

LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION
Lake Central Freshmen Center – LGI Room
8410 Wicker Avenue, St. John, Indiana 46373
May 4, 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 May 4, 2015. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Not Present

John DeVries, Secretary

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, May 4, 2015

*All Motions Were Passed With a 4-0
Vote Unless Otherwise Indicated*

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>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 - Not Present Lessentine - Yes Malchow – Yes Marshall - Yes
IV	Agenda: Approval, Deletions, Additions - <i>Dr. Veracco</i> - Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard Marshall moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried.
V	Correspondence – <i>Howard Marshall for 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">• Personnel Interview Committee• Schererville Redevelopment Committee

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Lake • Lake Central Education Foundation • Wellness Committee • Dollars for Scholars • Dyer Redevelopment Committee • St. John Redevelopment Committee • Building and Renovation • Legislative Committee
VII	<p>Official School Board Business Topics: Consent Agenda – Dr. Veracco – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandy Lessentine moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried.
A	<p>Approval of Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Session: April 20, 2015 • Regular Meeting: April 20, 2015 • Special Board Meeting: April 29, 2015
B	<p>Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures</p>
VIII	<p>Official School Board Business Topics: Regular Agenda</p>
A	<p>Superintendent – Dr. Veracco</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. American Flag Donation by Marion Thiel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Marion Thiel, a graduate of Dyer Central High School, class of 1946, recently contacted Mr. Begley about an American Flag she wanted to present to the new Lake Central High School. Mrs. Thiel states that this flag was awarded to her husband (graduating class of 1941) many years ago by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. • Mr. Begley explained that we wanted to decorate Main Street and cannot think of anything better to decorate Main Street with than this American Flag. We are so thankful to receive this from a Dyer Central/Lake Central graduate. • Dr. Veracco stated that we wanted to decorate that area with something that would apply to all students and this is a wonderful start. Thank you to Mrs. Thiel. 2. Recognition of Lake Central Retirees 2014-2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2014-2015 retirees of Lake Central School Corporation were recognized for their hard work and dedication. Both administrators and colleagues offered the following comments about each of our retirees: <p><i>Soka Alavanja</i> <i>Peifer/Custodian - 25 years</i> <i>Soka Alavanja is a tireless worker. She goes above and beyond expectations in order to help create a clean, friendly, and warm atmosphere for our students and staff to enjoy. Her interaction with teachers, students, and parents adds to our school climate in a way that teaches us all to take pride in our building. We appreciate Soka, whose dedication over the years has quietly helped create a safe, friendly, and clean school environment.</i></p> <p>-----</p> <p><i>Lynette Ashby</i> <i>Speech Lang Path - 20 years</i> <i>Lynette Ashby has served Lake Central students in the pre-school program for many years. She loves our youngest students and has contributed greatly to the development of children in her program. After</i></p>

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retiring, she looks forward to attending Cub's games, traveling and spending time with her grandson Grant.

Elizabeth Bryant *LC Food Service/Grimmer - 18 years*
Elizabeth Bryant – "Liz" started in elementary school food service and found her "home" in middle school. She has an amazing memory and recognizes almost every student who comes thru her lunch line, staff included. Her dedication to Food Service and Grimmer students and staff will truly be missed and the offer to sub is always open.

Karen Buche *Protsman/Library Clerk - 26 years*
Karen Buche is gracious and never gets angry or upset. Karen has a heart of gold and the soul of a saint. Karen will be missed by all!

Milica Bulj *LC HS/Custodian - 32 years*
Milica Bulj retired in September after 31 years of dedicated service. She was a conscientious employee who took tremendous pride in her work. We wish her the best in retirement.

Bonnie Cergizan *Transportation/Bus Driver - 17 years*
Bonnie Cergizan retired in March after 16.5 years of dedicated service. Best of luck in your retirement, Bonnie!

Kathleen Chynoweth *Watson - 41 years*
Kathleen Chynoweth – Watson: Mrs. Kathy began her teaching career teaching science & math at Spohn Middle School in Hammond. She taught for the Lake Central School Corporation for 42 years and worked for George Bibich and James Watson during her first year in the district. She has touched thousands of lives throughout her career. We wish her well.

Betsy Cowan *LC HS/Secretary - 13.5 years*
Betsy Cowan served in the Lake Central Freshmen Center. Speaking to Ken Miller, Ken recalls Betsy as a kind, caring, and dedicated LC employee. She always had the students' best interest in mind and cared greatly for their education. Everyone in the office always enjoyed her stories. Betsy is a great person and will be missed.

Pam Cummings *Peifer/Spec Ed - 29 years*
Pam Cummings has served students with cognitive disabilities prior to which time she served as an aide to the group of children. Mrs. Cummings will tell you there is over 100+ years experience in her classroom. This is true! Together, with the support of her experienced paraprofessionals, they have made an impact on the lives of her unique students and their families. Her dedication to Peifer students is greatly appreciated and she will be missed.

☒ *Mary Dunlop* *Watson/Secretary - 12 years*
Mary Dunlop – Secretary/Watson: Mrs. Mary Dunlop has served the students in the Lake Central Schools for over 17 years. She worked as the permanent substitute teacher at Lake Central High School for 5 years before serving as the data secretary at Watson School. She has touched thousands of lives during her career. Mary has been missed since her retirement at the beginning of this past school year. We wish her well.

Suzanne Fryer *Protsman - 41 years*
Suzanne Fryer comes up with the neatest activities for our classrooms. Her imagination is endless! After a long day of teaching Sue will step right in and help with an HSA activity that same day. She has had a vested interest in all students in second grade at Protsman throughout her 41 years of service.

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Roberta Gadomski

Kahler/Math - 36 years

Roberta Gadomski is a beloved math teacher and colleague who has poured her heart and soul into Kahler for the past 36 years. She coached our cross country and track teams at Kahler for over 20 years. She has also sponsored the Kahler Math Counts team.

Terri Gibbons

Transportation/Bus Driver - 15 years

Terri Gibbons retired from the Lake Central Transportation department in August after 14 years of dedicated service. We wish Terry the best in retirement.

Sara Hendricks

Homan - 37.5 years

Sara Hendricks is a huge “part” of Homan Elementary School. She was one of our teachers that had the fun of going through the whole addition/remodeling of Homan back in 1992. Sara is the type of teacher that does numerous things for her students behind the scenes. She has touched the lives of so many. Sara will be greatly missed.

Judy Hogan

Speech Lang Path/West Lake - 37 years

Judy Hogan – Speech Lang Path/WL: Mrs. Judy Hogan has served the children in Munster and Lake Central Schools for 38 years. She has touched thousands of lives during her career and will be truly missed. We wish her well.

Linda Lauer

Protsman - 28 years

Linda Lauer spent most of her years in education teaching 4th grade at Protsman. She has spent the last three years in second grade. As a single mom of two she put herself through school. Family comes first for Linda. She is always upbeat and positive. Linda is loved by all!

Kathleen Lawson

Peifer/Spec Ed - 29 years

Kathleen Lawson has assisted Lake Central students in a wide variety of schools over the years. Kathy has contributed greatly to RtI initiatives as well as behavior supports for our students. Her talents exceed what she does in the classroom daily as she is able to collaborate on many levels to advocate for her students. Thank you Kathy and happy retirement.

Nicolette Lindinger

Peifer - 28 years

Nickie Lindinger can be described with adjectives such as efficient, organized, thorough, and dedicated. These words can be used if someone came into her classroom and watched her teach for any period of time. Words cannot describe the way she is an advocate for her students, the love for her family, the intensity of her friendship, her wonderfully dry sense of humor, and the way she can rally a team of teachers together to try something new and different. The Peifer community has been blessed to have Nickie as an influence in the lives of our children.

Frank Lukawski

LCHS/Spec Ed - 30 years

Frank Lukawski has served our high school special education students, tirelessly working to help these students succeed in math. Frank helped countless students understand and pass the algebra end of course assessments (the source of great anxiety for our students). Frank is extremely precise. With his attention to detail, Frank would write with a ruler to ensure his writing was perfectly parallel. Frank is preparing for life after work by participating in Bike the Drive 2015 later this month. Everyone at the high school wishes Frank a long and enjoyable retirement.

Suzanne Mamrila

Speech Lang Path/West Lake - 27 years

Suzanne Mamrila – Spec Ed/Frank Hammond: Mrs. Mamrila has served the children in Munster and Lake Central Schools for 30 years. She has touched thousands of lives during her career and will be missed. We wish her well.

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Patricia Marx *LC Food Service/Kolling Manager - 13 years*
Patricia Marx – “Pat” worked in middle school food service and found her “home” as an Elementary Manager at Kolling. She has served breakfast and lunch to kindergartner’s who cry if their food touches, to growing 4th graders who want to purchase additional food. Her dedication to Food Service and Kolling students and staff will truly be missed and the offer to sub is always open.

Megan McAuliffe *Protsman/Spec Ed - 31 years*
Megan McAuliffe is a wealth of knowledge on special education. She is an advocate for children and staff. Megan will enjoy her retirement by relaxing and playing a lot of golf!

Deborah Mihalo *Speech Lang Path - 22 years*
Deb Mihalo has provided speech services to both Lake Central and Munster students for many years. After retiring she looks forward to doing volunteer work with hospice and spending time with friends and family and visiting her son and daughter-in-law in Omaha.

Donna Mobley *Transportation/Bus Driver - 24 years*
Donna Mobley retired in February after 23 years of service to the Lake Central Transportation department. Donna will be missed by fellow drivers and students alike.

Cindy Pokrajac *Administration/Secretary - 21.5 years*
Cindy Pokrajac supported our central office and corporation maintenance personnel for 21-1/2 years. It has been reported to me that after retiring in January, Cindy has commented that she went from babysitting Lake Central employees to babysitting her beautiful grand children. We are glad to see she has maintained her great sense of humor.

Peggy Ricard *Peifer - 37 years*
Peggy Ricard has a warm and gentle spirit. Her positive influence in the Peifer community is vast and deep. Peggy uniquely connects with students in a way that assures each student that they are important in this world, and that she deeply cares for them. It is a rare occasion if Peggy isn't cheerful, upbeat, and encouraging to students and adults alike. Mrs. Ricard's presense will be intensely missed at Peifer.

Andrea Rodovich *LCHS/Dean - 36 years*
Andrea Rodovich has served our students at Lake Central her entire career in education beginning in 1978. In addition to teaching during the school year, she supported students in summer school as well. For the past few years, Andrea has chaired case conferences as dean of students. Andrea is known throughout the school as the “social “Chairwoman. LCHS hopes she continues to organize fun activities as a retiree.

Cynthia Sandor *LC Food Service/HS Manager - 25.5 years*
Cindy Sandor has worked as the Food Service High School Kitchen Manager for many years. She has been a dedicated employee and has helped provide meals to thousands of high school students and staff throughout the years. Her experience and “can do” attitude will truly be missed. She has been a valuable asset to Food Service and she is always welcome to come back and help out in any way.

Loretta Schechner *Grimmer/Math - 27.5 years*
Lore Schechner - Quick witted with an engaging personality, Lore is never at a loss for words, is a great team player, and can always be counted on to tell it like it is. "Schechy" will be most remembered by the students and staff for her math songs and silly Christmas hats and sweaters!

David Schweitzer *Grimmer/Math - 43 years*
Dave Schweitzer- what can you say about a man who spent 40+ years teaching and coaching kids in

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one building? Dave Schweitzer IS Grimmer Middle School. Through his dedication to Lake Central, Dave was able to touch generations of families.

Joan Smith

Bibich - 40.5 years

Joan Smith has been a dedicated and loyal Lake Central teacher for 40 ½ years. She taught for four years at Protsman and the rest of her career at Bibich. She has shared her gift of teaching and touched the lives of hundreds of very fortunate first graders with her kindness, patience, and compassion. Her positive attitude and willingness to help others will make her greatly missed by her Bibich family. Joan is excited to have more time to spend with her husband, children, and grandchildren.

Deborah Stack

LCHS/Spec Ed - 22 years

Debbie Stack has taught at Lake Central High School for 22 years. Her compassion, support, and love for her students can be seen every day. Her ability to make all of her students her children will be greatly missed at our school. Debbie likes to travel but has been known to occasionally get on a bus to the wrong airport (thank you Andrea.) We hope she always ends up on the correct bus in the future!

Gail Stutler

Transportation/Bus Driver - 15.5 years

Gail Stutler retired in August after 14-1/2 years of service in the Lake Central Transportation Department. Gail serve our children well and we hope she is enjoying her retirement.

Joanne Terrill

Transportation/Bus driver - 19 years

Joanne Terrill retired in August after serving the Lake Central transportation department for 18 years. We wish Joanne the best with her retirement.

Larry Tryon

Transportation/Mechanic - 40 years

Larry Tryon has been a dedicated mechanic for Lake Central for 40-1/2 years. He has taken a tremendous amount of pride in keeping our busses safe for all students. Congratulations Larry and happy retirement.

Lauren Vander Tuuk

Watson - 23 years

Laurel Vander Tuuk – Watson: Mrs. Laurel Vander Tuuk began her teaching career in the Lake Ridge School Corporation. She has taught in the Lake Central Schools for 23 years and has touched thousands of lives during her entire 24 year educational career. We wish her well.

Charles Westphal

Clark/Custodian - 34 years

Chuck Westphal worked for Lake Central for 34 years as a custodian. He always showed up to work with a smile, dedicated, and was hard working. Chuck worked at Grimmer for 32 years and finished his career at Clark.

3. Resolution – Delegation of Authority to Superintendent – Action Required

- Howard Marshall moved to approve the Resolution. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion.
- Janice Malchow asked if this Resolution clarifies a misstatement in the Indiana Code.
- Motion carried.

B Assistant Superintendent / Personnel – Al Gandolfi

1. Personnel Recommendations – Action Required

I. Certified Retirements and Change of Hours:

A. Retirements:

- 1. David Schweitzer, Math Teacher, Grimmer Middle School**

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(effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year; 43 years of dedicated service).

B. Change of Hours:

1. *Christina Arroyo, from part-time Choral Teacher to full time Choral Teacher at Clark Middle School (effective August 11, 2015).*

II. Classified Resignations and Appointments:

A. Resignations:

1. *Jamie Carey, Cafeteria Assistant, Lake Central High School (effective April 17, 2015).*

B. Appointments:

1. *Jocelyn Cappello (Schererville), Cafeteria Assistant, Non-School Specific (effective April 20, 2015).*
2. *Danijela Jokic (Schererville), Cafeteria Assistant, Non-School Specific (effective April 20, 2015).*
3. *Michelle Krusza (Crete), Cafeteria Assistant, Non-School Specific (effective April 20, 2015).*
4. *Michelle Miranda (Crown Point), Cafeteria Assistant, Non-School Specific (effective April 20, 2015).*
5. *Carolina Martinez (Schererville), Cafeteria Assistant, Non-School Specific (effective April 20, 2015).*
6. *Waneta Perez (Munster), Cafeteria Assistant, Non-School Specific (effective April 20, 2015).*
7. *Barbara Nelson (Dyer), Bus Driver, Lake Central Transportation Department (effective April 22, 2015).*

III. Certified Extracurricular Resignations:

A. Resignations:

1. *Nicole Raber, Chess Club Assistant/Clark Middle School (effective for the 2015-2016 school year).*
2. *David Schweitzer, 8th Grade Volleyball Coach and Math Department Head/Grimmer Middle School (effective for the 2015-2016 school year).*
3. *Michelle Deming, Pom Pons Co-Coach/Kahler Middle School (effective for the 2015-2016 school year).*
4. *Brooke Burczyk, Pom Pons Co-Coach/Kahler Middle School (effective for the 2015-2016 school year).*

IV. Classified Extracurricular Appointments:

A. Appointments:

1. *Brea York, 7th Grade Basketball Coach/Clark Middle School (effective for the 2015-2016 school year).*

V. West Lake

Certified Appointments and Transfers:

A. Appointments:

1. *Ryan McGrath (Crown Point), Special Education Teacher, West Lake/Campagna (effective August 11, 2015).*

B. Transfers:

1. *Cameron Cain, from Special Education Teacher for West Lake Special Education Cooperative at Elliott Elementary School to Dean of Students for West Lake Special Education Cooperative at Lake Central High School (effective August 11, 2015).*

Classified Reductions in Force, Rate of Pay Adjustments and Resignations:

A. Reductions in Force:

1. *Laura Selin, 9 month Secretary, West Lake/Frank Hammond Elementary School (effective June 11, 2015).*

B. Rate of Pay Adjustments:

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1. Kelly Price, hourly rate will increase by \$1.00 when driving bus for TAP.

C. Resignations:

1. Ashley Arens, Educational Interpreter, West Lake/Watson Elementary School
(effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year).

- Sandy Lessentine moved to approve the personnel recommendations. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Special Education Update – *Becky Gromala*

Special Education Funding

- Funding based on student count and disability areas
- Child Count conducted on December 1
- Second count on April 1
- Student counts determine Additional Pupil Count (APC) funding and contribute to census data used for Part B grant allocations
- Total APC for Lake Central: \$4,213, 893

APC Funding Groups and Amounts December 1, 2014

Group	Eligibilities Included	Dollars per Student	Number of LC Students
Group 1	Multiple Disabilities Orthopedic Impairment, Blind/Low Vision, Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Emotional Disability FT, Severe Cognitive Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury	\$8,350	235 (242)
Group 2	Emotional Disability Other, Specific Learning Disability, Mild Cognitive Disability, Moderate Cognitive Disability, Other Health Impairment	\$2,265	657 (690)
Group 3*	Language or Speech Impairment	\$533	736 (729)
Preschool	All Eligibilities	\$2,750	135 (150)

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**Total Number of Students Receiving
Special Education Services**

	<u>4/1/2015</u>	<u>12/1/2014</u>	<u>12/1/2013</u>	<u>12/1/2012</u>	<u>12/1/2011</u>
Number of Students:	1463	1414	1459	1489	1452

**Assessment Changes in Special
Education**

- Changes in 14-15
 - Result of Indiana's NCLB waiver
 - ALL students to be assessed on college and career readiness standards
 - Elimination of modified assessment (IMAST)
 - Transition from ISTAR to NCSC for alternative assessment
 - More changes to come in 15-16
 - Unique Learning Systems
 - New vendor for Alternative Assessment
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- Sandy Lessentine asked about the money from the State we receive for special education students and if that is in addition to what we already receive per student?
 - Sandy Lessentine asked if the 40 hours of training the teachers already have will apply to the new system? Who chose the new vendor?
 - Janice Malchow asked what NCSC stands for.
 - Janice Malchow asked why they went away from IMAST and went to ISTAR.
 - Janice Malchow asked who is the current Special Education director at the Department of Education.
 - Janice Malchow asked if the preschool is still set up with peers.

C Director of Primary Education – *Theresa Schoon*

1. Professional Leave Requests – **Action Required**

- Janice Malchow moved to approve the professional leave request of Alison Mazurkiewicz. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Lake Central Teacher Evaluation Overview

Lake Central RISE Teacher Evaluations

P.L. 90 was enacted in 2011 and created new requirements for teacher evaluations:

- Evaluations are conducted annually on all certificated employees
- Objective measures of student growth and achievement are used to inform the evaluation.
- Use of rigorous measure of effectiveness including observations and other performance indicators.
- All evaluations must result in a final designation in one of 4 rating categories:
 - Highly Effective
 - Effective
 - Improvement Necessary
 - Ineffective

Lake Central began using the RISE model as developed by the state during the 2012/2013 school year. The RISE model met the requirements of the law by using:

- The RISE Teacher Effectiveness Rubric to assess teacher performance.
- Using state Growth Model Data, Student Learning Objectives, and School Letter grades as our objective measures of student growth and achievement.
- Evaluation results in a designation in one of the 4 categories.

The RISE Teacher Effectiveness Rubric is comprised of four domains:

1. Purposeful Planning
2. Effective Instruction
3. Teacher Leadership
4. Core Professionalism

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For the 2012/2013 school year, teachers were placed in one of three evaluation groups that determined the weighting of the different components of the evaluation plan:

Group 1: Teachers with $\frac{1}{2}$ or more
Growth Model Classes

Teacher Effectiveness Rubric	50%
IGM	35%
Student Learning Objectives	10%
SWL (school letter grade)	5%

Group 2: Teachers with less than $\frac{1}{2}$
Growth Model Classes

Teacher Effectiveness Rubric	60%
IGM	20%
Student Learning Objectives	15%
SWL (school letter grade)	5%

Group 3: Teachers with no Growth
Model Classes

Teacher Effectiveness Rubric	75%
Student Learning Objectives	20%
SWL (school letter grade)	5%

At the end of that school year, we reviewed our data and made two changes to the evaluation plan for the 2013/2014 school year:

1. Decrease the number of observations on teachers who have previously been rated Highly Effective or Effective from 2 extended and 3 short observations to 1 extended and 2 short observations.
2. Lessen the impact of Growth Model Data on the final ratings of teachers by reducing the weight of IGM.

This move created 2 groups of teachers with the following weightings:

Group 1: Teachers with Growth
Model Data

Teacher Effectiveness Rubric	75%
IGM	11%
Student Learning Objectives	9%
SWL (school letter grade)	5%

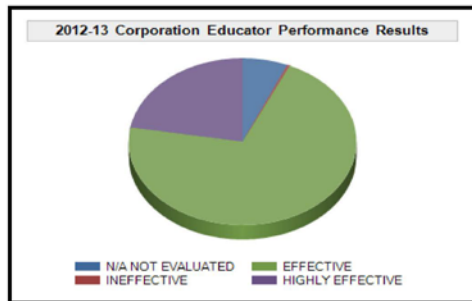
Group 2: Teachers without Growth
Model Data

Teacher Effectiveness Rubric	75%
Student Learning Objectives	20%
SWL (school letter grade)	5%

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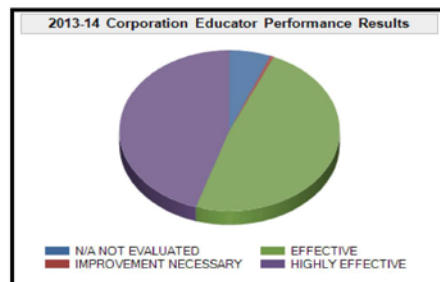
During the summer of 2014, a committee of teachers and administrators met to review the Teacher Effectiveness Rubric. The committee went through each competency in the rubric and made some changes to language that was not clear. They also developed a support document that provided examples of what evaluators would look for in the classroom as evidence of that competency.

Lake Central Educator Performance Data 2012/2013



Highly Effective	22.3%
Effective	71%
Ineffective	.3%
Not Evaluated	6.4%

Lake Central Educator Performance Data 2013/2014



Highly Effective	45.1%
Effective	48.4%
Improvement Necessary	.5%
Not Evaluated	6.1%

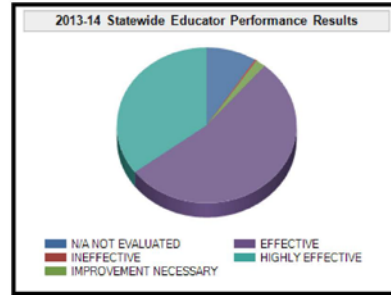
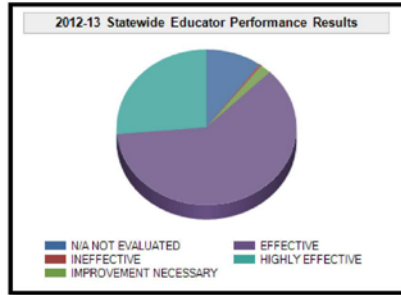
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State Educator Performance



Highly Effective	26.4%
Effective	61.1%
Improvement Necessary	2%
Ineffective	.4%
Not Evaluated	10%

Highly Effective	35.3%
Effective	53.6%
Improvement Necessary	1.8%
Ineffective	.4%
Not Evaluated	9%

- Sandy Lessentine asked why they have 5 categories when we only have 4 for performance data. Who would the group of teachers be with no growth model data and do we have a plan to figure out the growth model data for that group.
- Janice Malchow asked for confirmation that not all teachers have growth model data. Asked if this means that teachers do not have growth model data because they do not collect student growth data? Mrs. Schoon explained that is because they do not give ISTEP and that is where the data comes from. Janice Malchow asked for clarification that student growth data is limited to only the state tests.
- Janice Malchow asked how the ISTEP testing went for Lake Central.
- Sandy Lessentine asked about the new testing schedule.

D Director of Secondary Education – *Sarah Castaneda*

1. Professional Leave Requests – **Action Required**

- Sandy Lessentine moved to approve the professional leave requests of Pat Winters and Ken Newton. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Field Trips – **Action Required**

- Howard Marshall moved to approve the field trip requests of Kevin Lewis, Kristen Marsh, Leta Sena-Lopez and Anne Harmon. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E Director of Facilities – *Bill Ledyard*

1. Award and execute Change Order #019 to Barton Malow Company, for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #5 – GC Building Interiors - **Action Required**

- Janice Malchow moved to approve. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Award and execute Change Order #019 to Gough Inc., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #12 – Athletic Fields - **Action Required**

- Howard Marshall moved to approve. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. LCHS Project Update – Update

- Janice Malchow asked if the auditorium seats will be numbered.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sandy Lessentine asked if there will be a showing of the auditorium before it is officially opened for use.• Don Bacso asked about the current status of sales of the brick pavers.• Janice Malchow asked about the community usage of the pool and how the Masters Program is coming along.
F	<p>Director of Business Services – <i>Rob James</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Extra-Curricular Purchase – Action Required<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Lake Central High School Basketball program is requesting to purchase a new automated ball return shooting machine. The school currently has three, but would be trading in two of the current machines which are 10 and 7 years old, respectively. This equipment could be used by both the boys and girls programs. The machine would be purchased from the Athletics Extra-Curricular Fund at a total cost of \$4,773, after trade-ins.• Sandy Lessentine moved to approve. Janice Malchow seconded the motion carried.2. Donations – Action Required<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Watson PTO would like to donate \$9,974 for the purchase and installation of a new piece of playground equipment at Watson Elementary school.• The Bibich PTO would like to donate \$225.92 for the purchase of 4 charging docks for the iPads at Bibich.• The Lake Central High School N- Teens would like to donate \$2,500 to Dollars for Scholars.• The High School Future Medical Professionals Club raised \$323 from a bake sale and table tennis tourney. The club would like to donate the \$323 to Rett Syndrome research.• Grimmer Middle School recently held a pool party extravaganza at the high school aquatics center to benefit Riley Children’s Hospital. The school raised \$1,119.71 and would like to donate the entire amount raised to Riley’s.• Homan Elementary students recently raised \$563.55 for Autism Awareness Day. They would like to donate the entire \$563.55 raised to the National Autism Association of Northwest Indiana.• Sandy Lessentine moved to approve all donations. Janice Malchow 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard Marshall<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Was fortunate to see the choir program at Clark last week, it was wonderful, kudos to the students and their director.- Are we restricted on field trips by distance limitations?• Janice Malchow<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Thank you Rebecca for your report, and thank you Theresa also. That information is helpful. I thought the growth model was data that we had in our classroom, I had no idea it was just that ISTEP data. I feel like we are pawns many times by the decisions that are made in Indianapolis. We are very fortunate now that our legislators do listen to us, the ones that represent us, so I think it does behoove us to talk to them about some of these inaccuracies because they really do want to fix things and they do want to take that

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	<p>information down there.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- I concur with Howard. We got to see a really great program the other day. An awesome music teacher at Clark Middle School and a pretty great principal too. It was a nice environment to be in.- There are a lot of great retirees. Breaks our heart to lose those retirees, especially in special education. I can't imagine there are too many young educators going into special education anymore especially with things going on at the state level. I hope you find some quality candidates.• Sandy Lessentine<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Wellness Committee has some runs coming up, a 5k and a 10k at the Safety Village there is also a Triathlon this weekend. Please keep checking our website for information.- Had the opportunity to be part of the Dollars For Scholars presentation this week. It was amazing to see all of the kids receiving scholarships. So amazed to see that teachers have money taken out of their paycheck every week to provide these scholarships.- Was excited to see all of the retirees today, especially Dave Schweitzer. He was the reason I became an educator. He was my basketball coach and he coached my daughters and myself as well.- Thanks for the presentations today they were wonderful.• Don Bacso<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Feel grateful that I get to see the retirees come through every year. It's exhilarating and sad at the same time. They will be greatly missed. There is a lot of knowledge walking out the door, that is the sad part. But, I also feel great for them that now they get to go off and do what they want to do from this day forward.- Thank you Sarah, Becky and Theresa for your presentations.
XI	Board Calendar of Future Activities – <i>Dr. Veracco</i>
XII	Adjournment – <i>Don Bacso</i> – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion. Motion carried.
<p>Minutes of the May 4, 2015 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the May 18, 2015 School Board Meeting.</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ Don Bacso, President</p> <p>_____ John DeVries, Secretary</p> <p>///</p>	