

# West Central School Corporation

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## Regular Session

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

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in a regular session on Thursday, February 2, 2023. The following members were present: Mandy Sharpe, Jake Tanner, Dennis 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 HEARING ON SALE OF WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION OFFICE AS PER IC 36-1-11:** Jake Tanner opened the public hearing for purposes of allowing public comment. After public comment was taken, Jake Tanner closed the public hearing.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comment was given by Cindy Kruger and Dee Messer.

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH:** Board Member Dennis Gutwein was pleased to present our MS/HS winner Braya Kyburz with her Student of the Month Certificate. Todd Miller was happy to present Gabriella Madlung as the recipient of the Elementary Student of the Month Award.

**SETTING OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES AND TIMES:** Todd Miller made a motion to set the board meetings and dates to remain the same as they currently are, which is the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm.. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the February 2,2023 agenda. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.

**MINUTES:** Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Finance and the regular session on January 5, 2023. Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

**REQUISITIONS:** Todd Miller made a motion to approve requisitions 23003 through 23022 for the corporation. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

**RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS:** Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the following resignations and retirements as presented:

1. Lori Skalon-WCES Secretary retirement effective May 26, 2023
2. Rachel Neeley-CSS effective January 27, 2023
3. Kelsey Hershman-Custodian

Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the resignations were approved.

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

1. Sara Strus-PBIS Coordinator 2022-2023 school year pending Letter of Assurance
2. Conner Fritz-Volunteer; MS Wrestling Coach

### 3. Cameron Owens-Volunteer; MS Wrestling Coach

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the employments were approved.

CHANGE IN STATUS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the following request as presented:

1. Kim Grogan, Elementary Cafeteria from full time to part time

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the change was approved.

LEAVE REQUEST: Jake Tanner made a motion to approve the following leave request as presented:

1. Marci Kennedy-March 24, 2023
2. McKenzie Neeley (Boehning) May 21-28, 2023
3. Kelly Jackson-March 22-24, 2023

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the leave was approved.

SALE OF WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION OFFICE: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the sale of the West Central School Corporation Office at 117 E. Montgomery Street, Francesville, IN and the timeline as presented. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the sale was approved.

LETTER OF ASSURANCE: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the Letter of Assurance between the West Central Classroom Teachers Association and the District to add a PBIS Coordinator for the 2022-2023 school year. Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the letter of assurance was approved.

FIELD TRIP REQUEST: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the FCCLA State Convention field trip for March 5-7, 2023. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the field trip was approved.

FACILITIES USAGE REQUEST: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the WC Football request for use of facilities without charge. Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the requests were approved.

COOPERATIVE BID-FOOD/COMMODITIES, DAIRY, PRODUCE: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the Indiana ESC School Food Cooperative agreement seeking renewal of cafeteria food/commodities, dairy and produce for the 2023-2024 school year. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the agreement was approved.

WEST CENTRAL SCHOOLS PARKING LOT: Jake Tanner made a motion to accept the work for crack filling, sealcoating and restriping from Siders Asphalt Maintenance. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and motion was approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Mr. Carlson shared that the elementary staff was able to work with Dina Emser with a refresher on Positive Discipline this month. Review was given on previous work with Dina, and additional information was given on how to proactively handle behaviors, and to address specific areas of concern from staff. The first E Learning days of this year went fairly smoothly. We had about 88% participation each day. We've continued with our progress monitoring schedule with K-2. This is allowing us to see trends and identify needs to be addressed. We've gotten ideas on how to adjust the timing and which assessments to use for next year. Awards were handed out for first semester. The building had 13 students achieve perfect attendance. Grades 4-6 recognized academic performance with 41 students getting A/B Honor Roll and 18 students receiving straight A's.

Mrs. Radtke remarked we almost made it through January before Old Man Winter reared his ugly head, but the little break was nice. This past month we had three staff members, Stephanie Thilges, Jennifer Johns, and Kenley Newbauer all receive grants from The Cheryl Lynn Welter Foundation. Mrs. Thilges and Mrs. Johns were using theirs to help with the cost of their students' Serv Safe and Certified Nursing Assistant certifications. Mrs. Newbauer's went towards the Comfort Closet and weekend meals. Mrs.

Newbauer put on a bullying presentation for the middle school students. The WIDA testing is well under way, thanks to Mrs. Kennedy. The students who were on Honor Roll and High Honor Roll during the first semester were recognized during lunch. The sophomore class won the traveling attendance trophy for their outstanding attendance in December, and the middle/high school won the traveling trophy for the school with the best attendance in December! Our wrestling team placed second in sectionals out of 12 teams. We have 10 out of 14 wrestlers advancing to regionals. Hayden Fritz, Drake Fritz, Zach Gilger, and Buzz Beiswanger all won their weight classes. Regionals will take place this Saturday in Logansport at 9:00 am.

Dr. Rowe commented that she appreciated parents' patience and understanding through the recent ELearning days and delays for weather. We have had other schools come to observe our welding program and health occupations program for ideas to start their own programs. We will hopefully be offering summer school this summer. She reminded parents of Middle/Senior High School parent teacher conferences on February 8th and board strategic planning on February 16th. Teachers will be involved with curriculum mapping on February 24th. The end of the third 9 weeks takes place on March 10th. We will be making a decision on either retaining our current student information system, ALMA, or transitioning to a new SIS next year (June) so we will begin to have those discussions this fall. West Central received a WHIN grant for interactive TVs for classrooms. She recommended that the board consider investigating the use of ISBA policies.

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: Jake Tanner 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