

# West Central School Corporation

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## Executive Session

**Held Immediately After Regular Meeting**

IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (9) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees.

In attendance were: Todd Miller, Kyle McTeigue, Jonathan Gutwein, Jake Tanner, Mandy Sharpe and Jeff Lowry.

## Regular Session

**Thursday, April 4, 2024 7:30PM**

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in a regular session on Thursday, April 4, 2024. The following members were present: Todd Miller, Kyle McTeigue, Jonathan Gutwein, Jake Tanner, Mandy Sharpe 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.

CALL TO ORDER: President Jake Tanner called the meeting to order.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Kyle McTeigue was pleased to present Alyvia Faler as the WCMS/HS Student of the Month and Jeff Lowry was pleased to present Liam Hopkins as the WCES Student of the Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with the inclusion of item 2 under Leave Requests. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the agenda was approved 6-0.

MINUTES: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular session held on March 7, 2024. Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the minutes were approved- 6-0.

REQUISITIONS: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve requisitions 24086 through 24120 for the corporation. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved 6-0.

RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, AND RETIREMENTS: Mandy Sharpe approved the following resignations and retirements as presented:

1. Amanda Davis-Cafeteria Resignation
2. Mary Spiehler-CSS Request to Transition to Part Time

Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the resignations and retirements were approved 6-0.

EMPLOYMENTS: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the following employments as presented:

1. Brad Odom-Varsity boys basketball coach for the 2024-2025 school year
2. Scott Owens-Varsity boys basketball assistant coach for the 2024-2025 school year
3. Mike Holle-Junior Varsity boys basketball coach for the 2024-2025 school year
4. Mike Latimore-8th grade boys basketball coach for the 2024-2025 school year
5. Corey Howat-7th grade boys basketball coach for the 2024-2025 school year
6. Dale Sampson-CSS paraprofessional

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the employments were approved 6-0.

LEAVE REQUESTS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the following leave request:

1. Jerlu Santillana, April 1, 2024
2. Joy Schlatter, March 22, 2024 pm

Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the leave requests were approved 6-0.

MOAKE PARK GROUP PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve the Moake Park Group Professional Services agreement as presented as part of the bond project. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the agreement was approved 6-0.

WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES ADOPTION: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve the school board policies as presented after their first reading last month and final reading this month. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the policies were approved 6-0.

WEST CENTRAL 12 MONTH EMPLOYEE SUMMER HOURS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the West Central 12 month employee summer work hours schedule as presented. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the summer hours schedule was approved 6-0.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the surplus equipment disposal list as presented. Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the equipment was declared surplus and available for disposal 6-0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Radtke said that the FCA had their annual 3 on 3 tournament to raise funds for Riley's Children's Hospital. We just received our SAT scores. Seventy-three percent of our students passed the ELA section, and 63% scored 1000 or higher. Our March early-release PD was over vocabulary instruction and Mr. Santillana modeled some innovative uses of Cornell notes. Miss Strus organized a trip to the Winamac Park and the Isis Theater for the third nine week incentive. Mrs. Mahaffy and Mr. Sholey put on another successful Cabaret. I had an informational meeting for parents and students grades 8-11 on becoming an Early College school and the Indiana College Core. We've had six teachers willing to pursue their Master's Degree in order to teach dual credit to help our students achieve the ICC in addition to Miss Durie who just finished hers and Mr. Buschman, who has been working on his. Mrs. Kennedy met afterwards with junior parents to talk about getting ready for senior year. We are looking at schedules and moving toward an eight period day next year. Caps and gowns have been delivered and passed out. The end is growing near!

Mr. Carlson shared that there was a flurry of activity at the elementary during the short month of March. Several grades had extra experiences. First grade again visited Parkview Haven, and Fifth Grade traveled to Lafayette for JA Biztown. NIPSCO and the National Energy Foundation provided a great lesson on energy safety to both fourth grade classrooms. The classroom teachers did JA in a Day. Junior Achievement provided lunch and they're hoping to get volunteers to continue next year. Thank you to PTC for the wonderful pies for the staff on Pi Day. IREAD was completed and results have been mailed to parents. Next-step plans are in place. Boys and Girls Club is going well. More students are now being enrolled. Kindergarten Round Up went very smoothly. We have 40 prospective new students signed up. Preparations are being made for ILEARN and gearing up for the other activities that are quickly approaching in May after a restful Spring Break.

Dr. Rowe reminded board members who were interested in attending the ISBA Spring Regional Meetings that signups are currently being held for our region on Wednesday, April 17th. Rate, Levy and Budget information was shared with board members as all information for the 2024 budget has been finalized. West Central and North White are working together to host a Senior Summit next Friday, April 12th here at West Central. This will be a unique opportunity to teach students those things that do not neatly fall into classroom instruction or courses (how to write a check, finding the dipstick in a vehicle, checking oil, knowing the difference between a debit and credit card, etc.). Another reminder that WC will have a two hour early dismissal on Monday, April 8th, a snow make up day on April 19th and April 26th is an early release day for professional development. We will continue to work on our curriculum maps in the area of English/Language Arts. The end of year staff celebration will take place on May 24th and board members are invited to attend. We are working to schedule summer school but currently working on the list of teachers who would be willing to teach it. Summer swim will be June 10-14. As a member of the Pulaski County Child Care Coalition, the group will be meeting in a planning retreat next Tuesday, April 9th.

**PAYROLL AND CLAIMS:** Todd Miller made a motion to approve payroll and claims for the corporation. Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the payroll and claims were approved 6-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Jake Tanner asked the board if there was any further business. Being none, the president adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:

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\_\_\_\_\_, President

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\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary