

LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION
Lake Central Freshmen Center – LGI Room
8410 Wicker Avenue, St. John, Indiana 46373
Monday, March 16, 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 March 16, 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

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| I. | Call to Order – <i>Don Bacso</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was called to order by Board President Don Bacso. |
| II. | Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag – <i>Don Bacso</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Don Bacso. |
| III. | Verification of Receipt and Review of Board Packet – <i>Mr. 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. | Agenda: Approval, Deletions, Additions - <i>Dr. Veracco</i> - Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Revised Personnel Packet under Al Gandolfi’s section. • Under Sarah Castaneda’s section, an addition to the Professional Leave Requests. • Under Rob James’ section, additional donations and an additional item added as number 5. • Janice Malchow moved to approve the Revised Agenda. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried. |

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| V. | Correspondence – <i>John DeVries</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no correspondence. |
| VI. | <p>Liaison Committee Updates - <i>Don Bacso</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Lake Joint Managing Board – <i>Howard Marshall</i> • Building and Renovation Committee- <i>Howard Marshall and John DeVries</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On time and within budget. • Personnel Interview Committee – <i>Howard Marshall</i> • Legislative Committee – <i>Janice Malchow</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Received the proposed budget coming out of one of the branches. She is reaching out to local legislators about getting more information regarding Freedom To Teach, why are we no longer funding drop-out prevention, and why there is nothing in there for professional development? That should be put back in there. Mentoring should be in there. Summer school has stayed the same without additional funding but we are able to fund a small program at Lake Central but why is summer school not funded higher? Why are they not including reduced students in the free and reduced counts in the funding? Would like to suggest to them more early intervention. Those are her initiatives. • Lake Central Education Foundation – <i>Janice Malchow</i> • Wellness Committee – <i>Sandy Lessentine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working on ideas for next year, including a walking contest to enter raffle for a week stay at Sanibel Island in Florida. • Dollars for Scholars – <i>Sandy Lessentine</i> • Dyer Redevelopment Committee – <i>Janice Malchow</i> • St. John Redevelopment Committee – <i>John DeVries</i> • Schererville Redevelopment Committee – <i>Sandy Lessentine</i> • Schererville Ethics Committee – <i>Sandy Lessentine</i> |
| VII. | <p>Official School Board Business Topics: Consent Agenda – <i>Dr. Veracco</i> – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall moved to approve the Consent Agenda. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried. |
| | <p>A. Approval of Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 2, 2015 |
| | <p>B. Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures</p> |
| VIII. | <p>Official School Board Business Topics: Regular Agenda - <i>Don Bacso</i></p> |
| | <p>A. Superintendent – <i>Dr. Veracco</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recognition: Homan Elementary School Math Bowl Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For their first place regional competition win and 4th place overall state placement for their division. Team members: Jessica Buckley, Jordan Fauser, Adam Glass, Ty Heuertz, Molly Nordyke, Samuel Ring, Amaya Ross, Addison Schalk, Madelyn Smith, Benjamin Spang, Gavin Thompson, Mark Tripenfeldas, Savannah Uphues, Benjamin Yatsko. Coaches: Jane Dvorscak and Lynn Malatestinic. 2. Lake Central Education Foundation Grant Recipients – Spring 2015 |

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Lake Central Education Foundation
Round 39 – March 2015

Number of Grants Funded: 6
Amount: \$4,753.30
Impacting Approximately 815 Students

Cumulative Grants Funded: 477
Cumulative Amount: \$247,029.01

| Grant # | Person Awarded | School | Project Title | Amount Requested & Awarded 3-9-15 |
|-------------|---|-------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Caryn Cruz | Bibich | Individual Listening Centers | \$879.60 |
| 2 | Alison Gercken | Peifer | Hands-On Kindergarten Stations | \$610.79 |
| 3 | Bibich Student Council, Kristy Bashara, Sheri Venturelli and Ashley Comer | Bibich | Bibich Buddy Bench Project | \$918.78 |
| 4 | Maxine Schwantes | Clark | TAP Access for All Initiative | \$807.00 |
| 5 | Stacey Lopes | Clark | TT12i Interactive Document Camera Elmo | \$537.13 |
| 6 | MaryJoan Martin & Bobby Belzeski '15 | High School | Lake Central Science Olympiad | \$1,000.00 |
| Grand Total | | | | \$4,753.30 |

Summaries:

One: Students will be able to listen to stories of high interest at their individual reading level by using a portable CD player in a listening center throughout the year.

Two: Hands-On Kindergarten Stations is designed to actively engage kindergarten students and to create a fun, academic based learning environment in which every student is successful.

Three: Our hope is that the Bibich Buddy Bench will help grow children's dreams of inclusion and create a circle of friendship.

Four: With the addition of an iPad to the Transition to Adulthood Program, students will be given the following: choices, leisure activities, individual schedules, assistance participating in vocational & community experiences, a voice, but mostly important INDEPENDENCE.

Five: The SMART Document Camera will allow the students and I to turn real writing and objects into digital content allowing us to demonstrate, explore, and understand – even when concepts are abstract or complex.

Six: Science Olympiad, which engages students in science and technology, seeks financial aid to gain a competitive edge against top academic teams in the state to free up savings for other fees for academic competitions.

3. Shared Ethics Commission
4. School Town of Munster Contribution to West Lake Joint Services Budget
 - Dr. Veracco received a written request from Dr. Jeff Hendrix, Superintendent of School Town of Munster, stating he would like to defer making their West Lake payment this month due to the continued recovery from some major financial issues. Dr. Hendrix stated they will repay this loan with the June of 2015 tax draw, if not sooner, when they request capital projects tax monies or transportation monies.
 - Howard Marshall asked if Dr. Veracco was confident the repayment could be done as Munster proposes.
 - Mr. James gave a summary of what has happened with this budget and payment issues from Munster since 2011 until present.
 - Sandy Lessentine asked if our own payments are late due to this.
 - Howard Marshall stated that since we are the LEA for West Lake, it would be helpful if Rob James explained to the audience what being an LEA (Local Educational agency) is and what it entails.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall asked if sharing Dr. Hendrix’s request was for informational purposes only or if requires Board approval. Dr. Veracco stated that we weren’t actually given a choice, so no Board action is required. • John DeVries asked how many missed West Lake payments Lake Central can afford? Dr. Veracco stated that the lack of payment does already affect Lake Central, but we will have to cover it to provide for the kids. Dr. DeVries again asked how many payments can we afford to miss. Dr. Veracco replied that we can pay our bills but still we do need that money. • Sandy Lessentine asked if we should consider adding something about this in future contracts with West Lake due to the past payment practices. Dr. Veracco stated that Munster is making efforts and he still does have faith in them, but we cannot carry anyone for too long. • Howard Marshall asked that the longstanding relationship with West Lake be considered here. |
| <p>B.</p> | <p>Assistant Superintendent / Personnel – <i>Al Gandolfi</i></p> <p>1. Personnel Recommendations – Action Required</p> <p><i>I. Certified Leaves and Retirements:</i></p> <p><i>A. Leaves:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Aimee Dupin, Grade 5 Teacher, Clark Middle School (May 9, 2015 through the end of the 2015-2016 school year; maternity leave).</i> 2. <i>Dana Wierzba, Kindergarten Teacher, Kolling Elementary School (May 11, 2015 through the end of the 2014-2015 school year; maternity leave).</i> 3. <i>Roberta Gadomski, Math Teacher, Kahler Middle School (extended medical leave).</i> <p><i>B. Retirements:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Nicolette Lindinger, Grade 4 Teacher, Peifer Elementary School (effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year; 28 yrs of dedicated service).</i> <p><i>II. Classified Change of Status:</i></p> <p><i>A. Change of Status</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Karen Kidd, Cafeteria Assistant, Grimmer Middle School (from active to inactive due to exhaustion of unpaid unprotected medical leave).</i> <p><i>III. Certified Extracurricular Resignations:</i></p> <p><i>A. Resignations:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Roberta Gadomski, Math Counts/Kahler Middle School (effective for the 2015-2016 school year).</i> 2. <i>Susan Schweitzer, 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach/Grimmer Middle School (effective for the 2015-2016 school year).</i> 3. <i>David Schweitzer, 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach/Grimmer Middle School (effective for the 2015-2016 school year).</i> <p><i>IV. West Lake</i></p> <p><i>Certified Appointments</i></p> <p><i>A. Appointments:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Megan Trachok (Normal), School Psychologist, West Lake Special Education Cooperative/Lake Central School Corporation (effective August 11, 2015).</i> <p><i>Classified Appointments and Resignations:</i></p> <p><i>A. Appointments:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Georgina Lindenmayer (Munster) Paraprofessional, West Lake/Eads Elementary</i> |

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School (effective March 2, 2015).

B. Resignations:

*1. Stephanie Stover, Paraprofessional, West Lake/TAP
(effective March 6, 2015).*

*V. Approval of Lake Central School Corporation Substitute Staff Appointments and
Terminations – Refer to lists of substitutes hired and terminated from
February 12, 2015 – March 11, 2015.*

- Janice Malchow moved to approve the Personnel Recommendations as Revised. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Summer School 2015:

- Listed below are the Lake Central summer school dates for 2015. There is no school on Friday, July 3rd:

Elementary - Grades 1-3

Monday, June 8 - Thursday, July 2
Kolling Elementary School - 8:30-11:00 a.m.

High School

Traditional Classes:

Monday, June 8 – Thursday, July 16
7:30 – 11:14 a.m.

Gym & Pool: – Incoming Freshman

Monday, June 8 – Thursday, June 25 – Session 1 8:00-11:38 a.m.
Friday, June 26 – Thursday, July 16 – Session 2 8:00-11:38 a.m.

P.E.:

Monday, June 1 – Thursday, June 18 – Session 1 8:00-11:38 a.m.
Friday, June 19 – Thursday, July 9 – Session 2 8:00-11:38 a.m.

Indiana Online Academy:

Monday, June 8 – Thursday, July 23

- Sandy Lessentine asked if we could consider a lottery system instead of a first come first service system for summer gym registration.
3. PSAT Results – *Sean Begley*
- Howard Marshall asked if the PSAT offered in the 1980's is essentially the same as this exam.
 - Sandy Lessentine asked how many of the 1200 students in AP can we expect a 3 or higher from.
 - Sandy Lessentine asked if numbers are compared by cohort to cohort.
 - Sandy Lessentine asked if the number 45-47% that are career ready as sophomores is within the normal range.
 - Janice Malchow asked if this test is more aligned to Common Core.
 - Janice Malchow asked if she can get a report back on the ACT after it is taken.

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| C. | <p>Director of Primary Education – <i>Theresa Schoon</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 Kim Kooken, Wendy Livingston, Laura Pintler, Christie Zendzian and Doug DeLaughter. Sandy Lessentine 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"> • Sandy Lessentine moved to approve the Professional Leave Requests of Michelle Coyle, Dustin Verpooten, Rachel Underwood (2), Ritz Chavez, Cyndi Hurley, Kathryn Clark, Anne Ruiz, Carrie Wadycki (2), Sarah Verpooten (2), Myra Lolkema, Amy Parker, Robin Tobias and David Nelson. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried. 2. Field Trip Requests – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall moved to approve the field trip requests of M.J. Marten and Sarah Verpooten. 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 #015 to Barton Malow Company, for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #5 – GC Building Interiors - Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marhsall moved to approve. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried. 2. Award and execute Change Order #016 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 approve. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3. Award and execute Change Order #002 to Field Turf USA, Inc., for LCHS Phase III – Bid Package #11 – Synthetic Playing Surface, Base & Drainage - Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janice Malchow moved to approve. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion. Motion carried. 4. Award and execute Change Order #016 to Gough Inc., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #12 – Athletic Fields - Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall moved to approve. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5. LCHS Project Update – Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janice Malchow asked about the reaction from athletes using the new field. |
| F. | <p>Director of Business Services – <i>Rob James</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Donations – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lake Central School Corporation received a \$482.70 donation from Gordmans. • The Lake Central High School Band Department received the following donations to be used toward the purchase of new drums: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LC Band Boosters - \$6,000 - The Pidrak Family - \$300 - Various percussion parents - \$1,217 • Lake Central High School received \$1,000 from the Walmart Community Grant program. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clark Middle School 8th grade dance received the following donations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John / Deborah Lotton - \$200 - Olthof Homes - \$200 - Michael / Kelli Koshnick - \$100 - Michelle / Joey Cash - \$15 • Clark also received a \$30 donation from the Wells Fargo Matching Gift Program. • Bibich Elementary School received \$230.76 from the Wells Fargo Matching Gift Program and \$303.60 from their PTO for the school’s Professional Development Fund. • Watson Elementary School received a \$3,000 donation from the Schererville Lions Club for the Watson Library. • Kahler Middle School received a \$100 donation from Exelon as part of their Dollars for Doers program. Kahler parent Anka Dinich, whose son is a 5th grader, did volunteer work to qualify for this award and chose Kahler to be the recipient of this donation. • The Grimmer Academic Super Bowl team received a donation of \$150 from their PTO. • Homan Elementary School recently raised \$977 from Jump Rope for Heart. The school would like to donate the entire \$977 raised to the American Heart Association. • Howard Marshall moved to approve all donations, both given and received. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried. <p>2. Clarification of 2015 Tax Rates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob James gave the School Board clarification on recent comments made in the newspaper by the County Auditor’s office regarding the district’s 2015 tax rate and future debt service rates. <p>3. FEMA 2015 Blizzard Reimbursement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We recently received reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a portion of the costs incurred with the blizzard in January 2014. The Lake Central School Corporation received \$15,146.30. • Dr. Veracco thanked Rob James and Bill Ledyard for working on this and obtaining this reimbursement for Lake Central. \$15,000 going back into the budget is great. <p>4. School Town of Munster West Lake Payments</p> <p>5. Application to the Common School Fund Loan Program – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Administration is seeking permission to apply for a loan from the Common School Fund, Educational Technology Program. The maximum amount that we can apply for at this time is \$918,350. We believe that the district should make every effort to bring additional dollars into our district to upgrade the technology in our buildings. The loan would be payable over five years at an interest rate of 1%, if awarded. • Janice Malchow asked how often we apply for this and if we are successful. • Janice Malchow moved to approve. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. |
| IX. | <p>Public Comments - <i>Don Bacso</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tim Arvanitis of Schererville: Asked the Board if Tri-Town Raiders is considered to be the feeder program for Lake Central High School, and asked the Board to consider removing NWI Youth Football from the LC Community page. - Roger Florkiewicz of Schererville: Asked the Board to reevaluate its flyer policy and consider changing the guidelines to include the allowance for flyer distribution for community events and fundraisers. |
| X. | <p>Board Comments and Consideration of Future Agenda Items - <i>Don Bacso</i></p> |

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| | <p>Janice Malchow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are we done with ISTEP testing and did we have any issues? - How did we handle the adjustments the State made to the length of the tests? <p>John DeVries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asked to be filled with in the early registration numbers. <p>Sandy Lessentine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Looks forward to hearing what we are going to do about the flyer policy. - Looks forward to hearing about the AP scores when they come out. <p>Don Bacso:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thank you to Mr. Begley for the information on the PSATs and presentation. It shows how well LC ranks nationally and how well our teachers and administrators are doing. We are really preparing our students for the future. - Thank you to Mr. Arvanitis and Mr. Florkiewicz for being here and for being so passionate about your programs. |
| XI. | Board Calendar of Future Activities – <i>Dr. Veracco</i> |
| XII. | <p>Adjournment – <i>Don Bacso</i> – Action Required Janice Malchow moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p> |
| <p>Minutes of the March 16, 2015 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the April 6, 2015 School Board Meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Don Bacso, President</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ John DeVries, Secretary</p> | |
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