

Executive Session

Thursday, May 5, 2022

Board Room

6:00 PM

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in an executive session on Thursday, May 5, 2022. The following members were present: Jake Tanner, Todd Miller, Mandy Sharpe, Dennis Gutwein, Jonathan Gutwein, Jeff Lowry, and President Kyle McTeigue.

Also present was Dan Zylstra, Superintendent, Angie Radtke, Middle/High School Principal, Mike Carlson, Elementary School Principal, and Cathy Rowe.

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(s), apart from the budget process."

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

APPROVED:

Kyle McTeigue, President

Todd Miller, Secretary

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in a regular session on Thursday, May 5, 2022. The following members were present: Jake Tanner, Todd Miller, Mandy Sharpe, Dennis Gutwein, Jonathan Gutwein, Jeff Lowry, and President Kyle McTeigue.

Also present were: Dan Zylstra, Superintendent, Angie Radtke, MS/HS Principal, Mike Carlson, Elementary School Principal, Cathy Rowe, Jason Bunger, Mike Lattimore, Elizabeth Holstein-Steele, Megan Galbreath of the Pulaski County Journal, and Sherri Cameron, Corporation Secretary.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION: Mike Lattimore shared his appreciation for current administrators Dan Zylstra and Angie Radtke, thanking Angie for her work building a positive culture at the middle and high school and wishing Dan Zylstra the best as he transitions to a new position in another district. He also encouraged the board to continue employing Richard Warren as the Athletic Director because of the positive momentum in our current athletics programs. Jason Bunger spoke and shared similar sentiments, noting how the enthusiasm and involvement of Mr. Warren has created a strong athletic culture which would benefit our school as a whole if it can be perpetuated. The Board President Kyle McTeigue thanked them for their attendance and their input.

MINUTES: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, work session, and executive session on April 4, 2022, and the work session and executive session on April 19, 2022. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve requisitions 22067 through 22098 for the corporation.

Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

EMPLOYMENTS: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the following employments as presented:

1. Sally Bathke - Fifth Grade Maternity Leave
2. Susan Ames - CTE Graphic Design Teacher
3. Steven Sholey - Boys Golf Coach
4. Michaela Shively - Elementary Teacher

Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the employments were approved.

RETIREMENTS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the following retirements as presented:

1. Doreen Gudeman - Instructional Assistant
2. Krystal Woodard - Custodian
3. Harold Rogers - Custodian
4. Cathy Purtzer - Cooperative School Services

Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the retirements were approved.

RESIGNATIONS: Jake Tanner made a motion to approve the following resignations as presented:

1. Dylan Bailey - High School English Teacher
2. Shelley Hesla - Cooperative School Services
3. Katie Bell Ferrer - Cooperative School Services
4. Jennifer Mellon - 8th Grade Volleyball Coach
5. Teri Rickaby - Elementary Music/Choir Teacher

Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the resignations were approved.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUTHORITY FOR DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing disposal of worthless surplus property that has no market value as per IC 5-22-22-8.

Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the resolution was approved.

NIESC FOOD SERVICES DIRECTOR CONTRACT: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the NIESC Food Services Contract as presented.

Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the contract was approved.

COLLECTION OF DEBT POLICY: A second reading of changes to the Corporation Collection of Debt Policy was held. Todd Miller made a motion to approve the changes.

Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the changes were approved.

NON-CERT. WAGE INCREASE: Jeff Lowry made a motion to increase non-certified wages as proposed.

Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the increase was approved.

HANDBOOK REVISIONS: Jake Tanner made a motion to approve the elementary and middle/high school handbook revisions as presented.

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the revisions were approved.

TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY POLICY: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the updated internet acceptable use and safety policy as presented.

Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the policy update was approved.

TEXTBOOK ADOPTION: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to adopt the elementary, middle, and high school math textbooks as presented.

Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the textbook adoption was approved.

PRECISION CONTROL SYSTEMS CONTRACT: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the contract with Precision Control Systems for work on the welding shop HVAC system upgrade.

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the contract was approved.

LETTERS OF INTENT TO EMPLOY: Jake Tanner made a motion to send out letters of intent to employ for non-certified staff for the 2022-2023 school year.

Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the letters were approved.

MEDARYVILLE NURSERY SCHOOL LEASE AGREEMENT: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the Medaryville Nursery School Collaboration and Lease Agreement as presented.

Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the Lease Agreement was approved.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING-MS TRACK ASST. COACH: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding to add a middle school assistant track coach.

Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the middle school assistant track coach was approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Elementary Principal Mike Carlson shared that the elementary was happy to invite people in for the Spring Music Program. This was the first program since December 2019. An enjoyable time was had by all, and the students' and Mrs. Rickaby's work showed in the performance. Professional development has continued with the Science of Reading, and teachers also had two presentations for math textbook adoption. K-5 will continue with iReady and 6th grade will use Envision. Kindergarten Round Up went smoothly. A small number of students had to come on a different day. ILEARN testing is complete, this also went smoothly with limited absences and no technical glitches. The county-wide spelling bee was

held May 4th at Eastern Pulaski. West Central was represented well. In fourth grade, Zoey Lewark placed second and Ethan Phillips placed third. Isaac Warner placed third in fifth grade. Congratulations to the Math Bowl Team. They traveled to Logansport and won their division. Students competed at the Battle of the Books at Frontier on the same day. The sixth grade team of Emily Zylstra placed second, and the fifth grade team of Elliott Gutwein, Tucker Gudeman, Envee Echterling-Grandchamp, and Beau Skinner-Lindahl also placed second. Both teams missed first place by one point. The fourth grade team of Ryder Leman, John Whaley, and Chase Kaeb placed fourth. Grandparents' Day is returning to the elementary school tomorrow on May 6. Over 320 grandparents and special friends will be joining their kids for the activities in the afternoon. Classes are now wrapping up the final testing in reading and math. There are a lot of activities happening to finish out the year from field trips, the kickball tourney, awards program, and track and field day. Mr. Carlson would like to thank the PTC for the daily treats and thinking of them for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Middle/High School Principal Angie Radtke reported that there is so much to do, so little time left in which to do it! The middle schoolers finished up ILEARN last week and are getting ready to take NWEA next week. They are finalizing both the middle school and high school master schedules for next year. Lifewise will be offered in the middle school as an elective on a nine-week rotation. Almost half of the students are currently signed up to participate. Nineteen students were able to attend the senior trip to Florida last week and they had a wonderful time. The high school students with good grades and no incident reports for the second semester attended a South Bend Cubs game yesterday. There were 132 students who were eligible to go. The choir and jazz band put on a successful cabaret this past Sunday. Mr. Amsler took a group of welding students to Standard Industrial on a field trip. Standard Industrial donated 24 new welding helmets and replacement covers to the students. Thanks to Mr. Scutchfield's marketing class, West Central will be hosting the very first job fair tomorrow. There are 25 businesses signed up to attend. It is Teacher Appreciation Week, and Mrs. Radtke wanted to say how thankful she is for all of the hardworking teachers and support staff. She would also like to thank the parents who donated and helped supply the delicious trail mix bar and ice cream sundae bar as well as the Winamac McDonalds for donating the breakfast sandwiches and Medaryville Subway for donating sandwiches. What a blessing to work in such a great community!

Superintendent Dan Zylstra shared that the district is still waiting on approval from the state for their HEA 1003 waiver, which will affect the 2022-2023 calendar as well as professional development activities. The State Board of Education has not acted on any of the waivers of local schools as of May 5, 2022. The state is also changing the requirements for eLearning days due to weather, and West Central will be seeking input on how to adjust their procedures to meet the new requirement. West Central is advertising for a Food Service Director to work alongside our current director for the next year to train for eventually taking over. Due to delays the new bus, which was ordered in the fall of 2021, will begin production in the fall of 2022. Summer projects include the continued moving of records from the old central office up to the main campus, as well as deep-cleaning the campus and performing the usual summer maintenance. Graduation is scheduled for Sunday, May 29.

CLAIMS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve claims 3253 through 3367 for the corporation. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the claims were approved.

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

APPROVED:

Kyle McTeigue, President

Todd Miller, Secretary