

## Regular Meeting

September 3, 2020  
West Central Elementary School Cafeteria  
7:30 PM

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in a regular session on Thursday, September 3, 2020. The following members were present: Dennis Gutwein, Kyle McTeigue, Jonathan Gutwein, Todd Miller, Mandy Sharpe, and President Jeff Lowry. Also present were Leanna Nielsen, Ed Dumas, Ryan Fedders, Steven Scott, Superintendent Dan Zylstra, Principal Scott Ritchie, Principal Mike Carlson, and Secretary Amy Anliker.

**MINUTES:** Todd Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and budget work session on August 6, 2020. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

**REQUISITIONS:** Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve requisitions 20145 through 20172 for the corporation. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

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

1. Mercedes Pack - Instructional Assistant

Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the resignation was approved.

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

1. Ben Gudas - Administrative Assistant
2. Tiffany Holle - Instructional Assistant
3. Scott Ritchie - Co-Interim Athletic Director
4. Angie Radtke - Co-Interim Athletic Director
5. Tyler Napier - Varsity Boys Basketball Assistant Coach
6. Ben Gudas - Head JV Coach for Boys Basketball
7. Tyler Napier - Middle School Assistant Football Coach
8. Heather Hensler - Cooperative School Services Bookkeeper/Secretary

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the employments were approved.

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

1. Ashley Bean - Request for planned absence
2. Leanna Nielsen - Request for planned absence

Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the leave requests were approved.

**TURBINE REFUNDING:** Ryan Feters of Baker Tilly bond consultants and Ed Dumas, school corporation attorney, presented on the finer details of the turbine bond refinancing and its ramifications for West Central. Dennis Gutwein made a motion to adopt resolutions A-E in regards to the refinancing of the turbine debt.

- A. Resolution to Approve Refunding
- B. Resolution Approving Form of Fourth Amendment to Lease
- C. Resolution Approving First Amendment to Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and First Supplement to Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking
- D. Resolution Reapproving Building Corporation
- E. Resolution Approving Amended and Restated Post-issuance Compliance Procedures

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the resolutions were adopted.

**INSURANCE:** Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve our 2020-2021 insurance rates as presented. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the insurance rates were approved.

RESOLUTION TO ADJUST FUND BALANCES TO REFLECT BANK RECONCILED BALANCES: Todd Miller made a motion to adopt the Resolution to Adjust Fund Balances to Reflect Bank Reconciled Balances. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the resolution was adopted.

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Principal Mike Carlson reported: It's great to have everyone back together again at the elementary. We currently have 335 students with 56 virtual students. It's been going fairly smoothly with the changes that were made. Sixth grade is adjusting to being back with us in the elementary. There's been good interest in athletics. Math benchmarking has been completed, and we are currently taking NWEA for reading. Music is looking to do virtual performances this year with a different grade level each month. October is the target start month.

Principal Scott Ritchie Reported: It has been a great month at West Central. We are working hard on a new accountability program and we met with the teachers and it seemed to be well received. A couple side notes is that last year's senior class had 89% that had taken a dual credit or CTE class. Also 80% graduated with a Core 40 and 30% graduated with technical or academic honors. We have purchased new jerseys for the junior high football team and are working to update the softball field with a new sound system.

Superintendent Dan Zylstra reported: The staff deserves many thanks for their agile handling of COVID-19. Teachers, secretaries, instructional assistants, cafeteria staff, maintenance staff, bus drivers, our school nurse and administrators have needed to adapt quickly to rapidly changing circumstances. Our success as a school corporation is a result of their hard work. We have yet to have a confirmed COVID-19 case in any staff or students, and have worked with the health department to quarantine close contacts of students who had positive cases in their households. The move of Central Office Staff up to campus has proven to be a positive one, allowing for quicker communication between all levels of staff.

CLAIMS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve claims 790 through 889 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.

## **Executive Session**

**Thursday, September 3, 2020  
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The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in an Executive Session on Thursday, September 3, 2020. The following members were present: Dennis Gutwein, Kyle McTeigue, Jonathan Gutwein, Todd Miller, Mandy Sharpe, President Jeff Lowry, 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.