

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in regular session on Thursday, May 7, 2020. The following members were present: Jeff Tanner, Mandy Sharpe, Jonathan Gutwein, Dennis Gutwein, Kyle McTeigue, Todd Miller, President Jeff Lowry, Principal Mike Carlson, Superintendent Dan Zylstra, and Secretary Amy Anliker. Also in attendance was Amber Tomlinson.

MINUTES: Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 5, the executive meeting on March 5, 2020, the special meeting on March 26, and the executive meeting on April 23 as presented (there was no April 2, 2020 meeting). Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve requisitions 20061 through 20090 for the corporation. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

RESIGNATIONS: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve the following resignation as presented:

1. Kelsey Gooch - Instructional Assistant
2. Hallie Morrow - Middle School Cheer Coach
3. Darian Fleck - Third Grade Teacher
4. Kristen Mellon - School Nurse

Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the resignations were approved.

RETIREMENTS: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the following retirement as presented:

1. Monica Franscoviak - Extra Curricular Treasurer

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the retirement was approved.

EMPLOYMENT: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the following employments as presented:

1. Mandy Narcaroti - Cooperative School Services

Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the employments were approved.

PAY DATES 2020-2021: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the pay dates for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the pay dates were approved.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the student accident insurance. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the student accident insurance was approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Mr. Mike Carlson reported: The distribution of instructional materials has gone remarkably well during the school closure. Teachers have continued to follow the curriculum, use adopted materials, and have it all ready on time. Lindsay Hopkins did the initial planning, and Paige Anliker and Jenn Marrs took it from there and have been excellent at having materials organized for the bus drivers and parents. The elementary staff has been superb throughout this time. They have been flexible as things changed, been maintaining high expectations, and have joined in and helped in areas outside their normal duties. I'd like to thank our families also. They have adapted to routines and have their systems in place. It's been great to see some of our students. The attendance rate is holding close to our normal rates being just slightly higher. This will improve still as more work is returned. We are going to do awards online on May 18th for the honor roll, AR, and Presidential Awards. Teachers are sending home classroom awards and families will be encouraged to send pictures of their children with their awards and these will be posted. The year is wrapping up as smoothly as can be expected.

Middle/High School Principal Scott Ritchie reported: Teacher Appreciation was a hit with a video from the students and a breakfast for staff. We will end the week with our Top 12 banquet video. With elearning,

teachers are learning new tricks via online instruction. Some teachers are excited to lead some PD when we get back. Mr. Harter has had great success with a program called Flipgrid. He has testimonials from his students on how well it has worked. We are setting up for a clean out of the lockers. Parents will be able to pick up locker contents as they bring back their chromebooks and textbooks on the 19th and 20th. We are still optimistic about our June 21st date for graduation.

Superintendent Dan Zylstra reported: West Central Teachers and staff have adapted marvelously to eLearning and the new conditions presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. June summer activities, such as swimming and summer school may not happen or may be postponed till July. Options for further professional development for staff are being explored, as the uncertainties for the fall of 2020 abound and teachers may desire to improve their tech skills further. The district's website has been revamped to provide more streamlined access to information. Sixth grade is moving to the elementary school in 2020-2021. The district is purchasing lockers for the Sixth grade hallway and making other transition plans to make this a success. The school is exploring offering PE Credits for high school sports and marching band. With enrollment declines heading into 2020-2021, West Central will be reducing the number of teachers through a Reduction in Force. The current revenue forecast from the state portends further declines in state funding. The district is looking for ways to reduce operational costs. One savings measure could include refinancing the wind turbine bonds at a lower interest rate.

CLAIMS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve claims 255 through 447 for the corporation. Todd Miller 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.