

# West Central School Corporation

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## Regular Session

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

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

Also present were: Superintendent Cathy Rowe, West Central Middle/Senior High School Principal Angie Radtke, West Central Elementary School Principal Mike Carlson and Erica Kerns Corporation Secretary.

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH:** Board member Jake Tanner was pleased to represent the MS/HS winner Katie Scholz as the WCMHS Student of the Month and board member Kyle McTeigue was pleased to represent the WCES winner Abel Lindahl, as the WCES Student of the Month.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

**MINUTES:** Todd Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular session on October 5, 2023 and the executive session on October 5, 2023. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved 5-0.

**REQUISITIONS:** Jake Tanner made a motion to approve requisitions 23269 through 23305 for the corporation. Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved 5-0.

**RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, AND RETIREMENTS:** Jonathan Gutwein approved the following resignations and retirements as presented:

1. Courtney Wilcox-resignation, CSS
2. Ryan Howat-resignation, JV Boys Basketball

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the resignations were approved 5-0.

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

1. Aliza Daniels-WCES Custodian
2. Stephen Sholey, Boys Varsity Golf Coach
3. Joelyn Flotow, Assistant Coach, Softball
4. Shelby Powell, Volunteer Assistant, Softball
5. Ralph Sharpe, Volunteer Assistant, Softball
6. Janelle Johnson, Volunteer Assistant, Softball
7. Ben Gudas, Boys JV Basketball Coach
8. Jordan Danford-7th grade girls basketball coach

9. McKenna Boerner-CSS Job Coach

Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the employments were approved 5-0.

LEAVE REQUESTS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the leave requests as follows.

1. Kellis Gutwein-October 24, 2023

Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the leave was approved 5-0.

RATIFICATION OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE WEST CENTRAL CLASSROOM TEACHERS ASSOCIATION: Jake Tanner made a motion to approve and ratify the teachers contract for the years July 1, 2023-June 30, 2025 as presented. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the contract was approved 5-0.

INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION TOWARD SUPPORT STAFF: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the recommendation to increase the corporation contribution toward support staff insurance premiums as presented. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the recommendation was approved 5-0.

SUPPORT STAFF HANDBOOK RECOMMENDATIONS: Jake Tanner made a motion to approve the recommended changes to the support staff handbook including language regarding retirement contributions and leave requests. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the changes were approved 5-0.

DELTA DENTAL PROVIDER ADDED TO INDIVIDUAL PAY PLAN BENEFITS: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the addition of Delta Dental to individual, independent pay plan benefits. This is an alternative plan that would be offered to staff whereby the plan is employee pay only and there is no corporation contribution. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the plan was approved 5-0.

BUS RENTAL REQUEST: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the bus rental request by First Christian Church for October 18, 2023 as presented. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the request was approved 5-0.

FRONTLINE APPLICANT TRACKING AGREEMENT: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve the Frontline Applicant Tracking platform as presented. Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the platform purchase was approved 5-0.

WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION BOARD POLICIES-2ND READING AND ADOPTION: Jake Tanner made a motion to approve the school board policies as presented. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the policies were approved 5-0.

FACILITIES RENTAL REQUEST-MEDARYVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the Medaryville Fire Department facilities rental request as presented. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the request and the rental agreement was approved 5-0.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUTHORITY TO LOWER APPROPRIATIONS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the authority to lower appropriations as presented. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the resolution was approved 5-0.

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER AMOUNTS FROM THE EDUCATION FUND TO THE OPERATION FUND (MONTHLY RECURRENCE): Jake Tanner made a motion to approve the resolution to transfer

amounts from the education fund to the operations fund as presented. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the resolution was approved 5-0.

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO RAINY DAY:** Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the resolution to transfer funds to the Rainy Day fund as presented. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the resolution was approved 5-0.

**WEST CENTRAL MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK:** Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve the WCMHS student handbook revision as presented. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the revision was approved 5-0.

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Mr. Carlson shared that the Elementary stayed busy during October. First grade going to Parkview Haven has returned. Mrs. Heims' class went and read with the residents. We're happy to be able to do this again. Third grade traveled to Conner Prairie for a full day of learning. We're always happy to see families at Parent Teacher Conferences. The building-wide turnout had 96.5% participation with 81% of that being in-person, and the remaining were contacted in a different format to accommodate schedules. Both Medaryville and Francesville's Fire Departments came for Fire Prevention. First Grade was excited to learn from the firefighters and to have the ride on the fire truck. Thank you to PTC for providing dinner during conferences, and the carmel apple treats when returning from break. They also sponsored the annual pumpkin decorating contest, which had record numbers. Our students have great imaginations and skills decorating. Fall Break was a welcome little pause as we gear up for the rest of the semester.

Mrs. Radtke reported we have wrapped up the first grading period and are already three weeks into the new one. Parent teacher conferences were held on the 16th. Twenty-four percent of our students had a parent show up for conferences. Mrs. Reed, Miss Durie, and the theater department put on a wonderful performance of, "North Woods Nonsense." One-hundred percent of Mrs. Thilges' students passed their SERVSafe Food Handler Certification Exam. Connor Marlatt is the WKVI athlete of the week and was recognized for being the second rated passer in all of Indiana. His interview will air on WKVI's Coaches Corner this Saturday at 9:00. We participated in Red Ribbon Week last week. Students received mini lessons that were prepared for the teachers by Mrs. Newbauer about artificial and natural highs, and its effects on their brains. Any student who participated in these went into a drawing each day at lunch for prizes. At the end of the week, Dawn Quimby shared her story about her struggle with drugs and alcohol. Mrs. Newbauer and Mandy Nielsen from Purdue Extension have been meeting with the 8th graders going over the Reality Store that will take place tomorrow.

Dr. Rowe gave an update on the band and choir improvements in the high school area. Moake Park will be here on Monday to do a walkthrough to review our facilities, as the district considers another improvement project. The hope is that this list will be reviewed at a board work session in December. Additionally, information regarding the pool will also be shared. The ISBA Regional Meeting will be held on November 9th. We will be using the remaining ESSER funds to purchase more interactive TV's in the upcoming months. The district is currently reviewing student information systems and should be making a decision in the near future.

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS:Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve payroll and claims for the corporation. Kyle McTeigue 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