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Regular Session

**Thursday, October 6, 2022
Board Room 7:30 PM**

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in a regular session on Thursday, October 6, 2022. The following members were present: Dennis Gutwein, Todd Miller, Mandy Sharpe, Jake Tanner and Jeff Lowry.

Also present were: Superintendent Cathy Rowe, Elementary Principal Mike Carlson, MS/HS Principal Angie Radtke, Megan Galbreath of the Pulaski County Journal, and Erica Kerns, Corporation Secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

MINUTES: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular session and budget work session on August 4, 2022. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to add items (L.) WCHS School Improvement Plan and (M.) PCG Contract to the agenda. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the motion passed.

REQUISITIONS: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve requisitions 22200 through 22229 for the corporation. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

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

1. Daniel Becker - Custodian/Maintenance
2. Lisa Hughes - Special Education Teacher, Elementary
3. Katie Moore - Cooperative School Services
4. Tierra Manns - Cafeteria

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the resignations were approved.

TRANSFERS: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the following transfer as presented:

1. Edward Palmisano - Cooperative School Services

Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the transfer was approved.

EMPLOYMENTS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the following employments as presented:

1. Whitney Bartlett - Cooperative School Services
2. Erica Kerns - Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/Transportation Secretary
3. Jackson Wall - Boys Basketball Coach, 8th Grade
4. Mike Holle - Boys Basketball Coach, 5th/6th & 7th Grade
5. Tyler Napier - Boys Basketball Coach, Assistant Varsity
6. Ben Gudas - Boys Basketball Coach, Junior Varsity
7. Jeremy Glasford - Girls Basketball Coach, 7th Grade

8. Scott Owens - Girls Basketball Coach, 6th Grade
9. Annie Scholz - Girls Basketball Coach, 8th Grade
10. Mandy Bishop - Girls Basketball Coach, Assistant Varsity
11. Tyson Mellon - Girls Basketball Coach, Varsity
12. Marlon Supremo - Custodian/Maintenance
13. Kenny Nielsen - Wrestling Coach, Head
14. Nathan Williams - Wrestling Coach, Assistant
15. Jamie Fritz - Wrestling Coach, Middle School
16. Nathan Williams - Head Coach, Varsity Girls Wrestling
17. Scott Owens - Girls Basketball Coach, 5th/6th Grade
18. David Allen - Head Baseball Coach
19. Corey Howat - Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach
20. Eric Rodriguez - JV Boys Baseball Coach
21. Stephen Sholey - Boys Golf Coach
22. Shelby Powell - Assistant Varsity Softball Coach
23. Rebecca Reed - Head Coach Co-Ed Track
24. Gregory Buschman - Assistant Varsity Co-Ed Track Coach
25. David Reif - Head Coach Middle School Track
26. Mariesa Blake - Special Education Teacher
27. Bernard White - Head Boys Basketball coach
28. Jerlu Santillana - Science mentor
29. Tonya Wall -Band mentor
30. Amber Lemman-CTE mentor
31. Hillary Durie-English mentor
32. Dianna Maxwell-mentor, elementary
33. Devin Green-mentor, elementary
34. Hilary Durie-Track and Field, HS assistant CO
35. Brian Pilarski-Softball, head
36. Stephen Sholey-Band Director
37. Stephen Sholey-Department Chair (fine arts)
38. Becky Reed-Senior Sponsor (head)
39. Student Council-Jennifer Johns and Amber Lemman
40. Shaw Haselby-FFA (MS, HS)
41. Samantha Heims-Spell Bowl
42. Haley Tapper-Math Bowl
43. Haley Tapper-Elementary Yearbook
44. Samantha Heims-Elementary Lego Club
45. Unit Leader, K- Jenn Marrs
46. Unit Leader, 1-Marilyn Bernal
47. Unit Leader, 2-Joy Schlatter
48. Unit Leader, 3-Terri Ray
49. Unit Leader, 4-Michelle Biggs
50. Unit Leader, 5-Haley Tapper
51. Unit Leader, 6-Kathy Minnick
52. Unit Leader, Special Area-Lisa Zeyen

Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the employments were approved.

LEAVE REQUEST: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the following leave request as presented:

1. Leanna Nielsen - personal

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the leave was approved.

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

1. Mike Carlson, IAPS Conference

Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the request was approved.

2023 BUDGET, CAPITAL PROJECTS PLAN AND BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the 2023 budget, capital projects plan and bus replacement plan as presented. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the budgets were approved.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUTHORITY TO LOWER APPROPRIATIONS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing authority to lower appropriations as needed for the 2023 budget. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the resolution was approved.

SUPPORT STAFF EVALUATION TOOL: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the West Central School Corporation support staff evaluation tool as presented. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the evaluation tool was approved.

ADULT LUNCH PRICES: Todd Miller made the motion to approve the adult lunch prices as presented. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the prices were approved.

POOL CHARGES: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the pool charges as presented. Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the charges were approved.

BUS RENTAL: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the Francesville First Baptist church to rent a bus. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

FIELD TRIPS: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the FFA field trips that are overnight on November 4th through 6th and October 26th through 28th. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the trips were approved.

BAND INSTRUMENT REIMBURSEMENT: Todd Miller made the motion to approve the reimbursement of purchased band instruments to the WC Band Boosters. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

COOPERATIVE SCHOOL SERVICES CONTRACTS: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Cooperative School Services Employee Contracts. Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the contracts were approved.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to declare the presented equipment as surplus and dispose of property. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

WEST CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SIP: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the West Central Elementary School Improvement plan. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the plan was approved.

WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION SIP: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the West Central Middle/Senior High School Improvement plan. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion. The plan was approved.

PCG CONTRACT: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the contract with PCG for medicaid reimbursement filing. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the contract was approved.

FCCLA PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: The West Central High School FCCLA presented information to the school board concerning their trip to Nationals competition.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Mr. Carlson shared that It's hard to believe the end of the first grading period is next week. The dyslexia screening is complete for grades K-2. That data is being used to determine next steps and being readied to share with families. Parent-Teacher conferences are on October 17 and 18. PTC will provide dinner for the teachers on the first night again. More field trips have happened. Kindergarten visited County Line Orchard, First Grade is going to Fair Oaks, and the fire trucks will come for Fire Safety for the first graders on October 14th. The second early release was last Friday. A representative from the math curriculum came and shared with teachers updates, and did a great job going through best practices and strategies aligned with the material. There was a lot of good information shared at the Safety Conference. That information will be used to update some of our plans.

Mrs. Radtke shared that September was a busy month. The student media class has been busy uploading pictures and information into the Wall of Fame database. Mrs. Reed took her class on a short field trip to KV high school where they looked at their digital Wall of Fame to get some ideas of how they would like to set ours up. They have also implemented an "Alumni Spotlight." Mrs. Kennedy took a group of students on a field trip to Ivy Tech in Lafayette where they were provided lunch and had the opportunity to tour the building. We had our second early release. The math teachers had professional development on their new textbook series, and everyone else had training in working with their content area literacy standards, specifically learning how to identify the central idea of a text and using textual evidence when answering short constructed response questions. The first round of staff evaluations are underway and should wrap up soon. We are seeing some great things being done in the classrooms! The Comfort Closet is currently servicing 35 students each month, and Mrs. Newbauer saw a need for weekend meals in our building. We have seven students receiving those. We are so blessed to have some of our local churches making generous donations of non-perishable meals for the kids in addition to snacks. The middle schoolers had their first dance since Covid. They had a good turnout, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, and money was raised to help offset the cost of student incentive program activities. The football team is currently 6-1. Our middle school boys and girls cross country teams won conference as well as our high school boys team. The high school volleyball team had their pink out game last night where they honored community members who have battled breast cancer.

Dr. Rowe shared that three board members and herself attended the recent ISBA Fall Conference with valuable information being shared. There is an ISBA Fall Regional meeting on November 15th if any board members are interested in attending. She congratulated teacher Jennifer Johns for being appointed the Pulaski County coroner. Mrs. Radtke noted that Mrs. Johns is very excited for her students to share with them some of the facets relative to this new role in her capacity as health occupations teacher. Dr. Rowe would like to engage the board in strategic planning this winter, possibly in January and will follow up with board members. Homecoming is tomorrow night and we are looking for another great win. Parent Teacher conferences will be held October 17th and 18th with an alert that went out to parents tonight. October 17th will be an early release for parent teacher conferences. Fall Break is October 20, 21 and 24 with November 18th being another early release for professional development.

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve payroll and claims for the corporation. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the payroll and claims were approved.

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

APPROVED:

Kyle McTeigue, President

Todd Miller, Secretary