

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in a regular session on Thursday, October 7, 2021. The following members were present: Dennis Gutwein, Todd Miller, Kyle McTeigue, Jake Tanner, Mandy Sharpe, Jonathan Gutwein, and President Jeff Lowry.

Also present were: Dan Zylstra, Superintendent, Mike Carlson, Elementary Principal, Angie Radtke, MS/HS Principal, Megan Galbreath of the Pulaski County Journal, and Sherri Cameron, Corporation Secretary.

MINUTES: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 2, 2021.

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve requisitions 21173 through 21190 for the corporation.

Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

RESIGNATION: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the following resignation as presented:

1. Kathleen Peters - Cooperative School Services

Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the resignation was approved.

EMPLOYMENTS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the following employments as presented:

1. Savanna Button - 5/6 grade Volleyball Coach
2. Mandy Bishop - Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach
3. Jeremy Glasford - 8th grade Girls Basketball Coach
4. Annie Scholz - 7th grade Girls Basketball Coach
5. Duane Endris/Mike Lattimore - 6th grade Girls Basketball Coach
6. Ben Gudas - JV Boys Basketball Coach
7. Tyler Napier - Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
8. Kenny Nielsen - Head Wrestling Coach
9. Nathan Williams - Wrestling Assistant Coach
10. Tina Hoeferlin - Bus Driver

Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the employments were approved.

LEAVE REQUEST: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve the following leave request as presented:

1. Kenley Newbauer - personal

Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the leave request was approved.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the following conference requests as presented:

1. Andrea Campbell - IASN nurse conference
2. Stephen Sholey - Music Educator Conference
3. Mike Carlson - Principals' Conference
4. Angie Radtke - Principals' Conference
5. Michelle Miller - Principals' Conference

Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the conference requests were approved.

PERFORMANCE REQUEST: Jake Tanner made a motion to approve a band/choir Sunday performance on December 12, 2021 at 2:00 pm.

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the performance was approved.

2022 BUDGET, BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN, AND CAPITAL PROJECTS PLAN: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the following resolutions:

2022 Budget Resolution

2022 Bus Replacement Plan Resolution

2022 Capital Projects Plan Resolution

Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the resolutions were approved.

REDUCTION OF APPROPRIATIONS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the Resolution to Reduce Appropriations as presented.

Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the resolution was approved.

VSP-VISION PLAN RENEWAL: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the vision insurance renewal plan as presented.

Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the vision insurance plan was approved.

APPROVAL OF CALENDAR: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the school calendar for 2022-2023 as presented.

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the calendar was approved.

RESIDENCY POLICY: Superintendent Zylstra presented the first reading of the Procedure For Determining Resident Student Status.

CAPITAL ASSETS POLICY AND PROCEDURES: Superintendent Zylstra presented the first reading of the updated Capital Assets and Policy Procedures.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Elementary Principal Mike Carlson shared that there has been a lot of activity happening at the building. Field trips have started, Girl Scouts are meeting, and mentors are coming to meet with students. PTC will be doing the No Hassle fundraiser. Parent-Teacher conferences are set with times on October 18 and 19. The Book Fair starts next week and it will be open during conferences. Professional development on two Thursdays a month has started again. They have begun preliminary work with the Science of Reading, and this will be a significant part of their focus this year. Knowledge within the staff is being shared as they take steps in that direction.

Middle/High School Principal Angie Radtke noted that September has flown by and October doesn't seem to be moving too slowly either. Last Friday they hosted a cookout for the students and all the staff, and this Friday will be the first middle school incentive with the Trojan Races. Miss Strus and the middle school student council have been working hard to make this activity happen. The grading period ends next Wednesday, and parent-teacher conferences are the following week. This past Tuesday, they held senior night for the volleyball team, which was also Pink Out Night in honor of breast cancer awareness month. The team honored three very important people from our corporation who are survivors, bus driver, Kay Allen, elementary aide, Estie Schultz, and school nurse, Andrea Campbell. Last weekend the middle and high school cross country teams competed in the Midwest Conference meet at North Newton. Both the varsity and middle school boys were the conference champions, and the middle school girls team came in second. Mrs. Radtke and Mr. Warren are working on starting a student athletic council as well as looking into equipping some of the students with the knowledge to pass a provisional licensure test to become officials for different sports. This would either be incorporated into the existing advanced weights class, or they have also discussed the possibility of adding a separate class during the school day next semester. The IHSAA would approve the curriculum.

Superintendent Dan Zylstra reported on the HVAC project, noting that the new elementary chiller is scheduled to be installed over fall break, and some minor mechanicals are still being completed. The maintenance department continues to look at possible improvements to the facilities, including air handlers in the pool area and the large gym, band/choir room renovations, and potential larger-scale pool renovations in the future. Superintendent Zylstra noted that a review of the facility roofs was completed, and other than some minor repairs, the roof is wearing well. He met with a group of superintendents who also have wind turbines on their campuses, reviewed production records, maintenance issues, and future maintenance outlays in order to maximize the utility savings from the turbine. The district administration also reviewed eLearning survey data, noting that the practice e-Learning day was a success. Through a grant from the Wabash Heartland Initiative, the district will be providing hot spots to some families who have difficulty accessing the internet.

CLAIMS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve claims 2415 through 2564 for the corporation. Jake Tanner 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.

APPROVED:

Jeff Lowry, President

Kyle McTeigue, Secretary

Executive Session

**Thursday, October 7, 2021
Board Room (B-113)
8:30 PM**

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in an executive session on Thursday, October 7, 2021 following the regular board meeting. The following members were present: Dennis Gutwein, Mandy Sharpe, Todd Miller, Jonathan Gutwein, Jake Tanner, Kyle McTeigue, and President Jeff Lowry.

Also present was: Dan Zylstra, Superintendent.

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 employee(s), apart from the budget process."

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

APPROVED:

Jeff Lowry, President

Kyle McTeigue, Secretary