

LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION
Lake Central Freshmen Center – LGI Room
8410 Wicker Avenue, St. John, Indiana 46373
Tuesday, January 20, 2015 // 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 20, 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
 Bill Ledyard, Director of Facilities
 Theresa Schoon, Director of Primary Education
 Dr. Lawrence Veracco, Superintendent

Administration Not Present

<u>BOARD MEETING MINUTES</u> <u>Tuesday, January 20, 2015</u>	
I.	Call to Order – <i>Board President</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was called to order by Board President Don Bacso.
III.	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
IV.	Board of Finance Meeting – <i>Rob James</i> A. Election of President of Board of Finance – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandy Lessentine nominated Janice Malchow for President of the Board of Finance. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried. B. Election of Secretary for the Board of Finance – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall nominated John DeVries for Secretary of the Board of Finance. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion. Motion carried. C. Review the Investments of the Lake Central School Corporation for 2014 D. Adopt the Investment Resolution – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janice Malchow moved to Adopt the Investment Resolution. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried. E. Removal of Outstanding Checks – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall moved to approve the Removal of Outstanding Checks. John DeVries

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	<p>seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p> <p>F. Adjournment of the Board of Finance Meeting – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John DeVries moved to adjourn the Board of Finance Meeting and reconvene as the Board of School Trustees. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried. <p>G. Reconvene as Board of School Trustees</p>
V.	<p>Agenda: Approval, Deletions, Additions - <i>Dr. Veracco</i>- Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisions to the Agenda include: Striking item number IX.A.F. under Dr. Veracco’s section, the item will be brought forth at the February 2nd meeting. Additions to the Professional Leave Requests under Theresa Schoon’s section. • Howard Marshall moved to approve the Revised Agenda. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried.
VI.	<p>Correspondence – <i>John DeVries</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no correspondence.
VII.	<p>Liaison Committee Updates – <i>Don Bacso</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Lake Joint Managing Board – Howard Marshall: Next meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2015. • Building and Renovation Committee (2) – Howard Marshall and John DeVries • Personnel Interview Committee – Howard Marshall • Legislative Committee – Janice Malchow: Will be going to Indianapolis on February 13th. • Lake Central Education Foundation – Janice Malchow: Moving forward with grants. • Wellness Committee – Sandy Lessentine: Working on a “BINGO” fitness project for February. • Dollars for Scholars – Sandy Lessentine • Dyer Redevelopment Committee – Janice Malchow: Discussion regarding sidewalk for south side of US 30 near Meyers Castle. • St. John Redevelopment Committee – John DeVries • Schererville Redevelopment Committee – Sandy Lessentine • Schererville Ethics Committee – Sandy Lessentine
VIII.	<p>Official School Board Business Topics: Consent Agenda – <i>Dr. Veracco</i> – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John DeVries moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.
	<p>A. Approval of Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Meeting Minutes 1-5-15
	<p>B. Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures</p>
IX.	<p>Official School Board Business Topics: Regular Agenda</p>
	<p>A. Superintendent – <i>Dr. Veracco</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recognitions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Spell Bowl: Bibich Elementary School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bibich Spell Bowl Team placed 5th in the State Competition. Team Members: Dylan Biter, Jovana Emerick, Dennielle Gonzales, Yadi Himenez, Mitchell Milausnic, Eli Radjenovich, Cole Robinson, Jacob Smevoll, Garrett Weber, Braden Whitney, Jill Wright and Marion Wright. Coach: Michelle Snow B. Spell Bowl: Protsman Elementary School

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Protsman Spell Bowl Team placed 2nd in the State Competition. Team Members: Abby Churchwell, Aneisah Gail, Rachel Hernandez, Ajitesh Lalam, Nolan Leddy, Dylan Lopez, Sam Luna, Delaney Martin, Katia Nikolic, Ellie Planert, Neha Rana, Meghan Swacus, Gage Walker, Veronica Wilocki. Coaches: Kristen Fisher and Linda LauerC. Spell Bowl: Grimmer Middle School<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Grimmer Spell Bowl Team placed 3rd in the State Competition. Team Members: Ria Chopra, Elliot Basem, Ayan Mohammed, Elise Halbe, Catherine Economopoulos, Athina Paraiano, Ammaar Mohammed, Kathryn Mink, Jake Rosenwikel, Alex Tarnowski, Katie Pletz, Juliann Rymarczyk, Mark Banaag, Kayla Longield, Carson Schalk. Coach: Cheryl GerasD. Curtis Dennis, Grimmer: Sidewalk Chalk Contest<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Curtis Dennis, 6th grade, won 1st place in the 1st Annual Red Ribbon Week sidewalk chalk contest sponsored by the Lake County Substance Abuse Council.E. Lake Central High School: National High School Journalism Convention<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The following LCHS members of the Publications and Journalism students were recognized for their various awards at the NSPA/JEA National High School Journalism Convention in Washington, DC. : Noelle McBride (12), Jillian Wilschke (12), Hannah Sonner (12), Tabitha Pappas (10), Sara Lisac (12), Alayna Wallace (12), Anastasia Papanikolaou (11), Jessica Wojton (10), Hannah Reed (12), Jeannine Toth (11), Jenn Mohamed (12), Camryn Wallace (10), Jimmy Lafakis (12). The Lakecentralnews.com also took home a 10th place ranking for the JEA Best of Show Large School Website. Sponsors: Sarah Verpooten and Carrie Wadycki.F. Clark Middle School: October Wellness Challenge<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This item was stricken and will be brought back to the Board on February 2nd.2. School Town of Munster / West Lake Funding3. Appraisal of Blaine Property – Action Required<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard Marshall moved to approve the obtaining of appraisal of the Blaine Property. Janice Malchow seconded the motion.• Sandy Lessentine asked if this property would be sold as one whole parcel.• Motion carried.4. Affordable Care Act Amendment5. Friends of Lake Central Plaza<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Veracco discussed the plan to install personalized brick pavers in a dedicated area/s on either side of the west end bleachers of the new football field. The pavers could be sold to local businesses and community members for permanent placement in the dedicated areas. This would be a fundraising opportunity for LC clubs and schools, and a portion of the profit of this endeavor would go to each of those individual schools and clubs.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sandy Lessentine asked if the sale would be a one-time only opportunity.• Janice Malchow asked about the opportunity for alumni.• Sandy Lessentine asked if the middle school teams would be able to appreciate this fundraiser.
B.	Assistant Superintendent / Personnel – <i>Al Gandolfi</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Personnel Recommendations – Action Required<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard Marshall moved to approve the Personnel Recommendations as presented. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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	<p>I. <i>Certified Leaves:</i></p> <p>A. <i>Leaves:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Rachel Gray, Art Teacher, Lake Central High School (effective April 24, 2015 through the end of the 2014-2015 school year; maternity leave).</i>2. <i>Adrienne Bielfeldt, English Teacher, Grimmer Middle School (FMLA).</i> <p>II. <i>Classified Retirements, Appointments and Transfers:</i></p> <p>A. <i>Retirements:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Cynthia Sandor, Cafeteria Manager, Lake Central High School (effective March 27, 2015; 25.5 years of dedicated service).</i>2. <i>Donna Mobley, Bus Driver, Lake Central Transportation Department (effective January 30, 2015; 24 years of dedicated service).</i>3. <i>Karla Lesko, Bus Aide, Lake Central Transportation Department (effective January 6, 2015; 4.5 years of dedicated service).</i> <p>B. <i>Appointments:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Amni Fara (Schererville), Cafeteria Assistant, Lake Central High School (effective January 12, 2015).</i>2. <i>Barbara Jackson (Schererville), Cafeteria Assistant, Homan Elementary School (effective January 12, 2015).</i>3. <i>Julie Radzikowski (St. John), Cafeteria Assistant, Non-school specific (effective January 12, 2015).</i>4. <i>Kathy Rodriguez (Dyer), Cafeteria Assistant, Kahler Middle School (effective January 12, 2015).</i> <p>C. <i>Transfers:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Annette Hayes, from Food Service Elementary Manager at Homan Elementary School to Cafeteria Assistant, non-school specific (effective January 12, 2015).</i> <p>III. <i>West Lake</i></p> <p><i>Classified Appointments, Resignations and Change of Hours:</i></p> <p>A. <i>Appointments:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Kristina Hemmerling (Crown Point), Paraprofessional, West Lake/Elliott Elementary School (effective January 12, 2015).</i> <p>B. <i>Resignations:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Megan Downey, Paraprofessional, West Lake/Elliott Elementary School (effective January 5, 2015).</i> <p>C. <i>Change of Hours:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Jessica Shouten, Paraprofessional, West Lake/Watson Elementary School (going from part time to full time beginning January 12, 2015).</i>2. <i>Vanessa Swotash, Paraprofessional, West Lake/Watson Elementary School (going from part time to full time beginning January 20, 2015).</i>3. <i>Samantha Wagner, Paraprofessional, West Lake/Lake Central High School (working an extra 15 minutes each day to help a student get on and off bus).</i> <p>IV. <i>Approval of Lake Central School Corporation Substitute Staff Appointments and Terminations – Refer to list of substitutes hired and terminated from November 14, 2014 – January 14, 2015.</i></p>
C.	<p>Director of Primary Education – <i>Theresa Schoon</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Professional Leave Requests – Action Required

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Janice Malchow moved to approve the Professional Leave Requests of Alison Mazurkiewicz, Emily Maurek, Susan Thomas, Kristin Fisher, Jen Bendis, Meg Piatt, Robin Siano and Joshua Wierzba. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried.
D.	<p>Director of Secondary Education – <i>Sarah Castaneda</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Professional Leave Requests – Action Required<ul style="list-style-type: none">• John DeVries moved to approve the Professional Leave Requests of Ann Downey, Karen Arehart, Brett St. Germain (2), Pat Winters (2), Ken Newton, Chris Gaines, Meagan Bruni, Louise Tallent, James Simmons, Cheryl Geras, Kathy Grimler, Melissa Hopkins (2) and Jeremy McGoldrick. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.2. Field Trips – Action Required<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard Marshall moved to approve the Field Trip Request of Cheryl Geras and Kathy Grimler. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried.
E.	<p>Director of Facilities – <i>Bill Ledyard</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Award and execute Change Order #016 to Gough Inc., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #2 – Mass Grading & Site Utilities - Action Required<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard Marshall moved to award and execute Change Order #016 to Gough Inc., for LCHS Phase III – Bid Package #2 – Mass Grading & Site Utilities. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried.2. Award and execute Change Order #007 to Walsh & Kelly Inc., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #3 – Site Paving, Curbs, Sidewalks, Landscaping, Fencing - Action Required<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard Marshall moved to award and execute Change Order #007 to Walsh & Kelly Inc., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #3 – Site Paving, Curbs, Sidewalks, Landscaping, Fencing. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion. Motion carried.3. Award and execute Change Order #012 to Larsen-Danielson Construction Co., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #4 – GC Building Shell & Concrete Slabs - Action Required<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard Marshall moved to award and execute Change Order #012 to Larsen-Danielson Construction Co., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #4 – GC Building Shell & Concrete Slabs. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried.4. Award and execute Change Order #013 to Larsen-Danielson Construction Co., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #4 – GC Building Shell & Concrete Slabs - Action Required<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard Marshall moved to award and execute Change Order #013 to Larsen-Danielson Construction Co., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #4 – GC Building Shell & Concrete Slabs. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried.5. Award and execute Change Order #012 to Barton Malow Company, for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #5 – GC Building Interiors - Action Required<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Janice Malchow moved to award and execute Change Order #012 to Barton Malow Company, for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #5 – GC Building Interiors. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion. Motion carried.6. Award and execute Change Order #011 to Reichelt Plumbing Inc., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #8 – Plumbing - Action Required<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Janice Malchow moved to award and execute Change Order #011 to Reichelt Plumbing Inc., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #8 – Plumbing. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">7. Award and execute Change Order #010 to EMCOR Hyre Electric Co., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #10 – Electric - Action Required<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard Marshall moved to award and execute Change Order #010 to EMCOR Hyre Electric Co., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #10 – Electric. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion. Motion carried.8. Award and execute Change Order #012 to Gough Inc., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #12 – Athletic Fields - Action Required<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Janice Malchow moved to award and execute Change Order #012 to Gough Inc., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #12 – Athletic Fields. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion. Motion carried.9. Award and execute Change Order #016 to Gough Inc., for Protsman ES Phase II – Bid Package #02 – Site Earthwork/Utilities - Action Required<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Janice Malchow moved to award and execute Change Order #016 to Gough Inc., for Protsman ES Phase II – Bid Package #02 – Site Earthwork/Utilities. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.10. LCHS Project Update – Update<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard Marshall asked Mr. Ledyard to describe the new high school sign.
F.	<p>Director of Business Services – <i>Rob James</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Resolution to Set Financial Goals for Expenditure Categories– Action Required<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IC 20-42.5-3-6 requires the district to annually establish goals for each category of expenditures set forth in Section 4 of the chapter that will increase the school corporation’s allocation of taxpayer resources directly to student instruction and learning in the light of unique circumstances present in the school corporation. These four categories are:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Student Academic Achievement2. Student Instructional Support3. Overhead and Operational4. NonoperationalCategories #1 and #2 are considered Student Instructional Expenditures that are often referenced by the Governor. This resolution affirms that the Lake Central School Corporation will strive to increase the percentage of our expenditures into the Student Instructional Expenditures categories. Mr. James discussed Lake Central’s expenditure percentages and how they compare to the Statewide average.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Janice Malchow moved to approve the Resolution. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried.2. Transfer of Textbook Rental Fees– Action Required<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A student’s textbook rental charge is divided into three components: textbooks, consumables, and fees. When a student makes a payment, the entire amount is receipted into our Textbook Rental Fund. However, only the purchases of textbooks and consumables are allowed to be charged to the Textbook Rental Fund. The expenditures related to the fees portion are charged to the General Fund. We have implemented a process in which the district will transfer the fees collected from the Textbook Rental Fund to the General Fund on a semi-annual basis. From July 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014, \$485,913.73 of fees were collected. Therefore, I am requesting a transfer of \$485,913.73 from the Textbook Rental Fund to the General Fund.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard Marshall moved to approve the Transfer of Textbook Rental Fees. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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	<p>3. Extra-Curricular Purchases – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Lake Central High School Golf Team is requesting to purchase FlightScope X2. FlightScope X2 is a teaching tool to help the athletes with their golf swing and will be especially useful indoors when the weather is poor. The golf teams have been fundraising for a few years to buy this product. The FlightScope X2 would be purchased from the Athletics Extra-Curricular Fund at a total cost of \$8,115.• Janice Malchow moved to approve the Extra-Curricular Purchases. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried. <p>4. Donations – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kahler Middle School Science Olympiad received a donation of \$50 from Arcelor Mittal. Additionally, Mittal also paid \$75 registration fee for a recent competition.• The Bibich PTO donated \$143.20 to the school’s Staff/Adult Fund for office and staff needs.• Janice Malchow moved to approve all donations. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion. Motion carried. <p>5. 2013 Pay 2014 Tax Collections Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. James gave the School Board an update on the 95.48% tax collection rate that we initially discussed at the January 5th meeting.
X.	<p>Public Comments– <i>Don Bacso</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John Lafakis: LC Parent: This is their first and likely last Board Meeting as their son is graduating in May. But wanted to come and thank Dr. Veracco for the environment and structure put forth in these schools. They started first at Watson with Mr. Buckner as principal. That environment fostered learning. Then on to Grimmer with Mr. Castaneda and Mr. Alessia and their teachers who impacted their son to levels they could not have imagined. Their appreciation has no bounds. Finally finishing at Lake Central – we have this big beautiful facility that is so unique and has intimate settings for kids to find their niches to prepare them for the next level in life. The family environment and transparency by Mr. Tobias, the involvement and visibility by Mr. Begley. They could not have asked for a greater experience for their child and thank you for all you put forth. This [new construction] is a big project and it looks great – the proof is in the pudding. Best wishes in the future and thank you for all you have done for their son.
XI.	<p>Board Comments and Consideration of Future Agenda Items – <i>Don Bacso</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sandy Lessentine: no comments• Janice Malchow: Impressed with Dyer’s challenge to be more responsive to community needs.• John DeVries: Glad to be part of the Lake Central School Corporation community.• Howard Marshall: Be careful of the all of the misinformation online. Particularly niche.com. This site lists LC as a B+ school and claims that LC receives State funding in the amount of \$11,000-12,000 per student, all of which is incorrect. So many sites are filled with false information.• Don Bacso: As Mr. Lafakis said, we have a great school system, great administration, great teachers. My sons are not ready to graduate yet, but it is interesting to watch them move up through the system and to listen to them share what they have talked about or learned in class. Very proud of our administration and very proud of our educational system here.
XII.	<p>Board Calendar of Future Activities – <i>Dr. Veracco</i></p>
XIII.	<p>Adjournment – <i>Don Bacso</i> – Action Required</p>

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- Howard Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes of the January 20, 2015 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the February 2, 2015 School Board Meeting.

ATTEST:

Don Bacso, President

John DeVries, Secretary

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