

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 2, 2019

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in regular session on Thursday, May 3, 2018. The following members were present Kyle McTeigue, Mandy Sharpe, Jonathan Gutwein, Jeff Tanner, Dennis Gutwein, Jeff Lowry and President Todd Miller. Also in attendance were Andrew Leman, Kasie Leman, Keegan Leman, Sophie Leman, Huxley Leman, Izzy Leman, Tina Leman, Mike Leman, Alicia Cotner, Scott Thompson, Joanna Thompson, Bobby Berrier, John Thatcher, Bobby GJ Berrier, Heather Straus, Amber Tomlinson, Principals Scott Ritchie and Dan Zylstra, Amy Anliker, and Superintendent Don Street.

ACCELERATED READER: The Mrs. Alicia Cotner and the board recognized Keegan Leman for reading 100 books and passing the Accelerated Reader test this school year. Zackary Boehning also read 100 books and passed the test but was unable to attend the board meeting. This is quite an accomplishment for 6th graders! GREAT job gentlemen!!

MUSIC BOOSTERS: The Music Boosters followed up with the board on their concerns with the band and choir rooms and the instruments in those rooms. They were appreciative for the recent purchases for the band. They continue to invitation to the administration and board members to attend their monthly meetings. Collaboration with the high school principal and superintendent will continue to improve music/band rooms and equipment conditions.

MINUTES: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the executive sessions on April 4, 2019 as well as the April 11, 2019 as presented. Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve requisitions 19088 through 19121 for the corporation. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

RETIREMENT: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the following retirement as presented:

1. Debbie Crosby – Cafeteria
2. Bob Nash – Bus Driver
3. David Reif – Teacher
4. E. Anne Ketchen – Substitute Teacher

Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the retirements were approved.

RESIGNATIONS: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to accept the following resignations as presented:

1. Don Street – Superintendent
2. Joanne Stevens – Teacher
3. Nicole Kopka – Custodian
4. Samantha Pepple – Cooperative School Services Secretary

Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the resignations were accepted.

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

1. Janet Kruger – Academic Team HS Mathematics
2. Jon Pilarski – Academic Team HS Science

3. Marc Hall – Academic Team HS Social Studies
4. Sarah Sensibaugh – Academic Team MS Mathematics
5. Brad Odom – Academic Team MS Social Studies
6. Natalie Wenzel – Academic Team MS English
7. Sara Strus – Academic Team MS Science
8. Don Bushong – Bus Driver (for 2019-2020)

Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the employments were accepted.

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

1. FCCLA National Convention = Anaheim, CA June 27-July 5, 2019

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

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

1. Lindsay Hopkins, Jennifer Byrne, Haley Tapper, Kellis Gutwein, Marilyn Bernal and Kasey Lowry – Positive Discipline in the Classroom, Chicago IL in June

Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the conference request was approved. Jeff Lowry abstained from voting.

PUBLIC HEARING ON SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT: President Todd Miller opened the floor for public comments on the proposed published contract between the new superintendent, in accordance with Indiana Code. There were no patrons comments.

BUDGET CALENDAR: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the budget calendar for 2020 as presented. Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the budget calendar was approved.

STUDENT TRANSFER ENROLLMENT: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the Student Transfer Enrollment request date and capacity per grade level. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the Student Transfer Enrollment was approved.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE PLAN: Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the renewal of the student accident insurance plan with Student Assurance Services as presented for the 2019-20 school year. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the motion carried.

CLASSIFIED STAFF PAY: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the Classified Staff Pay for the 2019 -20 school as presented. Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the Classified Staff Pay for the 2019 -20 school year was approved. Letters with intention to employee and wage information will be sent out.

EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve an agreement for Don Street to provide assistance in developing the 2020 Budget and other school materials during the month of July 2019. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the agreement was approved.

BOOK RENTAL FEES: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the book rental fees for 2019-20 as follows:

Kindergarten	\$97.87
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First Grade	\$128.86
Second Grade	\$124.64
Third Grade	\$124.71
Fourth Grade	\$112.33
Fifth Grade	\$115.15

Grades 6-12 will be determined by course selection

Textbook rental fees include the \$15.00 tech fee.

Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the book rental fees were approved.

SUMMER SCHOOL: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve summer school and the required staff for elementary, special education, middle school, high school, driver education, and adult education. Summer school is funded by Title 1 and IDOE grants. Driver education and adult education are self-funded. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

TECHNOLOGY PLAN/SURVEY 2019: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the Indiana Department of Education Technology Plan/Survey as presented. Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the Technology Plan/Survey was approved.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUTHORITY FOR DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the disposal of worthless surplus personal property that has no market value as per IC 5-22-22-8. Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the resolution was approved.

BOARD POLICY REVISION FIRST READING: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the first reading of the Board Policy Manual revision for Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the first readings of the revisions for the Board Policy Manual were approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Mr. Zylstra reported Friday, May 3 will be the Title I's annual "Mornings with Mom event." On May 6 and May 9 different groups of 5th Grade students will head to a field trip opportunity called Beyond Boundaries, which is a team-building exercise. The grade level is split in half to accommodate activities. 5th graders are also going to the Jasper County Airport's annual "Aviation Day" on Friday, May 10. On Wednesday, May 8 the top 5 spellers in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade will compete in the annual Pulaski County Spelling Bee, which is being held in Winamac this year. On May 16 our Math Fact Masters, students who met their math goals, will be treated to a magic show in the afternoon. May 17 we have our annual Field Day organized by Mr. Pilarski. The following two days our Accelerated Reader student winners will be awarded with a Water Bash celebration, including time in the pool and water-based games. The last student day we'll have our student awards ceremony from 12:00-2:30, and we'll head off into the summer. The PTC was able to secure \$10,000 in grant funding from the Community Foundation of Pulaski County, Jasper County REMC, and White County REMC. They will be contributing funds from past fundraisers in addition to grant monies to purchase new pieces of playground equipment, which will be installed over the summer. Our staff has continued to use professional development time to increase our capacity for developing students' social-emotional skills.

Mr. Ritchie reported at the Middle/High School there are a wide variety of events that are about to take place.

- Top 10 Banquet -Monday, May 6, at 7:00 p.m.

- Middle School Camping trip -Monday & Tuesday, May 6 & 7
- Choir and Band performance - Sunday, May 5, at 2:00 p.m.
- Testing coming to an end -6th & 7th graders finished today, 8th grade next week, Biology is next week
- National FCCLA Trip - June 28 - July 5 in Anaheim, CA
- Underclass Awards Program - maybe May 24

Testing has gotten in our way for our professional development but we have almost completely finished our curricular alignment. We are planning some fun activities for the last day of school. Mr. Ritchie is looking forward to serving some hotdogs and hamburgers on the last day.

Mr. Street discussed that West Central has lost \$743,000 between 2014-15 and 2018-19 school year in State funding. The board was made aware of the teacher openings and the non-certified openings. The administrative openings were also discussed. West Central School Corporation is a co-recipient for the WHIN Grant with several other school districts. The grant is focused on agriculture. Mr. Mark Hoffman has been working on the sound system in the HS cafeteria and will be looking at other areas in the school. West Central will not be providing summer meals this summer. Information on two (2) buses that are being repaired was provided.

CLAIMS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve claims 413 through 531 for the corporation. Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the claims were approved.

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