

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in a regular session on Thursday, June 2, 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, Megan Galbreath of the Pulaski County Journal, and Sherri Cameron, Corporation Secretary.

PUBLIC HEARING ON RETURN-TO-LEARN PLAN: President Kyle McTeigue provided an opportunity for public comment on West Central's Return-to-Learn Plan as part of the requirements for ESSER Funds, which is posted on the district website. There were no public comments.

MINUTES: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the executive session and regular session on May 5, 2022.

Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve requisitions 22099 through 22118 for the corporation.

Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

RESIGNATIONS: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the following resignations as presented:

1. Jerry Norman - Bus Driver (for 2021-2022 school year)
2. Dayna Armstrong - Cooperative School Services
3. Stacy Schultheis- Cooperative School Services
4. Christy Carnell - Cafeteria

Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the resignations were approved.

EMPLOYMENTS: Jake Tanner made a motion to approve the following employments as presented:

1. Tyler Napier - Track and Field, MS Assistant (6-8) Co-Ed
2. Iliana El-Khailani - Cooperative School Services - Assistant Director of Special Education
3. Katie Moore - Cooperative School Services - Data Secretary
4. Kristy Wireman - Cooperative School Services - Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
5. Kathleen Peters - Cooperative School Services - Part time School Psychologist

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the resignations were approved.

PRINCIPAL CONTRACTS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to renew the principal's contracts for the 2022-2024 school years.

Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the contracts were approved.

YEAR ROUND NON-CERTIFIED EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the contracts for non-certified year round employees.

Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the contracts were approved.

HEAD START RENTAL AGREEMENT: Jake Tanner made a motion to approve the rental agreement with Head Start.

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the agreement was approved.

2022-2023 TEXTBOOK RENTAL FEES: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the textbook rental fees as presented:

Kindergarten: \$97.82

First Grade: \$137.56

Second Grade: \$139.17

Third Grade: \$142.86

Fourth Grade: \$135.90

Fifth Grade: \$136.21

Sixth Grade: \$127.16

Grades 7-12 will be determined by course selection.

Textbook rentals include the \$20.00 tech fee.

Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the book rental fees were approved.

BUS DRIVER CONTRACTS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the bus driver contracts as presented.

Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the contracts were approved.

FOOD SERVICES REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS APPROVAL: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the Requests for Proposals and the recommendations as presented from the following vendors: Dairy to Prairie Farms, Produce to Piazza Produce, Bakery to GFS, and GPO (cafeteria food, supplies, and commodities) to Gordon Foods as presented.

Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: Jake Tanner made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding to provide a stipend for an appropriately licensed ELL teacher to cover the extra duties required for this individual.

Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the Memorandum of Understanding was approved.

PULASKI COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY APPOINTMENT: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to appoint Rita Carpenter to the Pulaski County Library Board as presented.

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the appointment was approved.

GRADE-LEVEL NUMBERS: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the grade-level enrollment caps for the 2022-2023 school year.

Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the numbers were approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Elementary Principal Mike Carlson noted the elementary had a busy ending to the year. They held their first carnival for achievements in Accelerated Reading and mastering math facts. He would like to thank PTC for providing lunch to the volunteers and staff, all the parent and community volunteers, Alliance Bank for supplying and popping corn, Pulaski County Fair Board for the use of the dunk tank, and Francesville Fire Department for filling the tank. The kids had a lot of fun! Track and Field Day was a success and PTC provided snow cones to all. None of this could happen without the great support we get from our school community. One of the sixth grade teams won the kickball tournament, and they went on to win against the staff also. ILEARN scores are back and have been mailed to parents. The summer IREAD retakes have happened. They benchmarked in both reading and math with NWEA and iReady. School-wide, they increased by 17% over last year for the total number of students making their growth in reading. Scores were down slightly by 5% overall in math.

Middle/High School Principal Angie Radtke reported that May was a blur with lots of work, celebrating, and fun. They started the month with Teacher Appreciation Week. Prom was held at Brandywine in Monticello. The food was good, the kids looked amazing, and everyone had a great time. Grades 7-10

finished their last round of NWEA testing. There was also senior awards night, the top ten banquet, the FFA banquet, and the Spring Band Concert. The middle schoolers went on an incentive trip to Great America, and the band students also went to Great America and performed there. The high school took final exams. The student council put on a talent show; there were 7 acts. On the last day they had a cookout, awards, and games. It was a good ending to the school year. Last Wednesday the Veterans motorcycle group, "Rolling Thunder" came through. Everyone was invited to come out and thank them for their service. Graduation is over and everything went well. There was a good turnout, and we were blessed with beautiful weather. Mrs. Ames just received another shipment of equipment, and she is learning how to work it all. In fact, Mrs. Radtke already has a couple of orders in. Everyone is thankful summer break is here, so they can get refreshed for next school year.

Superintendent Dan Zylstra discussed the eLearning survey which was sent out to the community. By and large, people preferred eLearning if it meant the school did not have to extend the school year into the summer. Thus, a plan utilizing a mixture of traditional eLearning, built-in days, and other eLearning is in the works. The state delayed review of the district's HEA 1003 waiver application again, so the 2022-2023 calendar will remain unchanged until the state provides more clarity. Superintendent Zylstra expressed excitement about the strength of the staff going into the 2022-2023 school year, noting there are currently only two vacancies, an elementary music teaching position and a HS English teaching position. Additionally, the administrative team is watching some sections in the elementary school with high numbers and will make a decision about adding a section to lower class sizes. The maintenance staff is busy cleaning for the summer, and buses are being prepped for the annual bus inspection.

CLAIMS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve claims 3378 through 3514 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