

LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION
Lake Central High School
LGI ROOM – Enter Door E
8260 Wicker Avenue, St. John, Indiana 46373
Monday, October 15, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Lake Central School Corporation was held in the LGI ROOM at Lake Central High School, 8260 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN on October 15, 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
 Terry Mucha, Director of Human Resources
 Theresa Schoon, Director of Primary Education
 Dr. Lawrence Veracco, Superintendent

Administration Not Present

Rick Moreno, Director of Technology

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 15, 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	Agenda: Approval, Deletions, Additions - <i>Dr. Veracco- Action Required</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisions to the Agenda include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revisions to the Personnel Recommendations under Terry Mucha’s section. - Additional Professional Leave Requests under Theresa Schoon’s section. • Cindy Sues moved to approve the Revised Agenda. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.
III	Correspondence – <i>Cindy Sues</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no correspondence.
IV	Liaison Committee Updates – <i>Don Bacso</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. West Lake Joint Managing Board: Howard Marshall: West Lake Meeting at Lake Central on 11/14 at 4:00 pm. 2. Personnel Interview Committee: Howard Marshall/Sandy Lessentine: Nothing to report. 3. Lake Central Education Foundation: Janice Malchow: Honoring recipients of the Education Foundation Fall 2018 Grants. 4. Legislative Committee: Janice Malchow: Expects a meeting with legislators in December. 5. Schererville Redevelopment Committee: Sandy Lessentine: Nothing to Report.

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	<p>6. Wellness Committee: Sandy Lessentine/Janice Malchow: Met on October 10. Flu shots will be held at Kahler on Oct. 15, Grimmer on Oct. 19th and Lake Central on Oct. 22nd. Wellness surveys are out. Committee has sent surveys regarding Health Fair. LC continues to keep health care at same cost due to new wellness plans in place.</p> <p>7. St. John Redevelopment Committee: Cindy Sues: Nothing to report.</p> <p>8. Dollars for Scholars: Cindy Sues: Ghouls at the School on Monday 10/29 at 6:30 pm at LCHS.</p> <p>9. Dyer Redevelopment Committee: Don Bacso: Curb improvements and addition of sidewalks, especially along Hart St/Sheffield Ave.</p> <p>10. Dyer Parks Department: Don Bacso: Nothing to report.</p>																														
V	<p>Official School Board Business Topics: Consent Agenda – Dr. Veracco – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Howard Marshall moved to approve the consent agenda. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion. Janice Malchow abstained from voting due to her absence last meeting. Motion carried 4-0. 																														
A	<p>Approval of Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 1, 2018: Regular Meeting 																														
B	Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures																														
VI	<p>Public Comments Regarding Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no public comments regarding action items. 																														
VI I	Official School Board Business Topics: Regular Agenda																														
A	<p>Superintendent – Dr. Veracco</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Metropolitan Life Retirement Plan Review Lake Central Education Foundation - Fall 2018 Grants <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Lake Central Education Foundation Round 48 – Summer 2018 STEM in Memory of Dan Runyan</p> <p>Number of Grants Funded: 4 Cumulative Grants Funded: 565 Amount: \$1,926.89 Cumulative Amount: \$286,793.52 Impacting Approximately 2,503 Students</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Grant #</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Person Awarded</th> <th style="text-align: center;">School</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Project Title</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Amount Requested & Awarded 10-15-18</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td>Denise Kelly</td> <td>Kahler</td> <td>I can see clearly now!</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$499.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td>Sara Antkowiak</td> <td>Watson</td> <td>Make a <i>Dash</i> for Technology</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$481.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td>Judy Toczek and Stephanie Spotora</td> <td>Watson Homan</td> <td>Cubes for Kids</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$495.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td>Julie Moore and Trish Giese</td> <td>Elementary District Math</td> <td>Breaking through Standardized Test Skills with Breakout EDU</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$450.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4" style="text-align: right;">Grand Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,926.89</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Summaries:</p> <p>One: Students will be employing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), cooperatively using problem solving strategies to use and operate a microscope properly in order to complete labs and answer questions pertaining to the field of life science.</p> <p>Two: Dash and Dot are child friendly robots that encourage STEM learning, creativity, curiosity in the classroom for students of all ages.</p> <p>Three: Third and Fourth grade students will solve the complex Rubik's Cube by following the step by step instructions and/or will produce designs by creating mosaics with the Rubik's Cube to foster their collaborative and self-guided learning skills.</p> <p>Four: Using unplugged activities with hands-on and digital tasks that align with standardized testing skills will create problem-solvers that use higher-order thinking skills to persevere through strenuous tasks. This can assist students that have difficulty completing multi-step problems that build upon each other and require extended patience and attention.</p> </div>	Grant #	Person Awarded	School	Project Title	Amount Requested & Awarded 10-15-18	1	Denise Kelly	Kahler	I can see clearly now!	\$499.90	2	Sara Antkowiak	Watson	Make a <i>Dash</i> for Technology	\$481.99	3	Judy Toczek and Stephanie Spotora	Watson Homan	Cubes for Kids	\$495.00	4	Julie Moore and Trish Giese	Elementary District Math	Breaking through Standardized Test Skills with Breakout EDU	\$450.00	Grand Total				\$1,926.89
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Lake Central Education Foundation
Grant Round 49

Number of Grants Funded: 9
Amount: \$3,223.37
Impacting Approximately 2,157 Students

Cumulative Grants Funded: 575
Cumulative Amount: \$290,016.89

Grant #	Person Awarded	School	Project Title	Amount Requested & Awarded 10-15-18
1	Christina Perez	Bibich	Make Game Time, Brain Time	\$435.16
2	Mary Ann Medved	Clark	Expanding Expression for All Abilities	\$452.00
3	Aubrey Nelson	Clark	In the End, Everyone's Reading!	\$371.76
4	Denise Snyder	Clark	Falling Towers – A Historic Lesson	\$350.28
5	Kristen Shanley	Homan	STEM Problem Solving	\$439.55
6	Angela Guzman	Clark	Science Olympiad Event Projects	\$428.97
7	Michelle Stan	Homan	Super Sensational Sensory Walk	\$253.01
Grand Total				\$2,730.73

Michele Tyler 2018 Fall Grant Round

Grant #	Person Awarded	School	Project Title	Amount Requested & Awarded 10-15-18
A	Colette Herald	Kahler	Reading for All Students	\$243.38
B	Allison Castle	Clark	Far-reaching Fiction for Young Adults	\$249.26
Grand Total				\$492.64

Summaries:

One: Puzzlets, along with Dash the Robot, is an interactive, hands-on gaming system that is used to focus on coding to build developmental, digital, and intrinsic skills.

Two: With the Expanding Expression Tool, students of all abilities will be able to expand upon basic language concepts using multisensory approach.

Three: The novels *In the End* and *In the After* will be used to promote independent student reading, group cooperation in student-lead book discussion groups, and overall enthusiasm for reading dystopian literature.

Four: *Falling Towers*, by Jewell Parker Rhodes, offers educators a way to discuss the events of September 11th from a historical and social perspective, including themes of community, diversity, and socioeconomic differences.

Five: Third graders will use problem solving STEM kits to enhance their learning and understanding of fables and fairy tales.

Six: Students will learn and hone their Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics skills through their use of build event kits and materials, so that they may be competitive in upcoming Science Olympiad events.

Seven: Using a sensory based movement for students to help regulate their emotions, calm, and become more focused.

A: In order to meet the diverse needs of my students, I would like to offer many different types of reading materials at many different levels for my classroom library to help my students become lifelong readers and learners.

B: Adding to and updating my classroom library to fit the needs of my current (and future) students will foster independent readers who are successful in all aspects of life. Better readers = Better thinkers

B Director of Human Resources / Personnel – Terry Mucha

1. Personnel Recommendations – Action Required

I. Classified Appointments, Resignations, & Transfers:

A. Appointments:

1. *Dalia Hoover (St John), Secretary/Bookkeeper, Bibich Elementary School, (effective October 12, 2018).*
2. *Samantha Young (Cedar Lake), Bus Aide, Transportation Department, (effective October 16, 2018).*
3. *Leslie Benninghoff (St John), Bus Driver, Transportation Department, (effective October 16, 2018).*

B. Resignations:

1. *Amy Shelton, Secretary/Bookkeeper, Bibich Elementary School, (effective October 12, 2018).*
2. *Amy Roznowski, Paraprofessional, Kolling Elementary School, (effective October 12, 2018).*

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C. Transfers:

- 1. Miriam Martinez, from Café Assistant to Paraprofessional at Peifer Elementary School, (effective October 11, 2018).*
- 2. Rita Updyke, from Paraprofessional to Custodian 1A at Homan Elementary School, (effective October 16, 2018).*

II. Certified Extracurricular Appointments & Resignation:

A. Appointments:

- 1. Jason Putman, Head Wrestling Coach, Clark Middle School, (effective October 1, 2018).*
- 2. Becky Stevenson, Mentor for Alexandra Boulazeris, Homan Elementary School, (effective October 16, 2018).*
- 3. Christine Gaines, Science Olympiad Assistant Coach, Kahler Middle School, (effective for the 2018-19 school year).*

B. Resignation:

- 1. Ashley Kline, Dollars for Scholars Sponsor, Lake Central High School, (effective September 21, 2018).*

III. Classified Extracurricular Appointments:

A. Appointments:

- 1. Nick Johnson, Assistant Wrestling Coach, Clark Middle School, (effective October 1, 2018).*
- 2. Bill Smith (St John), Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, Lake Central High School, (effective for the 2018-19 school year).*
- 3. Kathleen Gaines (Hobart), Science Olympiad Head Coach, Kahler Middle School. (effective for the 2018-19 school year).*

IV. West Lake

Classified Appointments, Change of Hours, & Resignations:

A. Appointments:

- 1. Jessica Soto (Merrillville), Paraprofessional, West Lake/Clark Middle School, (effective October 8, 2018).*
- 2. Jennifer Bokori (Crown Point), Paraprofessional, TAP, (effective October 15, 2018).*
- 3. Laura Auriemma (Highland), Paraprofessional, Eads Elementary School, (effective October 10, 2018).*

B. Resignations:

- 1. Stephanie Strohacker, Paraprofessional, Kahler Middle School, (effective October 15, 2018).*

V. Approval of Lake Central School Corporation Substitute Staff Appointments and Resignations – Refer to attached list of substitutes hired and resigned from October 3, 2018 – October 16, 2018.

- Howard Marshall moved to approve the Revised Personnel Recommendations. Don Bacso seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C Director of Primary Education – Theresa Schoon

1. Professional Leave Requests – Action Required

- Howard Marshall moved to approve the professional leave requests of Joshua Wierzba, Lindsey Lannon (2), Theresa Schoon, Deedee Logan, Joanne Pratt, Amanda Caddick, Julie

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2. ISTEP Results 2017-2018

Lake Central Elementary ISTEP Results						
	E/LA 2016-17	E/LA 2017-18	Difference	Math 2016-17	Math 2017-18	Difference
State Results						Difference
3rd Grade	69.4	67.4	2	57.8	59.3	1.5
4th Grade	65.9	63.8	2.1	61.9	60.9	1
Lake Central School Corp			Difference			Difference
3rd Grade	86.2	82.4	3.8	76.7	74.8	1.9
4th Grade	81	77.1	3.9	81.5	78.4	3.1
Bibich Elementary			Difference			Difference
3rd Grade	92	93	1	81.3	81.7	0.4
4th Grade	90.8	87.5	3.3	86.7	83.8	2.9
Homan Elementary			Difference			Difference
3rd Grade	82.6	74.1	8.5	68.5	68.1	0.4
4th Grade	83	78.7	4.3	76.3	75.3	1
Kolling Elementary			Difference			Difference
3rd Grade	84.9	81.2	3.7	79.5	73.5	6
4th Grade	78	78.1	0.1	80.5	85.4	4.9
Peifer Elementary			Difference			Difference
3rd Grade	88.1	85.6	2.5	81.8	80	1.8
4th Grade	79.8	79.5	0.3	83	83.3	0.3
Protsman Elementary			Difference			Difference
3rd Grade	82.7	84.1	1.4	75	81.1	6.1
4th Grade	72.5	69.8	2.7	82.6	72.3	10.3
Watson Elementary			Difference			Difference
3rd Grade	90	80	10	76.2	63.8	12.4
4th Grade	86.9	74.5	12.4	80.8	72.7	8.1

D Director of Secondary Education – *Sarah Castaneda*

1. ISTEP Results 2017-2018

Lake Central Secondary ISTEP+ Data						
	ELA 2016-17	ELA 2017-18	Difference	Math 2016-17	Math 2017-18	Difference
State Average	65.2	64.1	-1.1	58.5	58.3	-0.2
5th Grade	62.4	60.4	-2	65.8	65.6	-0.2
6th Grade	66.5	65.2	-1.3	59.6	57.9	-1.7
7th Grade	65.1	64.3	-0.8	50.6	50.3	-0.3
8th Grade	61.8	63.6	1.8	55.1	55.7	0.6
10th Grade	60.5	58.9	-1.6	36.8	36.2	-0.6
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5th Grade	72.9	72.4	-0.5	71.3	78.7	7.4
6th Grade	75.6	75.1	-0.5	63.7	66.2	2.5
7th Grade	74.9	80.1	5.2	47.1	51.5	4.4
8th Grade	64.9	75.3	10.4	49.4	58.9	9.5
10th Grade	64	66.1	2.1	47.8	37.1	-10.7
Clark Middle School	71.6	75.9	4.3	59	65.1	6.1
5th Grade	75	77.9	2.9	74.7	80.6	5.9
6th Grade	75.6	71	-4.6	65.9	70	4.1
7th Grade	73.5	79.4	5.9	48.3	49.2	0.9
8th Grade	63.2	75.9	12.7	49.7	60.7	11
Grimmer Middle School	72.1	75.4	3.3	56.6	62.9	6.3
5th Grade	68.6	66	-2.6	67	70.2	3.2
6th Grade	77.4	77	-0.4	60.8	65.1	4.3
7th Grade	78.9	82.6	3.7	52.9	53.4	0.5
8th Grade	65	75.7	10.7	47.1	63.1	16
Kahler Middle School	72.2	76.2	4	56.8	62.8	6
5th Grade	74.7	72.1	-2.6	71.6	83.3	11.7
6th Grade	74	78	4	64.2	62.7	-1.5
7th Grade	73.2	78.9	5.7	40.8	53	12.2
8th Grade	67	75.9	8.9	51.7	53.5	1.8
Lake Central High School						
10th Grade	64	66.1	2.1	47.8	37.1	-10.7

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

- Howard Marshall moved to approve the field trip requests of Abigail Homans, Susan Schweitzer, Kim Kwiecinski, Amanda Huesca, Justine Vroom, Liz Bukur, Michelle

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Demming, Angela Craig, Jeff Magdziarz, Bob Gustas, Carla Mago, Cheryl Geras (2), Mario Castaneda, Maria Genovese, Gretchen Pishkur, Amanda Pritt, Cindy Fort, Doug McCallister, James Simmons, Lori Smith, Joe Huppenthal (2), Tom Golumbeck (2), Jeanette Gray (2), Angela Bartolomeo, Leta Sena-Lopez, Laura Bloom-Johnson, Colette Herald. Cindy Sues seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Field Trip Requests – **Action Required**

- Cindy Sues moved to approve the field trip requests of Morgan Kleinaman, Joe Huppenthal, Tom Golumbeck, Jeanette Gray, Luke Triveline. Don Bacso seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E Director of Special Education – *Becky Gromala*

F Director of Facilities – *Bill Ledyard*

1. Town of Dyer Water Board Bibich Water Main Improvement – Update
2. NIPSCO Primary Electric Upgrades Homan ES - Update
3. LCSC Maintenance Building – Update

G Director of Technology – *Rick Moreno*

H Director of Business Services – *Rob James*

1. Donations – **Action Required**
 - Bibich Elementary School received a donation of \$200 from the Dyer Presbyterian Church Mission Fund.
 - The Special Education TAP program received a donation of \$35 from State Farm.
 - Kolling Elementary School received a donation of \$800 for their Robotics Club from Anderson & Vreeland, Inc.
 - Watson Elementary School received a donation of \$50 from Mr. & Mrs. Anchan, parents of a Watson student.
 - Cindy Sues moved to approve all donations. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. ADM Update

ADM - September 2018

Grade	LCHS	CLARK	GRIMMER	KAHLER	BIBICH	HOMAN	KOLLING	PEIFER	PROTSMAN	WATSON	Total by Grade
K					89	105	155	88	111	72	620
1					88	98	139	90	124	82	621
2					88	113	136	103	123	87	650
3					100	83	165	98	133	92	671
4					75	117	124	94	140	79	629
5		226	197	231							654
6		284	208	257							749
7		302	220	252							774
8		278	222	260							760
9	827										827
10	850										850
11	796										796
12	839										839
13	19										19
Total	3331	1090	847	1000	440	516	719	473	631	412	9459

Sept '17	3286	1130	872	1003	407	516	665	425	656	444	9404
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Difference	45	(40)	(25)	(3)	33	0	54	48	(25)	(32)	55
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janice Malchow asked if residency checks are being done and if schools with higher numbers are being supported with extra help.
VIII	<p>Public Comments– <i>Don Bacso</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dan Reising, Dyer: Disagrees with decision to accept Mr. Brannock’s retirement and voiced concerns regarding current students in the auto class. Dr. Veracco read into the record an exchange of texts between himself and board member Janice Malchow from September 22, 2018. Terri Gosnell: Disagrees with decision to accept Mr. Brannock’s retirement and voiced concerns regarding current students in the auto class. Ricky Sanchez: Disagrees with decision to accept Mr. Brannock’s retirement and voiced concerns regarding current students in the auto class.
IX	<p>Board Comments and Consideration of Future Agenda Items – <i>Don Bacso</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janice Malchow: Gave her account of what happened on September 21, 2018. St. John Police Chief James Kveton spoke to the audience regarding Mr. Brannock and the investigation of the events on September 21, 2018. Sandy Lessentine: Asked about the difference between the school investigation and the criminal investigation and how a vote on a personnel matter could be taken if criminal investigation is not yet complete. Also questions regarding safety and security around the auto shop. Cindy Sues wished the 8th grade students traveling to Washington DC a safe and fun trip. Janice Malchow explained why the Board was unable to modify the motion to accept Mr. Brannock’s retirement at the prior meeting.
X	<p>Board Calendar of Future Activities – <i>Dr. Veracco</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We meet back in three weeks.
XI	<p>Adjournment – <i>Don Bacso</i> – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Howard Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Cindy Sues seconded the motion. Motion carried.
<p>Minutes of the October 15, 2018 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the November 5, 2018 School Board Meeting.</p>	
<p style="text-align: right;">_____ Don Bacso, President</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Cindy Sues, Secretary</p>	
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