

**LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION**

**Lake Central Freshmen Center – LGI Room**

**8410 Wicker Avenue, St. John, Indiana 46373**

**June 1, 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 June 1, 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

Sandy Lessentine, Member  
(left prior to end of meeting)

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

<b><u>BOARD MEETING MINUTES: June 1, 2015</u></b>	
I.	Call to Order – <i>Don Bacso</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The meeting was called to order by Board President Don Bacso.</li></ul>
II.	Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag – <i>Don Bacso</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Don Bacso.</li></ul>
III.	Verification of Receipt and Review of Board Packet – <i>Don Bacso</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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</li></ul>
IV.	Agenda: Approval, Deletions, Additions - <i>Dr. Veracco</i> - <b>Action Required</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Changes include a revised Personnel Packet under Mr. Gandolfi’s section, and a revision to the 2015-2016. Janice Malchow moved to approve. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried.</li></ul>
V.	Correspondence – <i>John DeVries</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There was no correspondence.</li></ul>
VI.	Liaison Committee Updates – <i>Don Bacso</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Personnel Interview Committee – <i>Howard Marshall</i></li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schererville Redevelopment Committee – <i>Sandy Lessentine</i></li> <li>• West Lake – <i>Howard Marshall</i>: Recent meeting in Munster. There will be as many as 8 staff positions opening up this summer. Hopefully we will find appropriate personnel to fill those staff positions.</li> <li>• Lake Central Education Foundation – <i>Janice Malchow</i>: There is a summer round of grants.</li> <li>• Wellness Committee – <i>Sandy Lessentine</i>: Will wrap up for year at next meeting.</li> <li>• Dollars for Scholars – <i>Sandy Lessentine</i></li> <li>• Dyer Redevelopment Committee – <i>Janice Malchow</i></li> <li>• St. John Redevelopment Committee – <i>John DeVries</i></li> <li>• Building and Renovation – <i>Howard Marshall and John DeVries</i></li> <li>• Legislative Committee – <i>Janice Malchow</i>: Session has been dismissed for the year but was able to meet recently for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time with our local legislators: Hal Slager, Bill Fine and Rick Neimeyer. They listen and understand that we want to move our students higher. They did increase our funding. Next time at legislative meetings there will be talk about RISE evaluations and other impacts in the classroom versus the financial part.</li> </ul>
VII.	<p>Official School Board Business Topics: Consent Agenda – <i>Dr. Veracco</i> – <b>Action Required</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Howard Marshall moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.</li> </ul>
	<p>A. Approval of Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 18, 2015</li> </ul>
	<p>B. Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures</p>
VIII.	<p>Official School Board Business Topics: Regular Agenda</p>
	<p>A. Superintendent – <i>Dr. Veracco</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recognitions: LCHS Business Professionals of America <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Lake Central BPA qualified for National Conference on May 6 through May 10<sup>th</sup>. Qualifiers include: Nicholas Biegel, Jordan Buckmaster, Jay Chopra, Kevin Geiser, Joseph Grzybek, Nathan Jackson, Joe Jakubowicz, Brendan Kelly, Jacob Kieta, Brandon Long, Andrew Ring, Anthony Tugman, Cami Wallace. Placing in Top Ten in the Nation were Andrew Ring and Jordan Buckmaster in C++ Programming. Placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in Web Application were Nicholas Biegel, Brandon Long, Kevin Geiser. Earning the highest honor was Jay Chopra who was crowned National Champion in Advanced Word Processing. BPA Sponsor: Todd Iwema.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Recommendation for Lake Central High School Principal – <b>Action Required</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Veracco made the recommendation for Sean Begley as Lake Central High School Principal. Howard Marshall moved to approve Sean Begley. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Change of Location for June 15, 2015 BOE Meeting to Protsman Elementary School – <b>Action Required</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Janice Malchow moved to approve the change of location for the June 15<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting from Lake Central High School to Protsman Elementary School. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
	<p>B. Assistant Superintendent / Personnel – <i>Al Gandolfi</i></p>

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**1. Personnel Recommendations – Action Required**

- Howard Marshall moved to approve the Personnel Recommendations as Revised. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

*I. Certified Retirements, Resignations and Appointments:*

*A. Retirements:*

- 1. Darryl Carstensen, Math Teacher, Lake Central High School (effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year; 14 years of dedicated service).*

*B. Resignations:*

- 1. Anne J. Ruiz, Science Teacher, Lake Central High School (effective May 28, 2015).*

*C. Appointments:*

- 1. Dawn Swanson (Crown Point), Dean of Students, Lake Central School Corporation (effective August 11, 2015).*
- 2. Angela Bartolomeo (St. John), Math Teacher, Kahler Middle School (effective August 11, 2015).*

*II. Classified Appointments, Retirements, Resignations, Transfers and Change of Hours:*

*A. Appointments:*

- 1. Amy Vogel (Munster), Paraprofessional, Kolling Elementary School (effective August 12, 2015).*
- 2. Rosemary Bednarek (Schererville), Cafeteria Assistant, Lake Central High School (effective May 18, 2015).*
- 3. Kelly Murphy (Schererville), Cafeteria Assistant, Lake Central High School (effective May 18, 2015).*
- 4. Jessica Dickerson (Cedar Lake), Bus Aide, Lake Central Transportation Department (effective May 13, 2015).*

*B. Retirements:*

- 1. Karen Cockerham, Cafeteria Assistant, Lake Central High School (effective May 8, 2015; 12 years of dedicated service).*
- 2. Nada Vujnic, Cafeteria Assistant, Lake Central High School (effective May 27, 2015; 10 years of dedicated service).*

*C. Resignations:*

- 1. Marci Borowski, Paraprofessional/ENL Tutor, Protsman Elementary School (effective May 27, 2015).*
- 2. Deborah Zapata, Paraprofessional, Protsman Elementary School (effective May 27, 2015).*

*D. Transfers:*

- 1. Lisa Wallis, from Cafeteria Assistant at Bibich Elementary School to Product Assistant at Bibich Elementary School (effective May 18, 2015).*
- 2. Amy Van Gorp, from Paraprofessional at Protsman Elementary School to Library Clerk at Protsman Elementary School (effective August 11, 2015).*
- 3. Julie Smolen, from Product Assistant at Kahler Middle School to Product Specialist at Kahler Middle School (effective June 1, 2015).*

*E. Change of Hours:*

- 1. Jennifer Hill, Cafeteria Assistant, Grimmer Middle School (from 3.25 hours to 6 hours effective June 1, 2015).*

*III. Certified Extracurricular Appointments:*

*A. Appointments:*

- 1. Dan Peyton, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach/Grimmer Middle School (effective for the 2015-2016 school year).*
- 2. Brian McNamara, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach/Grimmer Middle School (effective for the 2015-2016 school year).*

*IV. Classified Extracurricular Appointments:*

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*A. Appointments:*

1. *Kellie Butler, Pom Pons Coach/Kahler Middle School (effective for the 2015-2016 school year).*

*V. West Lake*

*Certified Appointments and Resignations:*

*A. Appointments:*

1. *Alicia Cooper (Valparaiso), Special Education Teacher, West Lake/Clark Middle School (effective August 11, 2015; was on temporary contract 2014-2015)*

*B. Resignations:*

1. *Julie Clayton, Special Education Teacher, West Lake/Clark Middle School (effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year).*
2. *Christopher M. Harmon, Special Education Teacher, West Lake/Synergy/MHS (effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year).*
3. *Andrea Cochran, Special Education Teacher, West Lake/Grimmer Middle School (effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year).*

**2. 2015-16 School Lunch Prices – Action Required**

- **Janice Malchow moved to approve the 2015-2016 school lunch prices. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act (PL 111-296) /Impact on School Lunch Prices**

In 2011, Congress approved a Farm Bill for the Child Nutrition Program. This bill brought change to the School Food Service, with the hopes of improving child nutrition and minimizing the incidence of obesity and related diseases. While many of these changes will span over several years, one item requires our action before the start of next school year.

Federal law requires school corporations to raise lunch prices to gradually provide the same level of funding as federal reimbursement for the free and reduce price meals.

<b>EXAMPLE</b>			
	Elementary LUNCH Payment	Federal Reimbursement	Total Revenue
<b>Paid</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>	<b>\$ .28</b>	<b>\$2.28</b>
<b>Reduced</b>	<b>\$ .30</b>	<b>\$ 2.58</b>	<b>\$2.88</b>
<b>Free</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>	<b>\$ 2.98</b>	<b>\$2.98</b>

Revenue for each paid lunch must gradually be equal to the revenue for each free and reduce lunch. In this example, the total amount received for each paid lunch is \$.70 less than the amounts received for free price lunches.

The mandated price increase is also intended to cover increased costs associated with new menu requirements. Additional serving of vegetables, whole grains and fruit are now required. These types of foods increase the cost of our meals served.

School Corporation	Elementary Breakfast	Middle School & High School Breakfast	Adult Breakfast	Elementary Lunch	Middle School & High School Lunch	Adult Lunch
Lake Central Current 2013-2014	\$1.30	\$1.40	\$1.45	\$2.00	\$2.25	\$2.75
<i>(Proposed Prices for 2014-2015)</i>	\$1.40	\$1.50	\$1.70	\$2.10	\$2.35	\$3.00

The minimum we are required to increase paid lunch prices this coming year is \$.10 per meal. Based on the requirements and Meal Price Survey I am therefore proposing raising our prices \$.10 for all student meals. This includes raising the prices for reduce meals as well. Reduce breakfast increase from \$.20 to \$.30 and for lunch increase \$.30 to \$.40. Adult meal prices will also need to increase because of this Federal law as well. Adult payment needs to cover overall cost of lunch (or breakfast), including the USDA entitlement and bonus donated foods to prepare the meal.

If the USDA maintains its stand on this issue, we can expect too see an annual increase in our paid meal pricing until we match that of a reimbursed free meal.

Regards,  
*Gladys*

Gladys Rediger, FSD

**3. Third Party Purchase Agreement between HPS and LC Food Service – Action Required**

- **Howard Marshall moved to approve the Third Party Purchase Agreement between HPS**

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	<p>and LC Food Service. John DeVries seconded the motion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Janice Malchow asked if this is bulk purchasing through an alternate source.</li><li>• Motion carried 5-0.</li></ul>
C.	<p>Director of Primary Education – <i>Theresa Schoon</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Theresa Schoon introduced new Lake Central Dean of Students, Dawn Swanson. Dawn comes to us from River Forest School Corporation.</li><li>1. Professional Leave Requests – <b>Action Required</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Janice Malchow moved to approve the professional leave request Kelly Boersma and Beth Hamacher. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.</li></ul></li></ul>
D.	<p>Director of Secondary Education – <i>Sarah Castaneda</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Professional Leave Requests – <b>Action Required</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Janice Malchow moved to approve the professional leave requests of Joseph Bafia, Jeremy McGoldrick and David Schaffenberg. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.</li><li>• Janice Malchow asked if Project Lead the Way is a state initiative or a federal government initiative. Janice Malchow asked if we will we have the proper equipment to get this going by the beginning of the school year.</li></ul></li></ol>
<p>At this time, board member Sandy Lessentine exited the meeting. For the remainder of the meeting, only four board members were present.</p>	
E.	<p>Director of Facilities – <i>Bill Ledyard</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Award and execute Change Order #016 to Larsen-Danielson Construction Co., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #4 – GC Building Shell &amp; Concrete Slabs - <b>Action Required</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• John DeVries moved to award and execute Change Order #016 to Larsen-Danielson Construction Co., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #4 – GC Building Shell &amp; Concrete Slabs. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.</li></ul></li><li>2. Award and execute Change Order #012 to Reichelt Plumbing Inc., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #8 – Plumbing - <b>Action Required</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Janice Malchow moved to award and execute Change Order #012 to Reichelt Plumbing Inc., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #8 – Plumbing. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.</li></ul></li><li>3. Award and execute Change Order #021 to Gough Inc., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #12 – Athletic Fields - <b>Action Required</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Janice Malchow moved to award and execute Change Order #021 to Gough Inc., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #12 – Athletic Fields. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.</li></ul></li><li>4. LCHS Project Update – Update<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Don Bacso asked about the status of the track.</li><li>• Janice Malchow asked about the high school administrator and staff offices.</li></ul></li></ol>
F.	<p>Director of Business Services – <i>Rob James</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Professional Leave Request – <b>Action Required</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Janice Malchow moved to approve the professional leave request of Rob James. John</li></ul></li></ol>

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	<p>DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.</p> <p>2. Donations – <b>Action Required</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Three of our elementary schools participated in the Lake County Public Library Read-a-Thon. Bibich, Homan and Peifer received \$167, \$229 and \$357 respectively, from the Lake County Public Library Foundation for their participation in the program.</li><li>• Homan, Watson and Clark schools received \$23.88, \$12.19 and \$23.54 respectively, from Office Depot as part of their “5% Back to School Program.”</li><li>• The Lake Central High School Interact Club received a \$600 donation from the Rotary Club of Schererville.</li><li>• Homan Elementary received \$167.64 from Tyler’s Tender as part of Homan Day at the restaurant.</li><li>• The Peifer Elementary PTO would like to donate \$552.50 to be used for the purchase of 4 ELMO document cameras.</li><li>• The Peifer PRO would also like to purchase 2 Flat Panel Smart Boards for two staff members. The cost of the smart boards is currently estimated at a total of \$10,285.94.</li><li>• Bibich Elementary School recently raised \$567.76 which they would like to donate to Riley Children’s Hospital.</li><li>• Grimmer Middle School Spell Bowl teams recently worked a Market Day event and collected \$74.79.</li><li>• Janice Malchow moved to approve all donations. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.</li></ul> <p>3. Extra-Curricular Purchase – <b>Action Required</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Lake Central High School Choir Department is requesting to purchase an upright studio piano. The piano would cost \$6,175 and would be purchased from the Chorus Extra-Curricular Fund.</li><li>• John DeVries moved to approve the extra-curricular purchase. Janice Malchow seconded the motion.</li><li>• Janice Malchow asked if we still have the grand piano.</li><li>• Motion carried 4-0.</li></ul>
IX.	<p>Public Comments– <i>Don Bacso</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• David Gross: Came to the meeting to share his support for Sean Begley.</li><li>• Louise Tallent: Shared with the board and audience information on the recent Honor Our Veterans 5K-10K Walk-Run Fundraiser for Veterans’ Museum on the Tri-Town Safety Village Campus in Schererville.</li></ul>
X.	<p>Board Comments and Consideration of Future Agenda Items – <i>Don Bacso</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• John DeVries: Welcome and congratulations to Sean Begley in his new role as Principal, very glad you are aboard. Congratulations to our spring sports teams. Excited to see what is happening at the high school.</li><li>• Janice Malchow: Saw the boys sectional track meet and the girls regional track meet. The dedication of the athletes is impressive. Thank you to Lori Brumm for organizing the graduation, everything ran very smoothly.</li><li>• Howard Marshall: Graduation went phenomenal. Thank you to everyone who assisted in the planning.</li><li>• Don Bacso: Welcome Sean, we are in very good hands with you as a leader. It is nice to see all of the support here tonight. Lori Brumm, graduation was flawless and thank you and your</li></ul>

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	team for your hard work. Also, thank you to our teachers and staff for a great year from our elementary schools up to our high school.
XI.	Board Calendar of Future Activities – <i>Dr. Veracco</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next Board Meeting: June 15, 2015 at Protsman Elementary School.</li></ul>
XII.	Adjournment – <i>Don Bacso</i> – <b>Action Required</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Janice Malchow moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. John DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.</li></ul>
Minutes of the June 1, 2015 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the June 15, 2015 School Board Meeting.	
ATTEST:	_____ Don Bacso, President
	_____ John DeVries, Secretary
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