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Regular Session

**Thursday, November 3, 2022
Board Room 7:30 PM**

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in a regular session on Thursday, November 3, 2022. The following members were present: Todd Miller, Mandy Sharpe, Jake Tanner, Jonathan Gutwein, Jeff Lowry and Kyle McTeigue.

Also present were: Superintendent Cathy Rowe, Elementary Principal Mike Carlson, MS/HS Principal Angie Radtke, Megan Galbreath of the Pulaski County Journal, Erica Kerns, Corporation Secretary, and Lindsey and Shawn Geyer.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Cathy Rowe submitted an amended agenda for board consideration. Todd Miller made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of item G. Resolution to Transfer Appropriations. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.

MINUTES: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular session on October 6, 2022. Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve requisitions 22230 through 22258 for the corporation. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

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

1. Iliana El Khailani - Assistant Director, Cooperative School Services
2. Mike Holle - 5/6 Boys basketball coach
3. Jaylynn Smith-Cafeteria Staff

Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the resignations were approved.

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

1. Alexis Beiswanger- MS Cheer Coach
2. Brian Linback- 5/6 Boys Basketball coach
3. Mike Holle- 5/6 Boys Basketball coach volunteer
4. Casie Allen - Sophomore Class Sponsor
5. Greg Buschman - Department Chairperson 7-12 Math
6. Hillary Durie - Department Chairperson 7-12 English
7. Mike Harter - Department Chairperson 7-12 History
8. Tonya Wall - Junior Sponsor, Head
9. Shelby Powell - Junior Sponsor, Assistant
10. Jerlu Santillana - Chemistry Mentor
11. Keenan Scutchfield - FBLA
12. Sara Strus - MS Student Council
13. Sara Strus - Department Chairperson 7-12 Science

14. Brian Pilarski - Department Chairperson 7-12 CTE
15. Amber Leman - Department Chairperson 7-12 Special Education
16. Stephanie Thilges - Middle School Yearbook
17. Stephanie Thilges - High School Yearbook
18. Hillary Durie - Middle School Play
19. Becky Reed - High School Play
20. Stephanie Thilges - Sunshine Club
21. Stephanie Thilges - FCCLA
22. Jennifer Mellon - FCA
23. Lisa Zeyen - Art Club
24. Lisa Mahaffey - Vocal Music Director
25. Hillary Durie - National Honor Society
26. Hillary Durie - National Junior Honor Society
27. Jaylynn Smith - Cafeteria Staff
28. Jordan Danford - 5/6 Girl Basketball coach volunteer

Jonathan Gutwien seconded the motion and the employments were approved.

LEAVE REQUEST: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the following leave request as presented:

1. Pam DeMoss-October 19, 2022
2. McKenzie Boehning-October 19, 2022
3. Lori Skalon-October 25, 2022
4. Sheryl Fritz-October 18-19, 2022
5. Vivian Mitchell-October 19, 2022

Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the leave was approved.

CONFERENCE REQUEST: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the following overnight professional development conference request as presented:

1. Michelle Miller, Fall IASP Conference November 20-22, 2022
2. Angie Radtke, Fall IASP Conference November 20-22, 2022

Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the conference request was approved.

FIELD TRIPS: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the FCCLA/Sunshine field trip that is an out of state trip to Michigan Avenue-Millennium Park in Chicago, IL on November 5, 2022. Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the trip was approved.

FIELD TRIPS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the senior field trip to Orlando Florida from April 25-29, 2023 as presented due to being an out of state and overnight field trip. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the trip was approved.

BUS RENTAL: Jake Tanner made a motion to approve the request of First Christian Church to use a mini bus on October 19, 2022 for a youth trip. Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the rental was approved.

2023-2024 WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL CALENDAR: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 West Central School Calendar as presented. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the calendar was approved.

FALL PLAY RETROACTIVE PERMISSION: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the Saturday and Sunday performances of the fall play as presented. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the performance dates were approved.

CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the construction agreement with Tecton Construction Management and Moake Park Group for renovation of band/choir rooms at WCHS. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND STAFFING AGREEMENT: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the Technology Staffing Services agreement with Laffoon and Associates. Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the agreement was approved.

INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the Insurance Contribution for non-certified staff as presented. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS: Jake Tanner made a motion to approve the resolution to transfer appropriations as presented. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the resolution was approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Mr Carlson shared that the elementary enjoyed joining in with the homecoming spirit with the pep session and dress up days. Parent teacher conferences went well and 81% of our students had someone attend over the two evenings. The new format of signing up online seemed to go well. Thank you to PTC for providing dinner the first night. They also completely handled the Book Fair. This had another great turnout. PTC also sponsored the annual pumpkin decorating contest. Seventy-three pumpkins were on display. Third grade went to Conner Prairie and Fourth grade will go to the State Museum tomorrow for some extended learning. Gym Swim begins on November 14. Lifewise continues to go very well. Approximately 77% of eligible students are attending each week.

Mrs. Radtke shared that the first grading period is finished. The middle schoolers with good grades and behavior celebrated by competing in the Trojan Races, and the high schoolers attended the Isis Movie Theater last week for their incentive trip. The middle school had 82% of their students eligible to participate, and the high school had 66% of their students eligible. We celebrated a late Homecoming. Rebecca Hunter was crowned queen at the game, and Joe Jackson was crowned king the next evening at the Homecoming semi-formal dance. We had our parent teacher conferences on Monday, October 17 and had a fairly good turn out with 181 meetings being held between the middle and high school. Mr. Reif took a group of 35 students on a manufacturing field trip to Girtz, Regal, and the Ball Corp in Monticello. The trip was organized through Tippecanoe County Economic Development with the help of Nathan Origer. Lincoln Tech was here last Friday to talk with the seniors about preparing for life after high school graduation and the different programs they have to offer. The boys cross country team placed fifth in sectionals and were able to move on as a team to the regionals in Chesterton. The football team is the Midwest Conference Champions for the first time since 1998. The boys finished their regular season 8-1. They play in the sectional championship tomorrow night at Carroll at 7:00. The Wall of Fame was finished today. A huge thank you to Susan Ames for all of her hard work on designing and hanging the mural and to Jamie Fritz and Nate Williams for hanging the screen. It's been a true group effort!

Dr. Rowe presented information on the Indiana Department of Education's GPS system that has recently been released. It will be released to the public soon but the contents were reviewed during the meeting. Information concerning the wind turbine was presented which included historical costs and other information pulled from our current website. Energy costs were reviewed over the years related to the turbine along with an example and explanation of how credits are generated on the monthly billing. The fall play highlighted many of the students' exemplary skills in the performance arts. November 18th will be our next early release for teacher professional development related to effective questioning. Tecton and Moake Park were on site over Fall Break to take some final measurements, the West Central Educational Foundation met on October 11th and will meet again with Alliance Bank to review investments and there will be more information forthcoming concerning school board strategic planning slated to be in the January/February timeframe. The cafeteria has transitioned back to regular student lunch trays and silverware. Mr. Carlson and Dr. Rowe attended the Indiana School Safety Academy recently, she will be meeting with Eden Valley representatives soon and West Central will host the Pulaski County Safe School Commission next week. She shared attendance percentages by grade levels and months with 8th graders having the best attendance in August with 96.73% attendance, September's best attendance was 5th graders at 96.65% and October's best attendance went to 4th graders at 97.78%. At the conclusion of the meeting, Dr. Rowe encouraged the school board and others to join in visiting the new Wall of Fame that Mrs. Radtke and Mrs. Ames had worked so hard to complete.

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve payroll and claims for the corporation. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the payroll and claims were approved.

ADJOURNMENT: 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