

LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION
Lake Central High School
KAY TRAPP BOARD ROOM – Enter Door E
8260 Wicker Avenue, St. John, Indiana 46373
Monday, January 22, 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, 8260 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN on January 22, 2018. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Don Bacso, President
 Sandy Lessentine, Vice-President
 Janice Malchow, Board Member
 Howard Marshall, Board Member
 Cindy Sues, Secretary

Board Members Not Present

Administration Present

Sarah Castaneda, Director of Secondary Education
 Becky Gromala, Director of Special Education
 Rob James, Director of Business Services
 Bill Ledyard, Director of Facilities
 Theresa Schoon, Director of Primary Education
 Dr. Lawrence Veracco, Superintendent

Administration Not Present

Al Gandolfi, Assistant Superintendent
 Rick Moreno, Director of Technology

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 22, 2018

*All Motions Were Passed With a 5-0
 Vote Unless Otherwise Indicated*

I	Call to Order – <i>Don Bacso</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and Pledge of Allegiance led by Board President, Don Bacso.
II	Board of Finance Meeting – <i>Rob James</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Election of President of Board of Finance – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall nominated Don Bacso for President of the Board of Finance. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried. B. Election of Secretary for the Board of Finance – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall nominated Cindy Sues for Secretary for Board of Finance. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried. C. Review the Investments of the Lake Central School Corporation for 2017 D. Adopt the Investment Resolution – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandy Lessentine moved to adopt the Investment Resolution. Cindy Sues seconded the motion. Motion carried. E. Removal of Outstanding Checks – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall moved to approve. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion. Motion carried. F. Motion to Adjourn the Board of Finance Meeting – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting. Cindy Sues seconded the motion. Motion carried. G. Reconvene as Board of School Trustees

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III	<p>Agenda: Approval, Deletions, Additions - <i>Dr. Veracco</i>- Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisions to the Agenda include a corrected typographical error in section VIII.A.3., and revised Personnel Recommendations. • Janice Malchow moved to approve. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion. Motion carried.
IV	<p>Correspondence – <i>Cindy Sues</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no correspondence.
V	<p>Liaison Committee Updates – <i>Don Bacso</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. West Lake Joint Managing Board: Howard Marshall: Next meeting is on January 24th at LC. 2. Dyer Parks Department: Don Bacso: No report. 3. Personnel Interview Committee: Howard Marshall/Sandy Lessentine. No report. 4. Legislative Committee: Janice Malchow: Backpack Full of Cash at Merrillville HS on Jan. 24th. 5. Lake Central Education Foundation: Janice Malchow: Working on next round of grants. LCEF worked with the LCHS Science Olympiad Invitation over weekend. 6. Wellness Committee: Sandy Lessentine/Janice Malchow: Wellness activities begin in February. 7. Dollars for Scholars: Cindy Sues: Penny Wars have begun. 8. Dyer Redevelopment Committee: Don Bacso: No school related items at last meeting. 9. St. John Redevelopment Committee: Cindy Sues: Next meeting on January 25th. 10. Schererville Redevelopment Committee: Sandy Lessentine: No report.
VI	<p>Official School Board Business Topics: Consent Agenda – <i>Dr. Veracco</i> – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janice Malchow moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.
	<p>A. Approval of Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 8, 2018: Special Board Meeting/Workshop – No Minutes Taken • January 8, 2018: Organizational and Regular Board Meeting
	<p>B. Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures</p>
VII	<p>Public Comments Regarding Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ronna Reznik, St. John: Spoke to the Board in favor of a referendum. • John DeVries, St. John: Spoke to the Board in favor of a referendum.
VIII	<p>Official School Board Business Topics: Regular Agenda</p>
	<p>A. Superintendent – <i>Dr. Veracco</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professional Leave Requests – Action Required <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. IAPSS winter meeting b. ICPE Rally at Statehouse • Howard Marshall moved to approve the professional leave requests of Dr. Veracco and Al Gandolfi. 2. HB 1426 and Locally Designed Pathway

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HB 1426 Representative Behning

- Provides that Indiana will establish one diploma (to align with ESSA)
- Provides that each Indiana diploma must include one of the following designations: (1) General designation. (2) Core 40 designation. (3) Core 40 with academic honors designation. (4) Core 40 with technical honors designation
- Provides that a nationally recognized college entrance exam shall be administered as part of the statewide assessment program for high school students. Eliminates the requirement of end of course assessments to be administered as part of the statewide assessment program. The minimum passing scores must be approved by the commission for higher education and **may not be lower** than the national college ready benchmark established for that particular exam.
- Provides that the state board may approve a local graduation pathway. But, it has been stated that any pathway must be equally rigorous as the pathways outlined in SBOE approved requirements. (does not alleviate lack of pathway for any student in a CTE sequence who changes their mind)
- Still very little guidance on what we will do with out of state transfers in of grade 12 students
- The minimum passing scores must be approved by the commission for higher education and **may not be lower** than the national college ready benchmark established for that particular exam.
- No discussion regarding students in core 40 or general track who fail to hit the college ready ACT or SAT benchmarks

Graduation Pathway Implementation Committee Notes

- At the recent Ready NWI meeting, Mr. McDermott who serves on the principal group that is working to clarify the implementation of the pathway requirements has indicated that State Board of Education members have stated that no modifications will be made to the Pathway requirements
- This continues to cause concern due to the lack of pathways for some students
- Capacity issues regarding availability of CTE licensed teachers and money for administration of ASVAB are still troubling
- Who will pay for additional attempts at SAT or ACT?
- Student transfers even within Indiana can prove to be problematic if local pathways are inconsistent
- How do we assist ELL students if they arrive in Indiana late (grades 11 or 12)?

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3. Referendum Tax Levy Resolution – Action Required

REFERENDUM TAX LEVY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 20-46-1, as amended, permits a public school corporation to adopt a resolution to place a referendum on the ballot if the governing body of the school corporation determines that the school corporation cannot, in a calendar year, carry out its public educational duty unless it imposes a referendum tax levy under Indiana Code 20-46-1, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of the Lake Central School Corporation (the "School Corporation"), being the governing body of the School Corporation, has determined that based on current revenue calculations for the years 2019 through and including 2026, the School Corporation will not be able to carry out its public educational duty unless it annually imposes a referendum tax levy in accordance with Indiana Code 20-46-1, as amended; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the Board now desires to adopt a resolution to place a referendum on the ballot under Indiana Code 20-46-1, as amended, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that based on current revenue calculations for the years 2019 through and including 2026, the School Corporation will not be able to carry out its public educational duty unless it annually imposes a referendum tax levy of up to, but not to exceed \$0.17 per \$100 assessed valuation per year starting in 2019 through and including 2026, in accordance with Indiana Code 20-46-1, as amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there shall be placed on a ballot to be considered in a referendum of the registered voters residing in the boundaries of the School Corporation at an election to be held on May 8, 2018, the following question: " For the eight (8) calendar years immediately following the holding of the referendum, shall the Lake Central School Corporation impose a property tax rate that does not exceed seventeen cents (\$0.17) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation and that is in addition to all other property taxes imposed by the School Corporation for the purpose of funding academic and educationally related programs, to manage class sizes, and retain teachers?"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of the School Corporation (the "Superintendent") or Director of Business Services (the "Business Officer") of the School Corporation or the Secretary of the Board be and hereby is authorized to certify a copy of this resolution to the Department of Local Government Finance in accordance with Indiana Code 20-46-1, as amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any officer of the Board, the Superintendent or the Business Officer be, and hereby is, authorized, empowered and directed, on behalf of the School Corporation, to take any and all action as such person deems necessary or desirable to effectuate the foregoing resolutions, including any revisions to the form of the public question in order to receive approval from the Department of Local Government Finance, and any such actions heretofore made or taken be, and hereby are, ratified and approved.

Passed and adopted this 22nd day of January, 2018.

President, Board of School Trustees

Secretary, Board of School Trustees

- Howard Marshall moved to approve the Resolution. Cindy Sues seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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B. Assistant Superintendent / Personnel – *Al Gandolfi*

1. Personnel Recommendations – **Action Required**

I. Certified Resignation:

A. Resignation:

1. *Samantha Cox, English Teacher, Lake Central High School, (effective January 23, 2018).*

II. Classified Appointment, Resignations, & Retirement:

A. Appointment:

1. *Cathy Kveton, (St. John), 9 Month Secretary, Lake Central High School, (effective January 23, 2018).*

B. Resignations:

1. *Meghan Bednarek, ENL Tutor, Protsman Elementary School, (effective January 8, 2018).*
2. *Kim Mucharski, Paraprofessional, Homan Elementary School, (effective January 25, 2018).*

C. Retirement:

1. *Denise Miloshoff, 9 Month Music Secretary, Lake Central High School, (effective May 25, 2018).*

III. Certified Extracurricular Resignation:

A. Resignation:

1. *Pam Neth, Summer Play Director, Lake Central High School, (effective Summer 2018).*

IV. West Lake:

Classified Appointments, Transfer, & Resignations:

A. Appointment:

1. *Corina Vazquez, (Merrillville), Paraprofessional, Protsman Elementary School, (effective January 23, 2018).*

B. Transfer:

1. *Jessica Horvat, from Behaviorist 7 hours daily to Behaviorist 3 hours /Paraprofessional 4 hours daily, Lake Central High School, (effective January 18, 2018).*

C. Resignations:

1. *Jamie Sotiroski, Paraprofessional, Clark Middle School, (effective January 7, 2018).*
2. *Latonya Branch, Paraprofessional, Lake Central High School, (effective January 19, 2018).*

V. Approval of Lake Central School Corporation Substitute Staff Appointments And Terminations – Refer to list of substitutes hired and terminated from January 10, 2018-January 23, 2018.

- Janice Malchow moved to approve the personnel recommendations. Don Bacso seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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	<p>2. Professional Leave Request – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall moved to approve the professional leave request of Gladys Rediger and Debbie Caldwell. Cindy Sues seconded the motion. Motion carried.
C.	<p>Director of Primary Education – <i>Theresa Schoon</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professional Leave Request – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandy Lessentine moved to approve the professional leave request of Chris Mikuly. Cindy Sues seconded the motion. Motion carried. 2. Strategic Plan Curriculum Audit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall had a data collection unit question. • Sandy Lessentine had a question about use of textbooks for curriculum. • Janice Malchow asked where is the curriculum located specifically, and if it is available online. • Sandy Lessentine asked about math UbD units. Sandy Lessentine would like to look at the textbooks and see what this all looks like.
D.	<p>Director of Secondary Education – <i>Sarah Castaneda</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strategic Plan Curriculum Audit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall remarked on the number of Social Studies units listed and asked about the expected amount of time needed to get through all of them. • Janice Malchow asked about a shortage of books Mrs. Castaneda mentioned earlier, and asked if students are getting access to online textbooks. • Janice asked if textbooks are driving the curriculum or is the curriculum driving the textbooks. • Sandy Lessentine had several questions about who chooses the topics being used, if any research is done, instructional strategies, changes in grading assessments, etc. 2. Professional Leave Requests – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall moved to approve the professional leave requests of Richard Moore, Marty Freeman, Melissa Rettig, Jennifer Blackhurst, Nicole Raber, Mallory McGreehin, Terry Richardson, Joan Loden, Kelly Dominik, Tammy Hart, Jeffrey Emond, Tristan Piercy, Dawn Combis, Mallory McGreehin (4), Amanda Harle, Margaret Govert, Kari Regan, Edward Beck, Susan Schweitzer, Jolene Bogacki, Beth Hamacher and Julie Moore. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3. Field Trip Requests – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall moved to approve the field trip requests of Kevin Lewis and Cheryl Geras. Cindy Sues seconded the motion. Motion carried.
E.	<p>Director of Special Education – <i>Becky Gromala</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professional Leave Request – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall moved to approve the professional leave request of Emily Adams. Cindy Sues seconded the motion. Motion carried.
F.	<p>Director of Facilities – <i>Bill Ledyard</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IFA Water Sampling Program - Update
G.	<p>Director of Technology – <i>Rick Moreno</i></p>

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H.	<p>Director of Business Services – <i>Rob James</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transfer of Textbook Rental Fees – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A student's textbook rental charge is divided into three components: textbooks, consumables, and general fees. When a student makes a payment, the entire amount is receipted into our Textbook Rental Fund. However, only the purchases of textbooks and consumables are allowed to be charged to the Textbook Rental Fund. The expenditures related to the general fees portion are charged to the General Fund. We have implemented a process in which the district will transfer the fees collected from the Textbook Rental Fund to the General Fund on a semi-annual basis. From July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017, \$211,483.84 of fees were collected. Therefore, I am requesting a transfer of \$211,483.84 from the Textbook Rental Fund to the General Fund. • Sandy Lessentine moved to approve. Cindy Sues seconded the motion. Motion carried. 2. Extra-Curricular Purchases – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clark Middle School Theatre Department would like to purchase six wireless headset microphones. The microphones and corresponding antenna management system would cost an estimated \$6,261 and would be paid from the Clark Theatre Extra Curricular Account. • Cindy Sues moved to approve. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3. Donations – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kolling Elementary School received a \$100 donation from Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories and a \$1,500 donation from Walmart. • Clark Middle School recently held a Red Out Day. The school would like to donate the \$502 raised to the American Heart Association. • The Clark Student Council would like to donate \$500 to the family of Amayah Myszak, the Grimmer Middle School student who suffered injuries in an accident this fall. • Grimmer Middle School received a check in the amount of \$250 from First Financial Bank to be sent to the family of Amayah Myszak. The school is seeking permission to forward this money to the family. • Howard Marshall moved to approve. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion. Motion carried.
IX	<p>Public Comments– <i>Don Bacso</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Joan Martin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thank you for your support of the Science Olympiad and allowing them to host their first invitational at LC. - Requested permission to take the Science Olympiad team and travel to a competition in Ohio this weekend.
X	<p>Board Comments and Consideration of Future Agenda Items – <i>Don Bacso</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janice Malchow: Valparaiso is instituting Transitional Kindergarten. If the referendum comes to fruition, this is something to consider. Thank you Sarah and Theresa for your reports on curriculum audit. With all the work we've done on strategic plan and organizing the community focus groups and online surveys from the stakeholders, I hope we can go on to the next phase in the near future.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandy Lessentine: Thanks to Mr. Begley, the staff and the volunteers who worked on Winter Formal, it was wonderful, all kids and staff had really great time. After looking at competitive salaries for teachers and what they pay for healthcare, we have so many class offerings here at LC that not everyone gets - we need to keep great teachers and give them what they need. Kudos to Mr. Begley and staff and thanks for all you do. Dr. DeVries, thank you for speaking here tonight and sharing exactly why we need to move this forward. • Don Bacso echoed the comments of Dr. DeVries, Janice Malchow and Sandy Lessentine.
XI	<p>Board Calendar of Future Activities – <i>Dr. Veracco</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Board Meeting on Monday, February 5th and then on Tuesday, February 20, 2018. • First girls’ gymnastic meet at LC will be this Thursday.
XII	<p>Adjournment – <i>Don Bacso</i> – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandy Lessentine moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Cindy Sues seconded the motion. Motion carried.
<p>Minutes of the January 22, 2018 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the February 5, 2018 School Board Meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Don Bacso, President</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ATTEST:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Cindy Sues, Secretary</p> <p>///</p>	