

Work Session

**Thursday, January 26, 2021
Old Middle School/Central Office
2:00 PM**

A work session was held on January 26, 2021 at 2:00 PM. The following members were present: Mandy Sharpe, Jonathan Gutwein, Todd Miller, Jake Tanner, Dennis Gutwein, and President Jeff Lowry. Also in attendance were Dan Zylstra, Superintendent, David Allen, Director of Maintenance, Tony Kuykendall and Pete Beiriger of Performance Services.

The purpose of the work session was to receive information to assist with future plans for West Central.

Mr. David Allen, Director of Maintenance, led those in attendance through a walkthrough of the building mechanicals.

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

Jeff Lowry, President

APPROVED:

Kyle McTeigue, Secretary

Work Session

**Thursday, February 4, 2021
West Central High School Library
6:00 PM**

A work session was held on February 4, 2021 at 6:00 PM. The following members were present: Kyle McTeigue, Mandy Sharpe, Todd Miller, Jonathan Gutwein, Dennis Gutwein, Jake Tanner, and President Jeff Lowry. Also in attendance were Dan Zylstra, Superintendent, Kris Aschbrenner, Director of Technology, David Allen, Director of Maintenance, and Tony Kuykendall and Peter Beiriger of Performance Services.

The purpose of the work session was to receive information to assist with future plans for West Central.

Performance Services

Tony Kuykendall and Peter Beiriger from Performance Services provided an overview of the corporation's energy usage and HVAC infrastructure.

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. David Allen, Director of Maintenance, discussed some of the work done in the past year and highlighted potential projects for the future.

Technology

Mr. Kris Aschbrenner, Director of Technology, discussed some of the technology updates from the past year and presented on future district needs for the next few years.

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

Jeff Lowry, President

APPROVED:

Kyle McTeigue, Secretary

Regular Meeting

**February 4, 2021
West Central High School Library
7:30 PM**

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in a regular session on Thursday, February 4, 2021. The following members were present: Dennis Gutwein, Mandy Sharpe, Jake Tanner, Jonathan Gutwein, Kyle McTeigue, Todd Miller, and President Jeff Lowry.

Also present were: Dan Zylstra, Superintendent, Sherri Cameron, Corporation Secretary, Scott Ritchie, High School Principal, Mike Carlson, Elementary School Principal, Brian Putt, Randy Gudeman, Jim Ketchen, and Leanna Nielsen.

PRESENTATION: A group of community members presented on Lifewise Academy, a potential pullout program for religious instruction at West Central. This is similar to a program already in operation in several schools in White County.

MINUTES: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Finance Meeting and Regular Meeting on January 7, 2021. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve requisitions 21025 through 21051 for the corporation. Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

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

1. Alyson Frye-Cafeteria
2. John Murray-Varsity Golf Coach
3. Lisa Birnell-Art Maternity Leave

Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the employments were approved.

LEAVE REQUESTS: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve the following leave requests as presented:

1. Sara Strus-personal
2. Sally Smidler-personal
3. Lori Skalon-personal
4. Kenley Newbauer-personal
5. Jenna Pelsey-maternity

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the leave requests were approved.

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve the following field trip requests as presented:

1. Scott Ritchie-Senior trip to Colorado
2. Shaw Haselby-South Newton HS

Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the field trips were approved.

PULASKI COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY APPOINTMENT: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve Tammy Perry to the Francesville-Salem Township Public Library Board. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the appointment was approved.

TITLE IX POLICY UPDATE: Mr. Zylstra presented the first reading of the updated Title IX Policy based on new guidance from the Indiana School Boards Association.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Elementary School Principal Mike Carlson reported that study tables have been going well, and teachers have reported their support in holding them. A modified Thursday professional development will begin next week with certain grade levels meeting on different days. This will allow students to remain separated and also not to group too many teachers together at a time. At this time, they will be utilizing more training for the new reading curriculum. WIDA testing is nearly complete. Kindergarten Round Up is scheduled for April 7 with a good response on the first notice sent. Teachers are looking at new Social Studies books for adoption.

Middle/High School Principal Scott Ritchie reported that the high school is in the middle of ISTEP testing. They have been working around delays and cancellations but Mrs. Kennedy has kept them on track. On Saturday, Brayden Neust, Drake and Hayden Fritz, Josiah and Zion Rodriguez, and Conner Fritz will be wrestling in the Logansport Regional. The athletic department and Mr. Pilarski along with West Central School Corp. have made a lot of efforts to update the softball facility. A new sound system has been added, redrilled holes for posts by the dugouts, and a new press box is in the works. A late start the other day was used to let the theater class do a very abbreviated version of Hamlet. It was well received by the students. Through grant and ECA funding, West Central has obtained a 9-hole frisbee golf course which will be installed around campus later this spring.

Superintendent Dan Zylstra reported that the district was taking part in its State Board of Accounts audit. This occurs every two years, and due to COVID-19 restrictions much of the material must be scanned and emailed. Our former Food Services Director is still assisting with document retrieval for the cafeteria portion of the audit. Food Services is adjusting to the current staffing levels and continues to do a fantastic job nourishing the students. Substitute teacher availability continues to be sufficient for needs, and we hope recent upward pay adjustments will continue that trend. West Central is blessed to have consistent substitutes who care for our students and the well-being of the school and community.

CLAIMS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve claims 1353 through 1496 for the corporation. Jonathan 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.

APPROVED:

Jeff Lowry, President

Kyle McTeigue, Secretary

Executive Session

**Thursday, February 4, 2021
West Central High School Library
8:30 pm**

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in Executive Session on Thursday, February 4, 2021 following the regular board meeting. The following members were present: Kyle McTeigue, Mandy Sharpe, Jonathan Gutwein, Dennis Gutwein, Jake Tanner, Todd Miller, President Jeff Lowry, and Superintendent Dan Zylstra.

The Executive Session will be held in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) (5) For discussion of strategy with respect to the receipt of information about and the interviewing of prospective employees.

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

APPROVED:

Jeff Lowry, President

Kyle McTeigue, Secretary