

LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION
Lake Central High School
KAY TRAPP BOARD ROOM – Enter Door E
8260 Wicker Avenue, St. John, Indiana 46373
Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Lake Central School Corporation was held in the Kay Trapp Board Room at Lake Central High School, 8410 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN on January 8, 2018. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Don Bacso, President
Janice Malchow, Board Member
Howard Marshall, Board Member
Cindy Sues, Secretary

Board Members Not Present

Sandy Lessentine, Vice-President

Administration Present

Sarah Castaneda, Director of Secondary Education
Al Gandolfi, Assistant Superintendent
Becky Gromala, Director of Special Education
Rob James, Director of Business Services
Theresa Schoon, Director of Primary Education
Dr. Lawrence Veracco, Superintendent

Administration Not Present

Bill Ledyard, Director of Facilities
Rick Moreno, Director of Technology

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 8, 2018

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

PART I – ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

I.	Call to Order – <i>Janice Malchow</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2108 Organizational Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by 2017 Board President, Janice Malchow.
II.	Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag – <i>Janice Malchow</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Janice Malchow.
III.	Organization of the Board of School Trustees for 2018 – <i>Janice Malchow</i>
A.	Election of Officers <ol style="list-style-type: none"> President – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Howard Marshall motioned to nominate Don Bacso as President of the Lake Central School Board of Education for 2018. Cindy Sues seconded the motion. Motion carried. Don Bacso was named Board President. Vice-President– Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janice Malchow motioned to nominate Sandy Lessentine as Vice-President of the Lake Central School Board of Education for 2018. Don Bacso seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sandy Lessentine was named Board Vice-President. Secretary– Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Howard Marshall motioned to nominate Cindy Sues as Secretary of the Lake Central School Board of Education for 2018. Don Bacso seconded the motion. Motion carried. Cindy Sues was named Board Secretary.

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B.	<p>Reaffirmation of School Board’s Code of Ethics– Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janice Malchow moved to approve the adoption of the School Board’s Code of Ethics. Cindy Sues seconded the motion. Motion carried.
C.	<p>Establishment of School Board Compensation– Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Howard Marshall moved to approve the School Board Compensation. Cindy Sues seconded the motion. Motion carried.
D.	<p>Appointment of School Attorneys– Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janice Malchow moved to approve the rate and attorneys from the following (3) law firms to represent Lake Central School Corporation for 2018: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Crist, Sears and Zic of Munster, Indiana Taft, Stettinius & Hollister of Chicago, Illinois Lewis Kappes of Merrillville, Indiana Don Bacso seconded the motion. Motion carried.
E.	<p>Appointment of Treasurer– Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Howard Marshall moved to approve the appointment of Cathie Romba as Treasurer for 2018. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried.
F.	<p>Liaison Appointments– Action Required</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> West Lake Joint Managing Board: Howard Marshall Dyer Parks Department: Don Bacso Personnel Interview Committee: Howard Marshall/Sandy Lessentine Legislative Committee: Janice Malchow Lake Central Education Foundation: Janice Malchow Wellness Committee: Sandy Lessentine/Janice Malchow Dollars for Scholars: Cindy Sues Dyer Redevelopment Committee: Don Bacso St. John Redevelopment Committee: Cindy Sues Schererville Redevelopment Committee: Sandy Lessentine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Howard Marshall offered to serve as back up for any of the redevelopment committees if needed. Janice Malchow followed up with an offer to serve as back up as well. Janice Malchow moved to approve all liaison appointments as listed above. Cindy Sues seconded the motion. Motion carried.
G.	<p>Conflict of Interest Policy - Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Howard Marshall moved to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy for 2018. Cindy Sues seconded the motion. Motion carried.
IV.	<p>Motion to Adjourn Organizational Meeting - Action Required- – <i>Don Bacso</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Howard Marshall moved to adjourn the 2018 Organizational Meeting and reconvene to the January 8, 2018 Regular School Board Meeting. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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PART II – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES	
I	<p>Agenda: Approval, Deletions, Additions - <i>Dr. Veracco</i>- Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Howard Marshall moved to approve the Agenda. Cindy Sues seconded the motion. Motion carried.
II	<p>Correspondence – <i>Cindy Sues</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was no correspondence.
III	<p>Liaison Committee Updates – <i>Don Bacso</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> West Lake Joint Managing Board: Howard Marshall: Next meeting is January 24th at LC. Dyer Parks Department: Don Bacso: No report. Personnel Interview Committee: Howard Marshall: No report. Legislative Committee: Janice Malchow: On Jan. 24th, the Northwest Indiana Coalition for Public Education is having a documentary called Back Pack Full of Cash at 6pm at Merrillville High School. Lake Central Education Foundation: Janice Malchow: Next round of grants being worked on. Wellness Committee: Janice Malchow: Attended last meeting. Wellness challenge begins in February. Dollars for Scholars: Cindy Sues: No report. Dyer Redevelopment Committee: Don Bacso: No report. St. John Redevelopment Committee: Cindy Sues: No report. Schererville Redevelopment Committee: Sandy Lessentine: No report.
IV	<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. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried.
	<p>A. Approval of Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 11, 2017: Executive Session December 11, 2017: Regular Board Meeting December 13, 2017: Special Meeting/Workshop – No Minutes Taken
	<p>B. Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures</p>
V	<p>Public Comments Regarding Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were none.
VI	<p>Official School Board Business Topics: Regular Agenda</p>
	<p>A. Superintendent – <i>Dr. Veracco</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Don Roberts School of Hair Design – <i>Janet Stemmer</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janet Stemmer of the Don Roberts School of Hair Design gave a presentation on her facility, programs and what they offer to our students.

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2. Employee Drug Testing

Dear Senator Merritt,

I am reaching out to you because I know you will be involved in the discussions coming up in this session regarding addiction and related matters. In our school district, we had an incident recently that involved a teacher using drugs during the school day. As our community has applied some pressure for us to begin random testing of our employees, I have shared with our School Board that I prefer to see if the General Assembly will legislate how we address this matter in a uniform manner across Indiana.

I will be sending a similar message to Representative Linda Lawson who has also spoke of her interest in doing whatever we can to reduce the abuse of drugs in our state. Thank you for taking the time to read my email and for considering this request.

Sincerely,
Larry Veracco
Superintendent
Lake Central SC

- Also sent to Rep. Lawson

3. Board Policy Updates From Fall –Action Required

List of Policies to Investigate Further

9.5.17

3242 change title to Profession Learning

3310 Freedom of Speech - asked if there is an update – none

3419.01 Privacy Protections – asked about update – 1.4.18

4122.01 Drug Free Workplace – asked about update – 1.4.18

4162 Drug and Alcohol testing of CDL holders – asked about why only some words in bold (that is the way NEOLA had it)

9.18.17

5136 Advised to strike sentence 2 in paragraph 2. Upon review with principals, this is clarified in sentence one in paragraph 4

5200 Attendance – asked about update – 1.4.18

10.9.17

5320 Immunization – asked about update – 1.4.18

5340.01 Concussions – asked about update – 1.4.18

5421 Grading – asked about updating AR through committee format

5460 Graduation Requirements – asked about update – waiting for new update Spring 2018

5461 Credit for courses completed prior to entering hs – asked to strike second to last sentence but upon review do not feel it is necessary

- Board Policy #3242: Janice Malchow moved to approve. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Board Policy #3419.01: Howard Marshall moved to approve. Cindy Sues seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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- Board Policy #4122.01: Cindy Sues moved to approve. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Board Policy #5200: Howard Marshall moved to approve. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Board Policy #5320: Cindy Sues moved to approve. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. Education Savings Accounts

Education Savings Accounts and 2018 Short Session

- Since the question has come up in some State Senators Survey for the short session, perhaps it is going to get another look
- Since the general assembly normally avoids money related topics in the short session, at first glance one would think this should be put off until 2019. However, if the money is simply diverted from public schools to the “debit card” of home schooling parents, on the surface it really is not technically a money issue.
- The fact that some may be already home schooling special needs students without this law has not been addressed (there may be more families eligible)
- Families who choose to home school their children with special needs could receive up to \$15,000 to educate their child **as long as they say they will**
- The lack of accountability in the previous HB1311 from 2016 and SB 534 from 2017 is concerning even for those who do not believe there should be one source of specialized instruction for students with moderate to severe learning differences (Slager)
- **No discussion regarding what happens** if state education funds are used for a vacation, flat panel television or other questionable purchases under the guise of special education
- Without requiring an accounting of expenditures, might some parents be receiving tax free income to be used without regard to its application to student instruction?
- The biggest fear of educators is that students will not make similar progress at home and upon returning to the local public school will have a larger learning gap to try to fill and in the case of high school students if they return after any significant time as a home schooler, it will be nearly impossible to get them through one of the new much **more rigorous Graduation Pathways**
- Current language limits the education savings account to students with special needs but has no family income limits (fear is one step from a debit card for all to go to any school or home school of their CHOICE)

SB 534 Senator Raatz (2017)

Special education scholarship account program. Establishes the Indiana special education scholarship account program (program). Requires the treasurer of state to administer the program. Establishes: (1) the special education scholarship account fund (fund); and (2) requirements and conditions for the program. Requires the department of education (department) to, on or before May 1 and January 1 of each year, provide the treasurer of state a list of the names of students with disabilities who require special education and for whom an individualized education program has been developed. Provides that any grant amount distributed to a taxpayer's Indiana special education scholarship account Special education scholarship. Requires the treasurer of state to: (1) annually request a parent of an eligible student or an emancipated eligible student who is participating in the program to complete a written survey; and (2) annually provide a summary of the survey to the governor and the legislative council. Continuously appropriates money from the fund and the accounts established within the fund for the purposes of the program

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| B. | <p>Assistant Superintendent / Personnel – <i>Al Gandolfi</i></p> <p>1. Personnel Recommendations – Action Required</p> <p><i>I. Certified Temporary Appointment:</i></p> <p><i>A. Appointment:</i></p> <p><i>1. Janice Bales, (Crown Point), Teacher, Peifer Elementary School, (effective September 6, 2017 for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year).</i></p> <p><i>II. Classified Appointments & Resignations:</i></p> <p><i>A. Appointments:</i></p> <p><i>1. Mallory Zahorsky, (Dyer), Title 1 Reading Tutor, Homan Elementary School, (effective January 9, 2018).</i></p> <p><i>2. Meghan Bednarek, (Dyer), ENL Tutor, Protsman Elementary School, (effective January 9, 2018 for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year).</i></p> <p><i>B. Resignations:</i></p> <p><i>1. Kimberly McDermott, Registrar, Lake Central High School, (effective January 8, 2018).</i></p> <p><i>2. Michelle Miranda, Café Assistant, Kolling Elementary School, (effective December 21, 2017).</i></p> <p><i>3. Sandra Klosak, Operational Assistant, Grimmer Middle School, (effective December 4, 2017).</i></p> <p><i>III. Certified Extracurricular Resignations:</i></p> <p><i>A. Resignations:</i></p> <p><i>1. Kevin Satterblom, 7th Grade Volleyball Coach, Kahler Middle School, (effective for the 2018-19 school year).</i></p> <p><i>2. Dustin Gorelick, 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach, Clark Middle School, (effective December 27, 2017).</i></p> <p><i>IV. Classified Extracurricular Appointment & Resignation:</i></p> <p><i>A. Appointment:</i></p> <p><i>1. Joseph Mims, (Schererville), Boys Track Coach Assistant, Lake Central High School, (effective February 2018).</i></p> <p><i>B. Resignation:</i></p> <p><i>1. Chris Tinberg, Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach, Lake Central High School, (effective December 22, 2017).</i></p> <p><i>V. West Lake:</i></p> <p><i>Certified Temporary Appointments:</i></p> <p><i>A. Appointments:</i></p> <p><i>1. Zenon Mills, (Dyer), Teacher, Campagna Academy, (effective September 25, 2017 for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year).</i></p> <p><i>2. Paul Benninghoff, (Dyer), Teacher, Frank Hammond Elementary School, (effective October 2, 2017 for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year).</i></p> <p><i>Classified Termination:</i></p> <p><i>A. Termination:</i></p> <p><i>1. Casey Allen, Paraprofessional, Wilbur Wright Middle School, (effective January 8, 2018).</i></p> <p><i>VI. Approval of Lake Central School Corporation Substitute Staff Appointments And Terminations – Refer to list of substitutes hired and terminated from December 13, 2017-January 9, 2018.</i></p> |
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		2. Lake Central DOT Drug Testing Policy
	C.	<p>Director of Primary Education – <i>Theresa Schoon</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Professional Leave Request – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Howard Marshall moved to approve the professional leave request of Deedee Logan. Don Bacso seconded the motion. Motion carried. Upcoming State Assessments
	D.	<p>Director of Secondary Education – <i>Sarah Castaneda</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Professional Leave Requests – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janice Malchow moved to approve the field trip requests of Christina Arroyo (2), George Smith, Robert Gustas, Karen Barcelli, Mackenzie Barcelli, Kendal Smith, Nicholas Podrebarac and Terri Budlove. Cindy Sues seconded the motion. Motion carried. Field Trip Request – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cindy Sues moved to approve the field trip requests of Robert Gustas, Karen and Mackenzie Barcelli, Terri Budlove, Dawn Combis and Mike Swartzentruber. Don Bacso seconded the motion. Motion carried. Graduation Pathways ISTEP Waiver Status High School Course Proposals – Action Required <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Lake Central High School</p> <p>8400 Wicker Avenue • St. John, Indiana 46373 • Phone: 219-365-8551 • Fax: 219-365-7156 • www.lcsc.us</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">January 8, 2017</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Proposed New Course Offerings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Physics C (Year) Human and Social Services I (Year) - Need approval from consortium (CTE Funded) Intro to Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management (Year) (CTE Funded) Advanced Child Development (Semester) (CTE Funded) Introduction to Guitar (Semester) Entrepreneurship (CTE Funded) WBL - Multiple Pathways (CTE Funded) WBL - Family and Consumer Sciences (CTE Funded) Certificate of Completion Course Titles <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Proposed Changes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Journalism - Was a year-long course, now semesters: Publication Design and Writing Cadet Teaching now called “Education Professions” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janice Malchow moved to approve. Cindy Sues seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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E. Director of Special Education – *Becky Gromala*

1. Professional Leave Requests – **Action Required**
 - Howard Marshall moved to approve the professional leave requests of Laurie James, Marianne Orfanos, Jenna DeBaal and Amy Monesmith. Cindy Sues seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. Special Education Child Count Summary

Special Education Funding

- Funding based on student count and disability areas
- Child Count conducted on December 1, 2017
- Student counts determine Additional Pupil Count (APC) funding and contribute to census data used for Part B grant allocations
- Total APC for Lake Central: \$4,498,998 (non-public students included in this amount)

APC Funding Groups and Amounts December 1, 2017 SE Count

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	\$8,976 (increase of \$176/student from 16-17 funding levels)	248 (228 in 2016)
Group 2	Emotional Disability Other, Specific Learning Disability, Mild Cognitive Disability, Moderate Cognitive Disability, Other Health Impairment	\$2,300	674 (714 in 2016)
Group 3*	Language or Speech Impairment	\$500	626 (614 in 2016)
Preschool	All Eligibilities	\$2,750	149 (146 in 2016)

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

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
No. of Students	1371	1421	1371	1414	1459	1489	1452

F. Director of Facilities – *Bill Ledyard*

G. Director of Technology – *Rick Moreno*

H. Director of Business Services – *Rob James*

1. 2016 Pay 2017 Tax Collections Update
 - On December 20, 2017, all taxing units in Lake County received their final tax settlement from the County Auditor for the 2016 Pay 2017 property tax collections. This year, the Lake Central School Corporation had a collection rate of 98.80% of the taxes levied. This percentage is very consistent with what we have averaged over the past few years.
2. 2018 Tax Anticipation Warrants Update
 - On November 20, 2017 the School Board authorized the school corporation to borrow our 2018 Tax Anticipation Warrants through the Hammond Bond Bank. The interest rate for the warrants came in at 2.125% for the June 30th maturities and 2.375% for the December 31st maturities.
3. Donations – **Action Required**
 - The Kahler Dance Team received donations of \$250 from Hose Connection, Inc.; \$100 from Kim Odegard and \$11 from an anonymous donor.
 - The Homan 4th grade teachers each received \$50 from NIPSCO for participating in their Energy Safe Kids Program. The money is to be used for items in their classrooms.
 - Bibich received \$200 from the Exelon Dollars for Doers Program.
 - Ridgeway Petroleum in Dyer, as part of the Exxon Mobile Educational Alliance, has donated \$500 to the Kahler Science Olympiad Program.
 - Tim and Debbie Murphy donated \$1,000 to the Structured Learning Program at Clark Middle School.
 - Syhr Boutiques donated \$5 to Kolling Elementary School.
 - The Clark Theater Department would like to donate \$100 to the Lake Central International Thespian Society Club.
 - Kolling held a Jump Rope for Heart event on December 8th. A total of \$30,123.40 was raised. Most of the money was donated online or via checks directly to the American Heart Association. However, \$4,559.47 was collected by Kolling. The school is seeking permission to donate the \$4,559.47 raised at Kolling to the American Lung Association.
 - The Clark staff and student body collected money for the family of Amayah Myszak, the Grimmer Middle Student who suffered injuries in an accident this fall. Clark would like to donate the entire \$829.35 that was raised to the family of Amayah Myszak.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Kolling Student Council also held a fundraiser for the family of Amayah Myszak. Kolling would like to donate the entire \$744.68 that was raised to the family of Amayah Myszak. Janice Malchow moved to approve the donations. Don Bacso seconded the motion. Motion carried.
VII	Public Comments– <i>Don Bacso</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no public comments.
VIII	Board Comments and Consideration of Future Agenda Items – <i>Don Bacso</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Howard Marshall offered well wishes for year 2018. Janice Malchow said thank you for the information provided this evening. Don Bacso also thanked for the information and is looking forward to a successful year.
IX	Board Calendar of Future Activities – <i>Dr. Veracco</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Board meeting is in two weeks, on Monday, January 22nd, followed by Monday, February 5th and Tuesday, February 20th. Please continue to check school calendars for activities.
X	Adjournment – <i>Don Bacso</i> – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janice Malchow moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.
<p>Minutes of the January 8, 2018 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the January 22, 2018 School Board Meeting.</p>	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>ATTEST:</p> </div> <div style="width: 60%;"> <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 20px; text-align: right;"> Don Bacso, School Board President </div> <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; text-align: right;"> Cindy Sues, School Board Secretary </div> </div> </div>	
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