

LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION
Lake Central High School
Freshmen Center Commons Area – ENTER DOOR F
8260 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373
Monday, May 18, 2020 at 9:00 am

A meeting of the Board of School trustees of the Lake Central School Corporation was held in the Freshmen Center Commons Area at Lake Central High School, 8260 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN on May 18, 2020. The meeting began at 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Not Present

Sandy Lessentine, Vice President
Don Bacso, Board Member

Administration Present

Dr. Lawrence Veracco, Superintendent
Terry Mucha, Director of Human Resources
Rob James, Director of Business Services
Bill Ledyard, Director of Facilities

Administration Not Present

Sarah Castaneda, Director of Secondary Education
Theresa Schoon, Director of Primary Education
Becky Gromala, Director of Student Services
Rick Moreno, Director of Technology

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 18, 2020

*Motions voted 3-0
unless otherwise indicated*

- I. Call to Order – *Cindy Sues*
 - The meeting was called to order, and Pledge of Allegiance led by Board President, Cindy Sues.

- II. Agenda: Approval, Deletions, Additions – *Dr. Veracco* – **Action Required**
 - Revisions to the Agenda include an updated Personnel Recommendations packet under Terry Mucha’s section.
 - Howard Marshall moved to approve. Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.

- III. Correspondence – *Howard Marshall*
 - Howard Marshall read a card from Linda Hemmerling, who thanked the School Board and Administration for the continuation of pay throughout COVID-19.

- IV. Liaison Committee Updates – *Cindy Sues*
 - A. Personnel Interview Committee: Howard Marshall/Sandy Lessentine: Nothing to report.
 - B. Schererville Redevelopment Committee: Sandy Lessentine: No report given.
 - C. Wellness Committee: Sandy Lessentine/Janice Malchow: Nothing to report.
 - D. Lake Central Education Foundation: Janice Malchow: Nothing to report.
 - E. Legislative Committee: Janice Malchow: Nothing to report.
 - F. St. John Redevelopment Committee: Cindy Sues: Nothing to report.

- G. Dollars for Scholars: Cindy Sues: Dollars For Scholars has sent out scholarship letters to students.
- Janice Malchow asked about the possibility of a DFS scholarship from the School Board.
- H. Dyer Redevelopment Committee: Don Bacso: No report given.

V. Official School Board Business Topics: Consent Agenda – *Dr. Veracco* – **Action Required**

A. Approval of Minutes

- 3-2-20 Special Meeting/Workshop
- 3-2-20 Executive Session
- 3-2-20 Regular Meeting
- 3-9-20 Executive Session
- 3-17-20 Special Board Meeting
- 4-7-20 Special Board Meeting

B. Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures

- Dated April 20, 2020
 - Dated May 4, 2020
 - Dated May 18, 2020
- Janice Malchow moved to approve all Minutes, Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures. Howard Marshall seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.

VI. Public Comments Regarding Action Items

- There were no public comments.

VII. Official School Board Business Topics: Regular Agenda

A. Superintendent – *Dr. Veracco*

1. Lake Central and Food Distribution

Recap of the LC food distribution at the St. John VFW. All going very well, numbers increased from the onset. The expectation is that food distribution will continue until at least the 2nd week of June.

- Howard Marshall asked about food service funds that are not currently being spent on newly purchased food items. (Rob James explained there is no real excess, as there are no funds coming in.)
- Janice Malchow asked about the CARES Act and how it works. (Rob James explained how the CARES Act relates to LC.)
- Janice Malchow requested that reminders be sent out about food distribution Wednesdays, possibly using robocall.

2. Graduation Scenarios

- Discussion about probable set-up and commencement ceremony being held on football field. Conversations continuing about details including number of parents per grad, marked seating, how or if diploma gets handed out, photo opportunities, stage set up, etc.
- Planned date for Thursday, July 16th, with a rain date for Friday, July 17.
- Cindy Sues asked about the possibility of an 8th grade awards ceremony.

3. Kahler Middle School Carnegie Hall Trip
 - Trip was cancelled by Carnegie Hall. Group of 24 students, sponsor and chaperones. Many parents lost a substantial amount of money due to the cancellation. Moving forward, changes will need to be made on how trips like this are handled and discuss with parents the risk factors, etc.
 - Discussion about use of disclaimers in future for all who rent our space for groups, etc, in case of cancellation.
 - Howard Marshall asked who the Flag Football group is associated with.
 - Cindy Sues asked that the information be sent on to families involved as soon as a determination has been made.
 - Janice Malchow asked if language can be added to future agreements. (Dr. Veracco replied that we will ask the organization to add/send that information themselves as they are the sponsors/organization providing the service.)

B. Director of Human Resources/Personnel – *Terry Mucha*

1. Personnel Recommendations – **Action Required**

Document Attached

- Janice Malchow moved to approve the personnel recommendations as revised. Howard Marshall seconded the motion.
 - Howard Marshall had a question about item 4.a.1.
 - Janice Malchow asked for clarification on a new teacher listing.
 - Motion carried.
2. High School, Middle School, Elementary School Handbooks – **Action Required**
- Howard Marshall moved to approve all handbooks. Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
3. Certified Staffing Request – **Action Required**
- Document Attached*
- Howard Marshall moved to approve the Certified Staffing Request. Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
4. Summer School 2020
- Document Attached*
- Howard Marshall asked about summer gym.
 - PE will be held online except for the pool. There will be an online water safety class. Pool possibility in small group scenarios.
 - Janice Malchow asked what would happen if pool PE cannot be accomplished in person. Possible scenarios were discussed.

C. Director of Primary Education – *Theresa Schoon*

D. Director of Secondary Education – *Sarah Castaneda*

E. Director of Student Services - *Becky Gromala*

- Howard Marshall complimented Mrs. Gromala, the Student Services department and the article about them in the Tribune.
- Janice Malchow stated the article helped give a better understanding of that department and what they do.
- Cindy Sues complimented the great article.
- Terry Mucha stated that we are all proud of them.

F. Director of Facilities – *Bill Ledyard*

1. Installation of the Lightning Detection System/Sensor at KMS by the Town of Dyer- Update
2. Grimmer MS Roof (Library & West Classroom Area) project – Update
3. The New North Parking Lot Addition at Homan ES – Update

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4. LCSC 2020 Spring/Summer Projects - Update
- Janice Malchow complimented the grounds and landscaping at LC, and asked if the small area on the sidewalk outside of Central Office could be patched.

G. Director of Technology – *Rick Moreno*

H. Director of Business Services – *Rob James*

Documents Attached

1. Donations – **Action Required**

- Howard Marshall moved to approve all donations. Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
 - Janice Malchow asked about the American Heart Association donation, the AHA Director, the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser, and if the AHA offers anything to our students. Can we consider other organizations?
2. Food2School Purchasing Agreement and Approval of 2020-2021 Food Service Bids – **Action Required**
- Janice Malchow moved to approve. Howard Marshall seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.

3. 2020 Tax Rates

VIII. Public Comments – *Cindy Sues*

- There were no public comments.

IX. Board Comments and Consideration of Future Agenda Items – *Cindy Sues*

- Dr. Veracco informed the Board that Southwest Air is giving travel vouchers to the people affected by the cancellation of the Carnegie Hall trip.
- Dr. Veracco discussed various situations regarding return to face to face instruction, including bus transportation of students and the inability to completely prevent students from crossing paths. More information will come in 6-8 weeks and there is much to consider, including parent thoughts and opinions. This is a very emotional topic for parents.
- Howard Marshall asked if we are obligated to follow the majority of what other Indiana schools do. Dr. Veracco explained that without a Governor's order, we have the right to choose.
- Dr. Veracco informed the Board that they will need to decide as a group, on the time of future Board Meetings, and when we would return to the Kay Trapp Board Room.
- Howard Marshall thanked the Central Office administrators and fellow Board members for their support during this difficult time and has very good vibes about all.
- Janice Malchow stated she too has no worries, everything is being handled so well.
- Dr. Veracco said he is still concerned for the start of school, especially for the most vulnerable kids. Overall, we still need to consider the kids' emotional well being.

X. Board Calendar of Future Activities – *Dr. Veracco*

XI. Adjournment – *Cindy Sues* – **Action Required**

- Howard Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 am. Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
- Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Minutes of the May 18, 2020 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the June 15, 2020 School Board Meeting.

Cindy Sues, President

ATTEST:

Howard Marshall, Secretary