

LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION
Lake Central Freshmen Center – LGI Room
8410 Wicker Avenue, St. John, Indiana 46373
Monday, January 5, 2014 // 7:30 p.m.

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 January 5, 2015. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Don Bacso, President
 John DeVries, Secretary
 Sandy Lessentine, Member
 Janice Malchow, Member
 Howard Marshall, Vice-President

Board Members Not Present

Administration Present

Sarah Castaneda, Director of Secondary Education
 Al Gandolfi, Assistant Superintendent
 Rob James, Director of Business Services
 Dr. Lawrence Veracco, Superintendent

Administration Not Present

Bill Ledyard, Director of Facilities
 Theresa Schoon, Director of Primary Education

PART I – ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES: January 5, 2015	
<i>All Motions Were Passed With a 5-0 Vote Unless Otherwise Indicated</i>	
I.	Call to Order – <i>Vice President, Don Bacso</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2015 Organizational Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by 2014 Board Vice-President, Don Bacso.
II.	Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag – <i>Vice President, Don Bacso</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pledge of Allegiance led by Don Bacso.
III.	Swearing In Ceremony <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sandra Lessentine 2. Howard Marshall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superior Court Judge for Lake County, Thomas P. Stefaniak, Jr. administered the Oath of Office to new School Board Member Sandy Lessentine and returning School Board Member Howard Marshall.
III.	Organization of the Board of School Trustees for 2015
A.	Election of Officers <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. President – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall made a motion to nominate Don Bacso as President of the Lake Central School Board of Education for 2015. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried. 2. Vice-President– Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John DeVries made a motion to nominate Howard Marshall as Vice-President of the Lake Central School Board of Education for 2015. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3. Secretary– Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall made a motion to nominate John DeVries as Secretary of the Lake Central School Board of Education for 2015. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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B.	Reaffirmation of School Board’s Code of Ethics– Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard Marshall moved to approve the adoption of the School Board’s Code of Ethics. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried.
C.	Establishment of School Board Compensation– Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard Marshall moved to approve the Establishment of School Board Compensation for 2015. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried.
D.	Appointment of School Attorneys– Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Janice Malchow moved to approve the rates and attorneys from the following three (3) law firms to represent Lake Central School Corporation for 2015:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Crist, Sears and Zic of Munster, Indiana2. Shanahan & Shanahan of Chicago, Illinois and Greenwood, Indiana3. Church Church Hittle & Antrim of Merrillville, Indiana• John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried.
E.	Appointment of Treasurer– Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard Marshall moved to approve the appointment of Cathie Romba as Treasurer for 2015. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried.
F .	Liaison Appointments– Action Required <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. West Lake Joint Managing Board – Howard Marshall2. Building and Renovation Committee (2) – Howard Marshall and John DeVries3. Personnel Interview Committee – Howard Marshall4. Legislative Committee – Janice Malchow5. Lake Central Education Foundation – Janice Malchow6. Wellness Committee – Sandy Lessentine7. Dollars for Scholars – Sandy Lessentine8. Dyer Redevelopment Committee – Janice Malchow9. St. John Redevelopment Committee – John DeVries10. Schererville Redevelopment Committee – Sandy Lessentine11. Schererville Ethics Committee – Sandy Lessentine <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Janice Malchow asked if she could be assigned as a liaison for Campagna Academy.• Dr. Veracco explained that Campagna is now part of our District therefore no liaison is needed.• Mr. Gandolfi offered to provide any additional information regarding Campagna.• Janice Malchow would like more attention given to Campagna due to the fact that student test scores are included as a part of Lake Central’s test scores.• Janice Malchow moved to approve the liaison appointments for 2015. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion. Motion carried.
G.	Conflict of Interest Policy - Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard Marshall moved to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried.
IV.	Adjourn to Reconvene to Regular School Board Meeting– Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard Marshall moved to adjourn the Organizational Meeting to reconvene for the Regular School Board Meeting at 7:46 p.m. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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PART II – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: January 5, 2015

*All Motions Were Passed With a 5-0
Vote Unless Otherwise Indicated*

I.	Call to Order – <i>Don Bacso</i>
II.	Verification of Receipt and Review of Board Packet – <i>Don Bacso</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has each member successfully received the electronic version of tonight’s board agenda, along with the individual supporting documents, reviewed them, and directed any questions or corrections to Dr. Veracco, prior to this meeting? Bacso – Yes DeVries - Yes Lessentine - Yes Malchow – Yes Marshall - Yes
III.	Agenda: Approval, Deletions, Additions - <i>Dr. Veracco</i> - Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janice Malchow moved to approve the Agenda. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried.
IV.	Correspondence – <i>John DeVries</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no correspondence.
V.	Liaison Committee Updates – <i>Don Bacso</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel Interview Committee • Schererville Redevelopment Committee • West Lake Joint Managing Board • Lake Central Education Foundation • Wellness Committee • Dollars for Scholars • Dyer Redevelopment Committee • St. John Redevelopment Committee • Building and Renovation • Legislative Committee
VI.	Official School Board Business Topics: Consent Agenda – <i>Dr. Veracco</i> – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John DeVries moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
A.	Approval of Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Meeting Minutes 12-1-15
B.	Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures
VII.	Official School Board Business Topics: Regular Agenda
A.	Superintendent – <i>Dr. Veracco</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legislative Update 2. Professional Leave Requests– Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janice Malchow moved to approve the Professional Leave Requests of Larry Veracco (2), Al Gandolfi, Sarah Castaneda, Theresa Schoon, Rob James and Bob Gustas. John

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	DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried.
B.	<p>Assistant Superintendent / Personnel – <i>Al Gandolfi</i></p> <p>1. Personnel Recommendations – Action Required</p> <p>I. Certified Leaves:</p> <p>A. Leaves:</p> <p>1. <i>Roberta Gadomski, Math Teacher, Kahler Middle School (FMLA).</i></p> <p>II. Classified Retirements, Appointments and Resignations:</p> <p>A. Retirements:</p> <p>1. <i>Karen Buche, Library Clerk, Protsman Elementary School (effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year; 26 years of dedicated service).</i></p> <p>B. Appointments:</p> <p>1. <i>Ryan Kutzer (Dyer), Part-Time Technology Aide, Lake Central Technology Department (effective November 24, 2014).</i></p> <p>2. <i>Lisa Chmurynsky (Lowell), Custodian, Clark Middle School (effective November 26, 2014).</i></p> <p>3. <i>Bosiljka Vasic (Crown Point), Custodian, Grimmer Middle School (effective December 10, 2014).</i></p> <p>4. <i>Matthew Buxton (Crown Point), Building Level Mechanic/Custodian, Lake Central High School (effective December 11, 2014).</i></p> <p>C. Resignations:</p> <p>1. <i>Amy Alonso, Product Assistant, Homan Elementary School (effective November 21, 2014).</i></p> <p>III. Classified Extracurricular Appointments:</p> <p>A. Appointments:</p> <p>1. <i>Robert Surber, Assistant Varsity Gymnastics Coach/Lake Central High School (effective for the 2014-2015 school year).</i></p> <p>2. <i>Savannah Hauter, Assistant Varsity Girls Track Coach/Lake Central High School (1/2 position/splitting stipend-effective for the 2014-2015 school year).</i></p> <p>3. <i>Natasha Carter, Assistant Varsity Girls Track Coach/Lake Central High School (1/2 position/splitting stipend-effective for the 2014-2015 school year).</i></p> <p>IV. West Lake</p> <p><i>Certified Leaves, Resignations and Transfers:</i></p> <p>A. Leaves:</p> <p>1. <i>Katherine Malin, Special Education Teacher, West Lake/Watson Elementary School (effective March 23, 2015 through the end of the 2014-2015 school year; maternity leave).</i></p> <p>B. Resignations:</p> <p>1. <i>Claudia Cannon, School Psychologist, West Lake Special Education Cooperative/Lake Central School Corporation (effective December 31, 2014).</i></p> <p>C. Transfers:</p> <p>1. <i>Amanda Early, from Half-Time Preschool Teacher to Full-Time Preschool Teacher for West Lake Special Education Cooperative at Watson Elementary School (effective January 12, 2015).</i></p> <p><i>Classified Appointments and Transfers:</i></p> <p>A. Appointments:</p> <p>1. <i>Steven Aguilera (Griffith), Paraprofessional, West Lake/Kahler Middle School (effective December 1, 2014).</i></p>

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	<p>2. <i>Kimberly Scheeringa (St. John), Paraprofessional, West Lake/Clark Middle School (effective December 8, 2014).</i></p> <p>B. <i>Transfers:</i></p> <p>1. <i>Jessica Dobson, from temporary Speech Language Assistant to permanent Speech Language Assistant, West Lake Special Education Cooperative/Lake Central School Corporation (effective January 5, 2015).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Janice Malchow moved to approve the Personnel Recommendations as presented. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.
C.	<p>Director of Primary Education – <i>Sarah Castaneda for Theresa Schoon</i></p> <p>1. Professional Leave Requests – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard Marshall moved to approve the Professional Leave Requests of Michelle Stan, Reyne Plesha, Alison Mazurkiewicz (2) and Kim Beach. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried. <p>2. Field Trips – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard Marshall moved to approve the Field Trips Request of Sheila Huffman. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried.• Janice Malchow asked if this is the first time this Field Trip has gone to Governor’s State.• Sandy Lessentine asked if this Field Trip was offered to other grades.
D.	<p>Director of Secondary Education – <i>Sarah Castaneda</i></p> <p>1. Professional Leave Requests – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard Marshall moved to approve the Professional Leave Requests of Myra Lolkema, David & Roberta Harnish, Katelin Ellis, Lauryn Beneturski, Ron Frederick, Jeff Sandor, Brian McNamara, Christina Gierke and Julie Shupryt. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried. <p>2. Field Trips – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Janice Malchow moved to approve the Field Trip Requests of R.B. Fredrick, Kevin Mathis and M.J. Martin. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion. Motion carried.
E.	<p>Director of Facilities – <i>Rob James for Bill Ledyard</i></p> <p>1. Award and execute Change Order #010 to Reichelt Plumbing Inc., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #8 – Plumbing - Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John DeVries moved to award and execute Change Order #010 to Reichelt Plumbing Inc., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #8 – Plumbing. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried. <p>2. Award and execute Change Order #009 to EMCOR Hyre Electric Co., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #10 – Electric - Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard Marshall moved to award and execute Change Order #009 to EMCOR Hyre Electric Co., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #10 – Electric. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried. <p>3. LCHS Project Update – Update</p>
F.	<p>Director of Business Services – <i>Rob James</i></p> <p>1. Donations – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kahler Middle School received a donation of \$300 from the BP Fabric of America

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	<p>Fund. Kahler was recommended by Steve Novak, a Kahler parent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kolling Elementary School received a donation of \$300 from the BP Fabric of America Fund. Kolling was recommended by Brian Hurley, a Kolling parent.• The Lake Central High School Choir Department received a donation of \$300 from the BP Fabric of America Fund. The High School was recommended by Ming-Tsu Chen, a parent of an LCHS student.• The Lake Central Band received a \$100 donation from the 1981 Band Alumni Group to be used toward the purchase of drums.• The Bibich PTO donated \$28 to the school’s Staff/Adult Fund for office and staff needs.• Lake Central High School Athletics would like to donate \$500 to the St. John Volunteer Fire Department. They have provided ambulance service for our football games throughout the years and they don’t ask for payment.• Howard Marshall moved to approve the donations both given and received. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried. <p>2. Professional Leave Requests – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John DeVries moved to approve the Professional Leave Requests of Cathie Romba. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried. <p>3. 2013 Pay 2014 Tax Collections Update</p> <p>4. 2015 Tax Anticipation Warrants Update</p>
VIII.	<p>Public Comments– <i>Board President</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There were no public comments.
IX.	<p>Board Comments and Consideration of Future Agenda Items – <i>Board President</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John DeVries: Welcomed new Board Member, Sandy Lessentine.• Janice Malchow: Welcomed Sandy Lessentine. Nice to see everyone back. Appreciates the new set up on the stage for board meetings.• Howard Marshall: Welcomed Sandy Lessentine. Lake Central has been very active throughout the holiday season with athletics, theater, etc.• Sandy Lessentine: Looking forward to serving our community and learning as much as she can.• Don Bacso: Looking forward to serving with Mrs. Lessentine for the next four years and beyond. Must consider why we are here, putting the kids first. Looking forward to working together and for our children.
X.	<p>Board Calendar of Future Activities – <i>Dr. Veracco</i></p>
XI.	<p>Adjournment – <i>Board President</i> – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Minutes of the January 5, 2015 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the January 20, 2014 School Board Meeting.

ATTEST:

Don Bacso, President

John DeVries, Secretary

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