

LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION
Lake Central High School - FIELDHOUSE
8410 Wicker Avenue, St. John, Indiana 46373
Monday, April 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 Fieldhouse, 8410 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN on April 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>Monday, April 20, 2015</u>	
<i>All Motions Were Passed With a 5-0 Vote Unless Otherwise Indicated</i>	
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"> • John DeVries moved to approve the Agenda. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion. Motion carried.
V.	Correspondence – <i>John DeVries</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no correspondence.
VI.	Liaison Committee Updates - <i>Don Bacso</i> <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>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel Interview Committee – <i>Howard Marshall</i> • Legislative Committee – <i>Janice Malchow</i> • Lake Central Education Foundation – <i>Janice Malchow</i> • Wellness Committee – <i>Sandy Lessentine</i> • 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"> • There is a Revised Personnel Packet under Mr. Gandolfi’s section. • Howard Marshall moved to approve the Agenda as revised. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried.
A.	<p>Approval of Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 6, 2015 – Regular Meeting
B.	<p>Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures</p>
VIII.	<p>Official School Board Business Topics: Regular Agenda - <i>Don Bacso</i></p>
A.	<p>Superintendent – <i>Dr. Veracco</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Band Boosters Donation to Lake Central – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janice Malchow moved to approve the Band Booster Donation. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried. 2. Recognitions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clark Middle School Band: Gold Rating at ISSMA. - Clark Middle School Choir: Gold Rating at ISSMA. - Grimmer Middle School Band: Gold Rating at ISSMA. - Kahler Middle School Band: Gold Rating at ISSMA. - Kahler Middle School Choir: Gold Rating With Distinction at ISSMA 3. Professional Leave Request – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janice Malchow commented to Dr. Veracco that Lake Central does a very progressive approach to wellness, so any type of information you can get to take us to another level is awesome. Dr. Veracco is doing a great job. • Howard Marshall moved to approve the Professional Leave Request of Dr. Veracco. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. • Motion carried.
B.	<p>Assistant Superintendent / Personnel – <i>Al Gandolfi</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Personnel Recommendations – Action Required <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Certified Administrative Appointments: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Appointments: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Watson Elementary Principal II. Certified Retirements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Retirements:

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1. *Loretta Schechner, Math Teacher, Grimmer Middle School (effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year; 27.50 years of dedicated service).*

III. Classified Resignations and Transfers:

A. Resignations:

1. *Joseph Gerlach, Bus Aide, Lake Central Transportation (effective April 15, 2015).*

B. Transfers:

1. *Ann Plaut, from Cafeteria Assistant at Kolling Elementary School to Product Assistant at Kolling Elementary School (effective April 13, 2015).*
2. *Cindy Sjoerdsma, from Product Assistant at Kolling Elementary School to Elementary Manager at Kolling Elementary School (effective April 13, 2015).*

IV. Certified Extracurricular Resignations:

A. Resignations:

1. *Eric Graves, Assistant Girls Varsity Soccer Coach/Lake Central High School (effective for the 2015-2016 school year).*
2. *Robin May, Freshmen Class Sponsor/Lake Central High School (effective for the 2015-2016 school year).*
3. *Al Angel, Freshmen Class Sponsor/Lake Central High School (effective for the 2015-2016 school year).*
4. *Aimee Dupin, 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach/Clark Middle School (effective for the 2015-2016 school year).*

V. Classified Extracurricular Resignations:

A. Resignations:

1. *Dustin Gorelick, 8th Grade Football Coach/Clark Middle School (effective for the 2015-2016 school year).*
2. *Alexandra Graves, Assistant Girls JV Soccer Coach/Lake Central High School (effective for the 2015-2016 school year).*

VI. West Lake

Certified Leaves, Retirements and Appointments:

A. Leaves:

1. *Janet Worries, Special Education Teacher, West Lake/Munster HS (FMLA).*

B. Retirements:

1. *Deborah Mihalo, Speech Language Pathologist, West Lake/Eads Elementary School (effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year; 22 years of dedicated service).*

C. Appointments:

1. *Amanda Hudson (Big Rapids, MI), School Psychologist, West Lake Special Education Cooperative (effective August 11, 2015).*

Classified Resignations and Change of Hours:

A. Resignations:

1. *Sara Matthies, Paraprofessional, West Lake/Munster High School (effective April 10, 2015).*

B. Change of Hours:

1. *Elizabeth Powell, from 7 hours a day to 6.5 hours a day due to change in student's IEP (effective April 6, 2015).*

VII. Approval of Lake Central School Corporation Substitute Staff Appointments and Terminations – Refer to lists of substitutes hired and terminated from March 12, 2015 – April 15, 2015.

- Janice Malchow moved to approve the Revised Personnel Recommendations. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Introduction of Michelle Lavin as the new Watson Elementary School Principal. Mrs. Lavin comes to Lake Central from Wadsworth Elementary in Griffith where she was the

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	<p>head Principal for the past 4 years. Prior to that Mrs. Lavin served as the Assistant Principal of Edison Elementary in Hammond for 8 years and also as a teacher for 14 years. Mrs. Lavin is from Schererville and her children attend Lake Central Schools. Welcome to Mrs. Lavin!</p> <p>2. Professional Leave Request – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandy Lessentine moved to approve the professional leave request of Al Gandolfi. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried.
C.	<p>Director of Primary Education – <i>Theresa Schoon</i></p> <p>1. Professional Leave Request – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandy Lessentine moved to approve the professional leave requests of Marisa Jagadich, Marcie Claesgens, Kristen Hankins, Stephanie Salazar, Sheri Demy, Linda Pawlak, Kim Powers and Cassandra Cruz. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried.
D.	<p>Director of Secondary Education – <i>Sarah Castaneda</i></p> <p>1. Professional Leave Request – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janice Malchow moved to approve the professional leave requests of Dave Milausnic, Marc Urban, Andrew Gurnak, Todd Iwema, Leslie Iwema, Cyndi Hurley, Jolene Bogacki, Sasrah Mayer, Melissa Hopkins, Mary Ann Medved, Kim Butler, Lucy Bertossi, Susan Schweitzer and Myra Lolkema. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion. Motion carried. <p>2. Field Trip Request – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John DeVries moved to approve the field trip requests of Todd Iwema and Cyndi Hurley. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried.
E.	<p>Director of Facilities – <i>Bill Ledyard</i></p> <p>1. LCHS Project Update</p> <p>2. LCSC Exterior Sign Installation - 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"> • Clark Middle School received a donation in the amount of \$30 from the Wells Fargo Community Support Fund on behalf of Katica Dusevic. • The Clark Middle School Football program received a \$100 donation from Sachs & Hess. • The Lake Central High School Interact Club sold carnations for Valentine’s Day and raised \$609.34 from the sales. They are requesting to donate the entire \$609.34 to St. Jude’s House. • John DeVries moved to approve all donations. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.
IX.	<p>Public Comments - <i>Don Bacso</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no public comments.
X.	<p>Board Comments and Consideration of Future Agenda Items - <i>Don Bacso</i></p> <p>Sandy Lessentine:</p>

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	<p>-As a future item, would like to discuss the cost of admissions to get into games. Has had some comments from parents and students that \$6 is too much.</p> <p>-Would also like to talk about communication between the schools and parents (newletters, online info, etc.) as an additional future item.</p> <p>John DeVries:</p> <p>-Congratulations to all of the band and choir students, great achievements from all.</p> <p>-Spring sports seem to be humming right along.</p> <p>-It has been a great year.</p> <p>Janice Malchow:</p> <p>-Echoes John DeVries regarding the students in attendance this evening. Thank you to those that did the organizing.</p> <p>-Would like to see reflected in the minutes the reiteration of her request of a K-12 curriculum update. Just to hear about field trips and professional leaves is not enough. She would like to know what is going on with curriculum.</p> <p>- Would like consideration of doing some strategic planning this summer so there can be a razor like focus on identified goals that includes input from all the community stake holders that we work with.</p> <p>Howard Marshall:</p> <p>-Welcome to Michelle Lavin in joining the administrative team at the elementary level. He is sure the staff will welcome you with a big thumbs-up.</p> <p>Don Bacso:</p> <p>-Welcome to Michelle Lavin and thank you to the band and choir groups in attendance tonight.</p>
<p>XI.</p>	<p>Board Calendar of Future Activities – <i>Dr. Veracco</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation on May 28th.
<p>XII.</p>	<p>Adjournment – <i>Don Bacso</i> – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John DeVries moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.
<p>Minutes of the April 20, 2015 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the May 4, 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> <p>///</p>	