

Regular Meeting

**November 5, 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, November 5, 2020. The following members were present: Dennis Gutwein, Kyle McTeigue, Todd Miller, Mandy Sharpe, Jeff Tanner and President Jeff Lowry. Also present were Chassidy Leman, Superintendent Dan Zylstra, Principals Scott Ritchie and Mike Carlson.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED MASTER TEACHER CONTRACT: President Jeff Lowry opened the Public Hearing on the proposed Master Teacher Contract as per IC 20-29-6-1. Superintendent Zylstra noted that the terms of the contract provide a raise and stipend for all teachers, and more of an increase for those who are toward the beginning of their careers. It also raises the starting pay for new teachers in the district. There being no further comments, President Jeff Lowry closed the Public Hearing on the Master Teacher Contract.

MINUTES: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and executive session on October 1, 2020. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve requisitions 20192 through 20208 for the corporation. Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

EMPLOYMENT: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the following employments as presented:

1. Tyson Mellon - Girls Varsity Basketball Coach
2. Mandy Bishop - Assist. Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
3. Jeremy Glasford - 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
4. Annie Scholz - 6th & 7th grade Girls Basketball Coach
5. Dylan Ingram - 7th grade boys Basketball Coach

Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the employments were approved.

LEAVE REQUEST: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve the following leave requests:

1. Lacey Steele - Maternity
2. Chassidy Leman - Maternity
3. Courtney Rausch - Leave
4. Brian Pilarski - Leave
5. Bill Amsler - Leave

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

CONFERENCE REQUEST: Mandy Sharpe made the motion to approve the following conference requests.

1. Mike Carlson, Angie Radtke, and Scott Ritchie - Indiana Principals Conference
2. Jennifer Byrne & Chelsea Reed - Focus on Inclusion Conference

Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the conference requests were approved.

TRANSFER: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve the following transfer:

1. Amy Anliker - Instructional Assistant

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the transfer was approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Principal Mike Carlson reported: West Central Elementary was able to incorporate some fun and outside learning experiences in October. The firemen came for first grade during fire prevention week. The fifth grade yearly trip to Beyond Boundaries was experienced onsite this year. He came to school and each class was able to go through the activities outside. PTC held the pumpkin decorating contest the week before Halloween. We had many creative pumpkins again. Numerous virtual students returned to the building at the end of the nine weeks. With this, first grade numbers increased and Mrs. Schlatter now has a small in-person first grade classroom, and she is still doing kindergarten and first grade virtual too. Kara Trent is now doing both formats with the remaining second grade students. The number of older virtual students has decreased and we're watching those numbers. Parent Teacher conferences were held and went well. The vast majority did attend in-person with others choosing phone or virtual.

Principal Scott Ritchie reported: It has been anything but dull at West Central. We have concluded the fall sports season and are working our way into winter sports. Cross Country had a great season that ended with three runners making it to regional. Volleyball worked their way to the sectional finals to end their season. We had a fall frenzy for the middle school that was a little like a homecoming for them. We also made it an incentive for grades and behavior. We have a carnival in the works towards the end of the semester. We grilled out lunch for the students and the staff to show our appreciation for them and their efforts. Next week we start our mandatory tutoring for middle and high school. Monday night school attendance has dropped significantly this year.

Superintendent Dan Zylstra reported: West Central is in the process of improving the bus barn, making it more suitable for regular bus maintenance and other corporation needs. The scope and costs of the work were discussed. The recent spike in COVID-19 cases locally resulted in the necessary quarantining of staff members and the temporary closure of the elementary school. West Central is still fortunate to have very few positive cases among staff and students. With an uptick in cases locally, we're working with the health department and revising plans to do our best to limit the spread of COVID-19. The property in downtown Francesville is now being leased, providing rental income to the district.

CLAIMS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve claims 1003 through 1123 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.

APPROVED:

Jeff Lowry, President

Kyle McTeigue, Secretary

Executive Session

Thursday, November 5, 2020
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The Executive Session was held in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(9), "To discuss job performance evaluation of individual employees."

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