

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in regular session on Thursday, March 5, 2020. The following members were present: Jeff Tanner, Mandy Sharpe, Jonathan Gutwein, Dennis Gutwein, Kyle McTeigue, Todd Miller and President Jeff Lowry, Principals Scott Ritchie and Mike Carlson, Superintendent Dan Zylstra, and Secretary Amy Anliker. Also in attendance were Anita Goodan, Samantha Miller, Richard Miller, Jayden Miller, Levi Miller, Owen Miller, Elysia Miller, Veda Miller, Olivia Miller, Colleen Wuethrich, Mercy Wuethrich, Jennie Marlatt, William Marlatt and Jenna Marlatt.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH: Jonathan Gutwein presented Levi Miller with a certificate honoring him for being selected as February Student of the Month at the elementary school level. Kyle McTeigue presented Jenna Marlatt with a certificate honoring her for being selected as the February Student of the Month at the middle school level. Jeff Lowry presented Mercy Wuethrich with a certificate honoring her for being selected as February Student of the Month at the high school level. Congratulations were extended to these students!

MINUTES: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the minutes of the work session meeting, regular meeting, and the executive meeting on February 6, 2020 as presented. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve requisitions 20042 through 20060 for the corporation. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

EMPLOYMENT: Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the following employments as presented:

1. David Allen - Varsity Baseball Coach
2. Corey Howat - Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach
3. Scott Owens - Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach

Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the employments were approved.

LEAVE REQUEST: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the following leave requests as presented:

1. Cathy Risner - Personal
2. Ashley Bean - Personal

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the leave requests were approved.

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the following field trip requests:

1. Chicago Art Institute - Art Class grades 9-12 - Abby Beall & Stephanie Thilges

Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the field trip was approved.

DOT-CDL TESTING: The board reviewed the second reading of amendments to the district's CDL Testing Policy. Todd Miller made a motion to approve the second reading as presented. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the policy was approved.

6TH GRADE BUILDING-LEVEL REORGANIZATION: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve moving 6th grade students from the middle school to the elementary school starting with the 2020-2021 school year. Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the grade-level reorganization was approved.

GUIDELINES FOR EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION FOR NON FULL-TIME STUDENTS: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the handbook language for non-enrolled students to participate in extracurricular activities at West Central. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

2020-2021 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 school board meeting dates. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the 2020-2021 school board meeting dates were approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Mr. Mike Carlson reported: The Elementary has wrapped up Friendship Month. We also had fun joining the MS/HS in FFA Week. The Petting Zoo was a big hit again. Mrs. Lowry gave information on dyslexia and the new state requirements, and iStation came for more training on the pilot reading program during the two most recent Thursday PD sessions. Valuable information was given at both sessions. State testing is around the corner. Third grade will take the IREAD March 16-20. The most exciting news is being awarded an IN-MaC Innovation and Design Studio grant through Purdue University. This equipment will be in a dedicated room and bring STEM and manufacturing skills to life for our students. We are waiting on paperwork to finalize our acceptance.

Middle/High School Principal Scott Ritchie reported: The Certified Nursing Assistant State exam was last Friday. We had 8 students successfully pass the skills examination of the test. Now 4 of those students are ready for employment as a CNA and have accepted a job at a local nursing home. We also have a group of students that are competing today and tomorrow in the FCCLA competition at their state convention. We did start using Achieve 3000 in 6th - 8th grade. We have also simplified our severe weather plans and will practice with the new locations later this month. Natalie Kennedy, Jaden Cords & Nathan Thompson all received Gold at the State level at solo and ensemble. The trio of Maranda Thompson, Jaden Cords and Hunter Schultz received Silver.

Superintendent Dan Zylstra reported the website revisions are in progress and the corporation is moving toward paperless checks this spring for employees. All residents of the district will receive a mailer with information about Kindergarten Round Up as well as informative information about the district. Student enrollment was officially 710 at the February count day, and it has dipped below that number as of March 5. With student numbers projected to be down next Fall, administrators are reviewing staffing levels for 2020-2021 to ensure the district has the right number of staff for the number of students. Administrators and counselors will be meeting to discuss contingency plans for the Coronavirus should any students in West Central test positive and school would have to close for a period of time.

CLAIMS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve claims 136 through 254 for the corporation. Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the claims were approved.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**MARCH 5, 2020
8:30 PM**

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in executive session on Thursday, March 5, 2020 following the regular board meeting. The following members were present: Mandy Sharpe, Jeff Tanner, Jonathan Gutwein, Dennis Gutwein, Kyle McTeigue, Todd Miller, President Jeff Lowry, Principals Scott Ritchie and Mike Carlson, and Superintendent Dan Zylstra.

The Executive Session was held in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b) (9), "To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees."

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