

Regular Meeting

September 17, 2020

West Central Elementary School Cafeteria

7:30 PM

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in a regular session on Thursday, September 17, 2020. The following members were present: Dennis Gutwein, Kyle McTeigue, Todd Miller, Mandy Sharpe, Jeff Tanner and President Jeff Lowry. Also present was Superintendent Dan Zylstra.

MINUTES: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and executive session on September 3, 2020. Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

RETIREMENT: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to accept the following retirement as presented.

1. Becky DeWitt - Kindergarten Teacher

Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion.

Members of the board discussed the increased frequency of mid-year retirements and resignations by teachers. Understanding that some personal circumstances might warrant such decisions, it was agreed these were not in the best interest of students or the school due to the disruption in continuity.

The board voted and the retirement was approved.

EMPLOYMENT: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve the following employment as presented:

1. Ashlund Smolek - 5 & 6 grade Volleyball Coach

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the employment was approved.

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

1. Harold Rogers - Request for planned absence

Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the leave request was approved.

PERFORMANCE REQUESTS: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the additional fall play performance for Sunday October 18th at 3:30 PM and the 5-12 grade band and choir concert for Sunday, December 20th at 2:00pm as presented. Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the Sunday performances were approved.

BUDGET HEARING: President Jeff Lowry opened the hearing for the 2021 budget, capital projects plan, and bus replacement plan. Superintendent Zylstra went over items in the budget. President Jeff Lowry asked for questions or comments. Hearing none, the 2021 budget hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF PROPERTY: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the resolution for the lease of property. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the resolution was approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Superintendent Dan Zylstra reported: West Central received a \$40,000 School Safety Grant from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. The monies will be used to increase the number of security cameras around the campus and grounds and eliminate blind spots currently in existence. Several staff members are interested in getting their school bus driving license. The coursework has moved online, so an equitable plan for compensating the costs of taking the coursework is in the works. Continued improvements to the building and grounds were discussed, including upgrades to the bus barn, cosmetic improvements in the gyms, and other meaningful facility improvements to spruce up the grounds.

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

