

Executive Session

Thursday, March 3, 2022

Board Room (B-113)

5:30 PM

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in an executive session on Thursday, March 3, 2022 preceding the regular board meeting. The following members were present: Dennis Gutwein, Mandy Sharpe, Todd Miller, Jonathan Gutwein, Jake Tanner, Jeff Lowry, and President Kyle McTeigue.

The executive session was held in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b) (5) "To receive information about and interview prospective employees."

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

Kyle McTeigue, President

APPROVED:

Todd Miller, Secretary

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in a regular session on Thursday, March 3, 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; Megan Galbreath of the Pulaski County Journal; and Sherri Cameron, Corporation Secretary.

MINUTES: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the board of work session, regular meeting, and executive session on February 10, 2022.

Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve requisitions 22030 through 22047 for the corporation.

Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

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

1. David Allen - Head Baseball Coach
2. Corey Howat - Assistant Baseball Coach
3. Eric Rodriguez - JV Baseball Coach
4. Brian Pilarski - Head Softball Coach
5. Shelby Powell - Assistant Softball Coach
6. Becky Reed - Head Track Coach
7. Hillary Durie- Assistant Track Coach
8. Greg Buschman- Assistant Track Coach
9. David Reif - Middle School Track Coach
10. Sara Strus - Middle School Track Coach

Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the employments were approved.

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the following field trip requests as presented:

1. Stephen Sholey - MS/HS Band - Music in the Parks Performance
2. Teri Rickaby - MS/HS Choir - Purduettes Performance
3. Stephanie Thilges - FCCLA State Leadership

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the trips were approved.

PERFORMANCE REQUEST: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve a band/choir Sunday performance on May 15, 2022 at 2:00 pm.

Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the performance request was approved.

POLICY MANUAL UPDATE: Dan Zylstra presented the second reading of updates for the Board Policy Manual. The updates clean up language regarding non-certified vacation allotments, insurance contributions, and contractual days.

Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the Policy Manual Update.

Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the update was approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Elementary Principal Mike Carlson expressed how much the elementary school enjoys joining in and celebrating FFA week with dress-up days, and ending the week with a petting zoo. Everyone always looks forward to that and really enjoys it. They appreciate being included by the FFA each year. This week the elementary celebrated Read Across America. Student council members read books to the lower grades. Testing time has arrived again. CoGAT testing for high ability is finished. Third grade students have done the practice test for IREAD, and the actual test will be given in three sections next week.

Middle/High School Principal Angie Radtke reported that they were finishing up the last round of observations this week. They received some really good feedback on the professional development that Mr. Carlson did for the whole corporation after Christmas break, so they decided to pick up where he left off with John Hattie's Visible Learning. The juniors just took the SAT yesterday, and the state told Mrs. Kennedy that there was a great turnout with only two students not able to take the test. Kudos to Mrs. Kennedy for all the hard work organizing, coordinating, and communicating everything that is required for an assessment of that scale. Mrs. Radtke has met with the seventh grade and given them information on the Lifewise Academy. They plan to offer that program to the middle schoolers next year as an elective option. The varsity boys basketball team finished the season with four wins. Everyone is super proud of them and can't wait to see what next year brings. Middle school wrestling is still going on and continuing the Trojan Wrestling tradition of winning. The middle school girls basketball teams are having a terrific season. The seventh grade is undefeated, and the 8th grade has only had one loss. They are tenacious and fun to watch. Congratulations to Blayden Huber for earning Academic All-State honors from the Indiana Football Coaches Association. Alexa Schultz, Ewen Cameron, and Nate Thompson all won golds at state solo and ensemble this past weekend. Finally, believe it or not, next Wednesday is already the end of the third nine weeks.

Superintendent Dan Zylstra noted the school has enjoyed functioning under the new relaxed COVID-19 protocols. With no required close contact tracing and very few cases requiring quarantines, schools are operating as normally as they have since the spring of 2020. Due to supply chain issues and labor shortages, it has been a challenge to arrange for the needed services to pursue band and choir room renovations. Thus, the board will be purchasing some updated equipment and looking to pursue the renovations next summer. Those renovations will be added to longer-term plans which include renovating the pool area in the not-to-distant future. After polling students and ensuring appropriate licensure, the high school will be putting plans in place to offer a Graphic Design Pathway for high school students. The district will be looking forward to potential amendments to the 2022-2023 calendar to allow for more professional development time for teachers. The district would apply to the state for a HB1003 waiver and use eight early release days to provide longer sessions of professional development to teachers.

CLAIMS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve claims 3043 through 3154 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:

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