

**LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2011**

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Lake Central School Corporation was held in the Lake Central Freshmen Center LGI Room, 8410 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN on Monday, April 18, 2011. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

George Baranowski, President
Don Bacso, Secretary
Valentina Lozanoski, Member
Howard Marshall, Vice-President

Board Members Not Present

John DeVries, Member

Administration Present

Al Gandolfi, Assistant Superintendent
Rob James, Director of Business Services
Mark Kellogg, Director of Primary Education
Bill Ledyard, Director of Facilities
Dr. Lawrence Veracco, Superintendent

<i>Please note that all motions were carried 4-0 unless otherwise indicated</i>			<u>BOARD MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 18, 2011</u>
I.	Call to Order		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Board President, George Baranowski.
II.	Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pledge of Allegiance led by George Baranowski.
III.	Agenda: Approval, Deletions, Additions – <i>Dr. Veracco</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Four Star Schools item under Dr. Veracco's section of the Agenda will be tabled and readdressed at future meeting.A Revised Personnel Packet was presented to the Board.Don Bacso moved to approve the Agenda as Revised. Val Lozanoski seconded the motion. Motion carried.
IV.	Correspondence		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Bacso stated there is no correspondence.
V.	Official School Board Business Topics: Consent Agenda - <i>Dr. Veracco</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Val Lozanoski moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.
	A.	Approval of Minutes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">April 4, 2011 – Executive SessionApril 4, 2011 – Regular Meeting

		B. Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures
VI.		Official School Board Business Topics: Regular Agenda
	A.	<p>Superintendent – <i>Dr. Veracco</i></p> <p>1. Recognitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCHS Winter Sports Recognition (2) – <i>Robin Tobias</i> 2011 IHSAA State Champion at 119 pounds – Kyle Ayersman (Junior); 2011 IHSAA 6th Place State Finish at 140 pounds – Bradley Wartman (Senior); • LCHS Dance Team (35) – <i>Kevin Mathis</i> LCHS Centralettes Varsity Dance Team captured the prestigious title of National Grand Champions at the NDA Nationals held in Orlando in March. Other awards earned included First Place Large Varsity Jazz, Best in Jazz (all divisions), the Technical Excellence Award and, Third Place in Large Varsity Hip Hop. The team was also recognized for Outstanding Sportsmanship. Also, at State Finals of the IHSDTA, the Centralettes earned their 17th consecutive state champion title. Varsity placed first in jazz and Hip Hop at the event and JV also won first place in both Jazz and Hip Hop. Other victories included First Place in Small Ensemble, Second Place in Duet and Second Place in Large Ensemble. <u>Varsity Team Members:</u> Anastasia Amanatidis, Rosie Arellano, Chelsey Banasiak, Jade Blessing, Crysta Crothers, Kristina Dombovic, Michelle Gentz, Nicole Griffin, Kaylin Guglielmo, Maddie Hiemstra, Alyssa Kovich, Tiffany Marquiss, Emilie Middleton, Catrina Penna, Frances Pollaro, Jenee Porter, Ashley Roberts, Lauren Skertich and Allie Tribble. <u>Junior Varsity Members:</u> Jenna Blessing, Julia Demma, Missy Dobos, Daniella Dombovic, Abbie Emmett, Christine Foreman, Millie Hilestand, Caitlyn Hunt, Tari Markowski, Lindsay McClain, Marlo Owczarzak, Shannon Putnam, Meghan Tar, Celine Tucker, Katie Vega and Deja Washington. • Grimmer MS Dance Team (11) – <i>John Alessia</i> On Saturday, March 19th, the Grimmer MS Dance Team took first place in Jazz at the IHSDTA State Finals Competition. The team successfully defended their “State Champs” title from last year’s competition. <u>Team Members:</u> Laurel Brummett, Alexis Enright, Lindsey Gercken, Laurel Gonsiorowski, Gina Irwin, Jessica McCullough, Jennifer Mohamed, Cassandra Morris, Emma Nelson, McKaya Pozzi, Emma Strohacker. • Clark MS Dance Team (15) – <i>Scott Gruber</i> IHSDTA State Champs in Jr. High Elite Hip Hop and Jr. High Ensemble. Also, 2nd in State for Jr. High Elite Jazz. <u>Team Members:</u> Allissa Aardema, Gabrielle Aloia, Megan Barenie, Talia Harman, Emma Hupp, Hannah Leyba, Sara Lisac, Bri Martin, Tiffany Polyak, Lindsey Solan, Danielle Soucie, Kelsie Verhoeve, Michaela Vuckovic, Jillian Wilschke, Jessica Wisniewski • Clark MS 5th Grade Math Bowl Team (15) – <i>Scott Gruber</i> For 1st Place in the Class 3 Division at the 5th Grade Math Bowl: Hailey Kitchell, Kieran Newton, Emily Peterson, Matt Cotner, Nate Hjertquist, Jacob Shumylo, Dylan Foster, Sam Grimler, Michael Beshara, Tyler Forajter, Danka Cucuz, Jasmine Reyes, Kira Schuelka, Camille Matasovsky, Sammy Bredar • Clark MS 8th Grade Girls Basketball Team (13) – <i>Scott Gruber</i> For Lake Middle School Athletic Conference Champs, 2nd Year: Tara Zlotkowski, Megan Krol, Gina Rubino, Lindsay Kusbel, Jessica Ladowski, Jackie Gerling, Melia Gonzalez, Alex Davids, Casey Ruberry, Ellegra Eskew, Kyleigh McCoy, Danielle Morang, Ashley O’Malley • Transportation – (5) <i>Pat Hubbard</i> For --- State Bus Inspection: Tom Gindl, Larry Chambers, Kevin Boer, Larry Tryon, Derek Ciszar and Pat Hubbard

		2. Legislative Update
N	B.	<p>Assistant Superintendent / Personnel / Director of Secondary Education – <i>Al Gandolfi</i></p> <p>1. Personnel Recommendations – Action Required</p> <p><i>I. Certified Resignations, Appointments, and Leaves</i></p> <p><i>A. Resignations:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Kody Rountree, English Teacher, Lake Central High School (effective June 8, 2011).</i> <p><i>B. Appointments:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Barb Kepchar (Griffith), Administrator, Lake Central/West Lake (effective July 1, 2011).</i> <i>2. Diane Parker (Griffith), Administrator, Lake Central/West Lake (effective July 1, 2011).</i> <p><i>C. Leaves:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Gina Campagna, FACS Teacher, Clark Middle School (effective August 16, 2011 thru January 13, 2012; maternity leave).</i> <p><i>II. Classified Retirements and Appointments</i></p> <p><i>A. Retirements:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Rose Extin, Head Custodian, Peifer Elementary School (effective July 29, 2011; 31 years of dedicated service).</i> <i>2. Carla Crock, School Nurse, Lake Central High School (effective July 31, 2011; 20 years of dedicated service).</i> <i>3. Geri Freeman, Café Supervisor, Homan Elementary School (effective April 14, 2011).</i> <p><i>B. Appointments:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Margaret Porter (Crown Point), Bus Aide, Transportation Department (effective April 7, 2011).</i> <i>2. Jill Keleman (Dyer), Prime Time Aide, Bibich Elementary School (effective April 11, 2011).</i> <i>3. Linda Lauermann (Schererville), Bus Driver, Transportation Department (effective April 12, 2011).</i> <p><i>III. Certified Extracurricular Resignations</i></p> <p><i>A. Resignations:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Laura Richardson, 8th grade Volleyball Coach, Clark Middle School (effective for the 2011/2012 school year).</i> <i>2. Scot Hilyard, Assistant Freshmen Football Coach, Lake Central High School (effective for the 2011/2012 school year).</i> <i>3. Roderick Wartman, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, Lake Central High School (effective for the 2011/2012 school year).</i> <i>4. Christina Perez, Cheerleading Coach, Clark Middle School (effective for the 2011/2012 school year).</i> <i>5. Donna Spivak, Assistant Theater Director, Grimmer Middle School (effective for the 2011/2012 school year).</i> <p><i>Classified Extracurricular Resignations</i></p> <p><i>A. Resignations:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Robert Moore, Head Hockey Coach, Lake Central High School (effective for the 2011/2012 school year).</i> <p><i>IV. West Lake</i></p> <p><i>Classified Terminations, Resignations, and Appointments</i></p> <p><i>A. Terminations:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Ryan Holtzman, Instructional Assistant, West Lake/Synergy (effective</i>

		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>April 6, 2011).</i></p> <p>B. Resignations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>James Beecher, Instructional Assistant, West Lake/Wilbur Wright Middle School (effective April 8, 2011).</i> 2. <i>Pamela Farnsworth, Instructional Assistant, West Lake/Homan Elementary School (effective April 29, 2011).</i> <p>C. Appointments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Candace Jenninga (Crown Point), Instructional Assistant, West Lake/ Wilbur Wright Middle School (effective April 11, 2011).</i> 2. <i>Stephanie Newman (Lansing), Instructional Assistant, West Lake/Wilbur Wright Middle School (effective April 11, 2011).</i> 3. <i>Bonnie Corrigan (Hammond), Instructional Assistant, West Lake/Munster High School (effective April 4, 2011).</i> <p>V. Approval of Lake Central School Corporation Substitute Staff: <i>Refer to attached list of substitutes hired from March 17, 2011 through April 14, 2011.</i></p> <p>VI. Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall moved to approve the Personnel Recommendations both original and revised. Don Bacso seconded the motion. Motion carried. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Professional Leave Requests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don Bacso moved to approve the Professional Leave Requests. Howard Marshall moved to approve. Motion carried. 3. Field Trips <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall moved to approve. Val Lozanowski seconded the motion. Motion carried. 4. Summer Camps 2011 – <i>Robin Tobias</i> 5. Winter Season Athletic Report - <i>Robin Tobias</i>
	C.	<p>Director of Primary Education – <i>Mark Kellogg</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kindergarten Lottery Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 379 people were interested in full time kindergarten for the \$1800 fee. 308 names were chosen. We will continue to look at adding classes. On Friday the Governor announced that he will fund the kindergarten grant that we get. This grant could cause a drop in what we charge parents but will not necessarily eliminate the fee due to the amount the government is providing. This is still being worked on. Ideally we would like to see everyone who wants full day kindergarten to get in, however space limitations continue to be an ongoing issue. By mid-May we should be able to provide the Board with a pretty final number of participants for full day kindergarten for the year.
	D.	<p>Director of Facilities – <i>Bill Ledyard</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bid Approval for the Peifer ES HVAC Renovation Project – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On April 13, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., bids were opened for Peifer Elementary School HVAC Renovation Project. There were five (5) bidders and bids ranged from a low of \$1,798,660.00 to a high of \$1,934,400.00. • Administration recommended that the project be awarded to Circle “R” Mechanical, Inc. at their low bid of \$1,798,660.00. • The project will be funded from the recently awarded qualified school construction bonds.
	E.	<p>Director of Business Services – <i>Rob James</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Donations

Given

- The Lake Central School Corporation previously purchased 16 computers for use in the library at St. Michael's school. A Lake Central teacher used these computers to teach a computer class at the school. However, beginning next year, we will no longer be providing our employees to the parochial schools. Instead of removing the equipment from, the district would like to transfer this property to St. Michael's. The 16 computers have an estimated fair market value of approximately \$300 each, for a total of \$4,800.
- Don Bacso moved to approve the donation. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The Watson PTO would like to donate \$320.39 for a new wall organizer in the main office and \$400 for the purchase of new digital cameras to be used in the classrooms.
- The Kolling PTO would like to make a donation of \$11,984.38 to be used to purchase 23 ELMO Cameras for the Kolling teaching staff.
- Val Lozanoski moved to approve the donation. Don Bacso seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Received:

- The Lake Central High School Interact Club received a \$1,000 check from the Rotary Club of Schererville. This money will help send students to Hoosier Girls State.
- The Lake Central High School Athletic Department received a \$300 donation from BP Fabrics for Girls Tennis.
- Howard Marshall moved to approve the donation. Val Lozanoski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Extra Curricular

- Kahler Middle School requested approval to purchase a Jumbo Grade Stuff Pack. This will be purchased from the Grade 6 –Team Extra Curricular Fund and will cost \$283.64.
- Howard Marshall moved to approve. Don Bacso seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Common School Loan Award

- The Lake Central School Corporation was awarded a Technology advancement from the Common School Fund in the amount of \$949,400 from the Indiana State Board of Education. The advancement must be used within one year and is to be repaid over a period of five years at an interest rate of 1%.
- Funds from this Common School Loan will be used primarily to provide wireless infrastructure in all eleven school buildings. The infrastructure will replace limited orange routers and offer the option of accessing wireless communication on both a secure interface and more public access point. These expenditures will enable us to expand the use of digital instruction materials including access to online textbooks, assessments, and specific content resources. As we move toward the inclusion of project-based learning into the instructional stream, this infrastructure will be a critical component.
- We will also use these funds to expand our capacity to provide for state testing using Acuity, online ISTEP, and End of Course Assessments (ECA's). Currently, we do not have the ability to do online ECA's because of insufficient computer space to administer the tests to our large high school population. This additional capacity is also needed if we are to expand beyond having the capability to have only one grade level do the ISTEP assessment online in the future.
- A third use of funds will be to continue to modernize our library/media centers at the middle and high school levels to provide more digitally available content. This will include digital books and readers as well as wireless accessibility to online content for student research.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fourth use of funds will be to provide instructional technology that is appropriate for remediation and support of students who require specialized programs for learning. Some items to be considered will be SMART Tap-It, speech recognition software, and other assistive technologies. Other needs will be addressed as funding permits.
VII.	Board and Public Comments and Consideration of Future Agenda Items – <i>Mr. Baranowski</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PUBLIC COMMENTS: None. • BOARD COMMENTS: Val Lozanoski and George Baranowski offered congratulations to all of the recognition award winners of the evening.
VIII.	Board Calendar of Future Activities – <i>Dr. Veracco</i>	
IX.	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don Bacso moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Val Lozanoski seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Minutes of the April 18, 2010 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the May 2, 2011 School Board Meeting.

George Baranowski, President

ATTEST:

Don Bacso, Secretary