

## **BUDGET MEETING**

**August 6, 2020  
6:00 PM**

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in a budget work session on Thursday, August 6, 2020. The following members were present: Jeff Tanner, Dennis Gutwein, Kyle McTeigue, Jonathan Gutwein, Todd Miller, Mandy Sharpe, President Jeff Lowry and Superintendent Dan Zylstra.

Superintendent Dan Zylstra reviewed information for the 2021 school budget and discussed projected revenues and expenditures.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**August 6, 2020  
7:30 PM**

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in a regular session on Thursday, August 6, 2020. The following members were present: Jeff Tanner, Dennis Gutwein, Kyle McTeigue, Jonathan Gutwein, Todd Miller, Mandy Sharpe, President Jeff Lowry, Superintendent Dan Zylstra, Principal Scott Ritchie, Principal Mike Carlson, and Secretary Amy Anliker. Also in attendance were Dave Reif, Brad Odom, Mairlyn Bernal, Sarah Sensibaugh, Devin Green, Lacey Steele, Haley Tapper, Leanna Nielsen, Kellis Gutwein, Sara Strus, Heather Straus, Hillary Durie.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MASTER CONTRACT AS PER IC 20-29-6-1:** President Jeff Lowry opened the Public Hearing on the Master Contract. Dave Reif spoke on behalf of educators across the state, highlighting how education funding in Indiana has lagged behind neighboring states in education funding, teacher pay, and retirement contributions. After adjusting for inflation, beginning teachers in the state are making significantly less than in years past. Board President Jeff Lowry thanked Dave Reif and the teachers for sharing this information and for their work on behalf of West Central's students. Superintendent Dan Zylstra shared figures highlighting the degree to which inflation has eaten into the purchasing power of per-pupil funding across the state. There being no further public comment, President Jeff Lowry closed the Public Hearing on the Master Contract.

**MINUTES:** Todd Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 9, 2020. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

**REQUISITIONS:** Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve requisitions 20125 through 20142 for the corporation. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

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

1. Kristin Burton - Cooperative School Services Secretary
2. Charles Roberts - Athletic Director
3. Alison Carnahan - Instructional Assistant
4. Diane Salyers - Custodian
5. Jessica Kaeb - Cafeteria
6. Tina Hoeferlin - Cafeteria
7. Pamela Antrim - Cafeteria

Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the resignations were approved.

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

1. Jeremy Glasford - Varsity Boys/Girls Cross Country
2. Adam Huber - Middle School Boys/Girls Cross Country
3. John Murray - Assistant Football Coach
4. Zephaniah Conley - Assistant Football Coach

5. Corey Howat - Assistant Football Coach
6. Kelsey Erb - JV/Varsity Cheer Coach
7. Mike Harter - Driver Education
8. Shellie Patton - Cafeteria
9. Michelle Clapp - Custodian
10. Melissa Peterson - Cafeteria

Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the employments were approved.

TRANSFER REQUEST: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the following transfer as presented

1. Breanna Smith from full time secretary to part time secretary Cooperative School Services

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the transfer was approved.

LEAVE REQUEST: Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the following leave requests as presented

1. Jennifer Marrs
2. Dominique Bruner

Mandy Share seconded the motion and the leave were approved.

INDIAN TRAILS AGREEMENT: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the updated Indian Trails Career and Technical Education Agreement as presented.

Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the Agreement was approved

COOPERATIVE SCHOOL SERVICES CONTRACTS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Cooperative School Service Employee Contracts.

Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the Contracts were approved.

ADVERTISE: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve to Advertise the 2021 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and Bus Replacement Plan.

Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the advertising was approved.

BOND REFINANCING: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to move forward with the refinancing of the 2011 Turbine Bonds to capture savings from low interest rates.

Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Principal Mike Carlson reported: The elementary school was able to hold Kindergarten Round-Up by appointment last week. We had a few other students to finish this week and currently have 47 enrolled, with 8 of them being virtual. Registration for the other students was this week. Having online registration was a big help and worked well for most families. After removing the students we know are not returning, we have approximately 346 students. We know 20 will not be returning but we have enrolled 21 new students. There are 56 students in K-6 doing virtual learning. We will pull two classroom teachers and one teacher will do a hybrid approach to meet these students' needs. Teachers have been working hard training with the new reading series, iReady for some teachers, and next week is NWEA training. Safety changes are in place with disinfecting, breakfast and lunch changes, classroom spacing, and more to start the year safely in light of COVID-19.

Principal Scott Ritchie Reported: It has been a very active month. We will find out how our actions pay off next week. We will be working hard to develop our first virtual curriculum program. It is a hybrid of CTE classes and virtual classes taken on Plato. We will be starting our athletic seasons with the suggested number of fans barring any directives that could change that. Students will be asked to wear masks while in the hallways at all times. Students will be allowed to mask down during class as long as there is ample amount of space to distance themselves. Currently, the high school has 191 in-person students and 22 virtual. The middle school has 94 in-person students and 6 virtual.

Superintendent Dan Zylstra reported: The district is making its final preparations for the start of the school year. Many thanks go to our maintenance and custodian staff, office staff, teachers, instructional assistants, cafeteria staff, administrators, and bus drivers, for all the extra work over the last few months to prepare. It has been a team effort. Thanks also belongs to the Pulaski County Health Department, which has been a great resource and help as we've made our plans to reopen in collaboration with Eastern Pulaski Schools. Because many parents opted to drive their children based on our survey, our buses will have fewer students which will allow us to space more effectively. We have sufficient PPE and supplies to begin the year for staff and students, and we are waiting on the final order of masks from the state. With the continued low case count of COVID-19 in Pulaski County and appropriate protocols, we are hopeful we can begin the year as normal as possible.

CLAIMS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve claims 704 through 788 for the corporation. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the claims were approved.

ADJOURNMENT: President Jeff Lowry asked the board if there was any further business. Being none, the president adjourned the meeting.