together a job fair for local businesses during the school day in late April or early May. All students 15 and older are invited to attend. Spring sports have started, graduation caps and gowns were passed out today, and the end is near!

Superintendent Dan Zylstra discussed potential calendar changes to the 2022-2023 calendar which could go into effect if the HEA 1003 waiver is approved. In particular, the planned eLearning day may be something that is removed since the state is now changing the requirements for eLearning days to count as a regular day of instruction. He also discussed some non-certified wage adjustments. Since the Master Teacher Contract is a 2-year agreement and includes a raise for next year, Superintendent Zylstra would like to adjust the non-certified staff wages upward and send out letters of intent to employ with the updated wages. He will work with the non-certified committee and come with a recommendation at the next board meeting. He also noted the mandatory TRF contribution for certified staff will increase from 5.5% to 6% starting July 1st. Last, Superintendent Zylstra discussed the potential creation of a

non-certified position which would assist with state reporting, software management, and software training and development.

CLAIMS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve claims 3155 through 3245 for the corporation. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the claims were approved.

ADJOURNMENT: President Kyle McTeigue asked the board if there was any further business. Being none, the president adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:

Kyle McTeigue, President

Todd Miller, Secretary