

# West Central School Corporation

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## Regular Session

**Thursday, March 2, 2023  
Board Room 7:30 PM**

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in a regular session on Thursday, March 2, 2023. The following members were present: Mandy Sharpe, Dennis Gutwein, Jeff Lowry, Kyle McTeigue, Jonathan Gutwein and Todd Miller.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was opened and taken.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH: Board Member Todd Miller was pleased to present our MS/HS winner Marcus Davis with their Student of the Month Certificate. Mandy Sharpe was happy to present Saira Jackson as the recipient of the Elementary Student of the Month Award.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the March 2, 2023 agenda to also include the Cabaret Performance on March 19, 2023. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.

CABARET SUNDAY PERFORMANCE: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the Cabaret performance to be held on Sunday, March 19, 2023. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the performance was approved.

MINUTES: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular session on February 2, 2023. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve requisitions 23025 through 23043 for the corporation. Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS: Todd Miller approve the following resignations and retirements as presented:

1. Michelle Biggs-WCES teacher retirement
2. Dianna Maxwell-WCES teacher retirement
3. Cathy Risner-Food Service Director retirement
4. Shelby Powell-resignation, Assistant Softball coach
5. Paxton Keefover-resignation, custodian
6. Mike Harter-WCMSHS teacher retirement

Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the resignations were approved.

EMPLOYMENTS: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve the following employments as presented:

1. Joelyn Flotow-Assistant softball coach
2. Jason Bunger-Head Middle School Track Coach

3. Jennifer Turza-CSS data secretary
4. Sarah Claton-CSS director
5. Shelby Powell, Ralph Sharpe, Jannelle Johnson-volunteers to the assistant coach-softball
6. Kathy McBride-Custodian (pending completion of paperwork, background check)
7. Tyler Napier-Track and Field, MS Assistant (6-8) CO-ED
8. Erika Bunker-Volunteer Track and Field

Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the employments were approved. Mandy Sharpe abstained from voting.

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

1. Lori Skalon April 3, 2023

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the leave was approved.

BUS USAGE: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the out of state transportation of the WC Youth Basketball to Stevensville, MI on February 11, 2023. Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the bus usage was approved.

FIELD TRIP: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the field trip of the girls basketball team to attend a Purdue/IU game on February 5, 2023 (Sunday). Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the trip was approved.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HEA 1003 WAIVER: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing a HEA1003 flexibility waiver to conduct professional development days in the 2023-2024 school year. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the resolution was approved.

SUMMER WORK WEEK: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve the allowance of WCSC staff to work (4) ten hour days starting June 5, 2023 and continuing through July 27, 2023. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

OUTSTANDING CHECKS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve all two year or longer outstanding checks as presented. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

ITEMS DECLARED SURPLUS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the items for disposal as presented. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

ISBA POLICIES: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the use of ISBA policies as presented which includes having further discussion and pursuing the adoption of ISBA policies with inclusion of a few board members who will help review policies. Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

CAPITAL ASSET TRACKING VENDOR: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the AdTech Capital Asset Tracking as presented. Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Mr. Carlson commented that like most months, February flew by. Fifth grade had the highest attendance rate for January earning the traveling trophy, and this helped the Elementary earn the award corporation-wide. Gym and Swim ended on the 17th. That is always a big hit with the students. CoGAT testing went as smoothly as it could and is finished. We'll be looking at this data soon. Another hit during February is the Petting Zoo. We'd like to thank FFA for inviting us over again, and for cooking breakfast for the staff. We are doing the final preparations for IREAD. Testing will be March 6, 7, and 8.

Kindergarten Round Up is April 4th. Notices have been sent out in several formats, and appointments are coming in.

Mrs. Radtke shared that we started off February with parent teacher conferences. Mrs. Kennedy met with the juniors and their parents to talk about senior year preparations. Afterwards, Detective Heims and Officer Berger had an eye-opening parent meeting about the dangers of cell phones and social media. Mrs. Newbauer's mentor group started our first Sweet Week extending the celebration of National Random Acts of Kindness Day. Students were given a kindness challenge at the start of each day, were rewarded if they were caught in intentional acts of kindness, and gave shoutouts to staff members and other students which were announced at the end of the day or given to the individual students. They were also given lessons each day during Success about the importance of kindness, forgiveness, encouragement, gratitude, and friendship. Mrs. Newbauer also made it into the middle school classrooms last month to teach hygiene lessons. Mrs. Kennedy put on freshman orientation where Jess Horlacher from Indian Trails explained all things CTE. Last Friday the math and English teachers met to start working on curriculum mapping. The teachers had some great conversations regarding curriculum and were able to get quite a bit accomplished in just that first day. However, the highlight of the day was that Mrs. Thilges' culinary arts students cooked, plated, and served a delicious and beautiful meal for us. It was a great learning experience! They all did a wonderful job. Our juniors took the SAT yesterday. Thank you to Mrs. Kennedy for organizing everything and to our teachers and aides who helped cover classes. It was definitely an all-hands-on-deck type of day! Drake Fritz, Hayden Fritz, Buzz Beiswanger, and Josiah Rodriguez made it to Semi-State for wrestling. Hayden Fritz was the 132# Regional Champion. He also earned the opportunity to compete at the State Finals. We are hosting boys basketball sectionals this week. Our boys beat South Newton Tuesday evening in the first round. They will take on North White tomorrow at 7:30.

Dr. Rowe reported that teachers met on February 24th to work on curriculum mapping in the areas of ELA and Math and worked very hard to get a great head start. The two year regular Indiana State Board of Accounts audit has been completed and will be made available after March 30th on the ISBOA website. We have been paying people too early and will need to change this at some point, will seek out a vendor to replace our current asset tracking vendor and additional checks in the office when submitting reports. We will be working to replace some portions of our football bleachers, but will need to consider this for a larger project with several revisions needed including a possible replacement. We will be offering summer school June 5-16 for elementary and June 5-23 for middle/high school. The end of the third nine weeks will be March 10th and our next early release will be March 24th. The Board will need to talk about next steps with regard to the strategic plan work that has been started and the principals will be talking about next steps with regard to curriculum mapping. Rebecca Shepperd and Cathy Risner, our Food Service Directors have been working on notifying parents about a statewide Medicaid glitch which failed to identify a few Direct Certified students who would be eligible for free meals and textbooks. She also reported that she is finalizing a transportation handbook, food service and support staff handbook. There are 14 teachers' classrooms that will be receiving interactive TV's as part of a WHIN grant. Seven of which will be placed in elementary classrooms and seven will be placed in middle/senior high school classrooms.

**PAYROLL AND CLAIMS:** Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve payroll and claims for the corporation. Todd Miller 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:

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Kyle McTeigue, President

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Todd Miller, Secretary