

LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION
Lake Central High School
LGI ROOM – Enter Door E
8260 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373
Monday, August 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Board of School trustees of the Lake Central School Corporation was held in the Lake Central High School LGI Room, 8260 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN on August 2, 2021. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

Nicole Kelly, Board Member
Howard Marshall, Secretary
Jennifer Medlen, Board Member
Cindy Sues, President
Janice Malchow, Vice-President

Board Members Not Present

Administration Present

Dr. Lawrence Veracco, Superintendent
Terry Mucha, Director of Human Resources
Sarah Castaneda, Director of Secondary Education
Rebecca Gromala, Director of Student Services
Yolanda Bracey, Director of Primary Education
Bill Ledyard, Director of Facilities
Rob James, Director of Business Services

Administration Not Present

Rick Moreno, Director of Technology

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go to the School Board section of website at www.lcsc.us*

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 2, 2021

All motions passed with 5-0
unless otherwise noted.

- 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**
 - Revision to Professional Development Dates listed as (4.) under Terry Mucha’s section, making it an action item.
 - Janice Malchow moved to approve the Revised Agenda.
 - Nicole Kelly seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.

- III. Correspondence – *Howard Marshall*
 - There was no correspondence.

- IV. Liaison Committee Updates – *Cindy Sues*
 - A. Personnel Interview Committee: Howard Marshall
 - B. Schererville Redevelopment Committee: Nicole Kelly
 - C. Wellness Committee: Jennifer Medlen / Janice Malchow
 - D. Lake Central Education Foundation: Janice Malchow
 - E. Legislative Committee: Janice Malchow

- F. St. John Redevelopment Committee: Cindy Sues
- G. Dollars for Scholars: Cindy Sues
- H. Dyer Redevelopment Committee: Jennifer Medlen

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

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - Executive Session: July 12, 2021
 - Regular Board Meeting: July 12, 2021
- B. Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures
 - Howard Marshall moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
 - Jennifer Medlen seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.

VI. Public Comments Regarding Action Items

The following community members addressed the Board **regarding the Return to School Guidance proposed for action:**

Nick Stoming, St. John	Lisa Kalinich, Schererville	Kristina Abel, St. John
Maureen Ralsston, Schererville	Tom Ralson, Schererville	Jillian Schranz, Dyer
Kurt Nafziger, Schererville	Margie Gross, Schererville	Jeff Fryzel, St. John
Mike Aurelio, St. John	Brian Chelgren, St. John	Kelly Ziglowitz, Crown Point
Angie Wilner Tansey, Dyer	Scott Lane, Crown Point	Phil Kickert, St. John
Kim Nelson, Schererville	Cassara Lopez, St. John	Carla Dobrovits, St. John
Michelle Helton, Schererville	Tim True, Dyer	Holly Rodriguez, Crown Point
Kristin Pryor, Schererville	Laura Dubish, St. John	Chris Biegel, Schererville
Chris Rzepca, Dyer	Ryan Hallett, St. John	Cherie True, Dyer
Paul Tortoriello, Dyer		

VII. Official School Board Business Topics: Regular Agenda

A. Superintendent – *Dr. Veracco*

1. Return to School Guidance - **Action Required**

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- Howard Marshall moved to approve.
- Jennifer Medlen seconded the motion.

Discussion followed.

- Nicole Kelly made a motion to amend the standing motion to change bullet point number two in the mask section to change the Pre-K through 6th grade student mask protocol from required to strongly recommended as it states through grades 7-12 and to authorize Dr. Veracco to adjust the mask protocol when our advisory rises out of blue.

Howard Marshall stated that the original motion is still on the table and that prior to any discussion of changing that motion, the original motion must be voted upon.

Roll call on original motion to accept Dr. Veracco's recommendation:

Howard Marshall - Aye Nicole Kelly - Nay
Jennifer Medlen - Aye Janice Malchow - Nay
Cindy Sues - Nay

A vote was called on Nicole Kelly's motion to amend the standing motion to change bullet point number two in the mask section to change the Pre-K through 6th grade student mask protocol from required to strongly recommended as it states through grades 7-12 and to authorize Dr. Veracco to adjust the mask protocol when our advisory rises out of blue.

Dr. Veracco asked for specificity relating to the movement from blue to another color such as yellow, orange, etc. Mrs. Kelly stated she would be comfortable with orange. If we moved to orange, the original recommendation would become effective. Further discussion ensued.

Recess called for three minutes. After three minutes, the meeting resumed.

Cindy Sues confirmed Nicole Kelly's motion on the amended protocol. Janice Malchow seconded the motion.

Further discussion.

Roll call:

Howard Marshall - Nay Nicole Kelly - Aye
Jennifer Medlen - Nay Janice Malchow - Nay
Cindy Sues - Aye

Janice Malchow made a motion to remove the strongly recommended language and remove the color reference and also to require that the school board reconvene should any changes be made to this suggestion. Janice Malchow clarified to say that she would like to make a motion that masks are optional. And then work on the wording later in a work session. The rest of the document will stand as is.

Howard Marshall commented that the board is supposed to act on recommendations brought forth by the Superintendent. Not bring forth motions on their own.

Nicole Kelly seconded the document with the exception of bullet point number 2.

Roll call:

Howard Marshall - Aye Nicole Kelly - Aye
Jennifer Medlen - Aye Janice Malchow - Aye
Cindy Sues - Aye

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

1. Personnel Recommendations – **Action Required**

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- Jennifer Medlen moved to approve.
- Nicole Kelly seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

2. High School Football Booster Club - **Action Required**

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- Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
- Jennifer Medlen seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

3. High School Associate Principal Stipend - **Action Required**

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- Jennifer Medlen moved to approve.
- Nicole Kelly seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

4. Professional Development Dates - **Action Required**

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- Howard Marshall moved to approve.
- Jennifer Medlen seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

C. Director of Primary Education – *Yolanda Bracey*

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1. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required**

- Howard Marshall moved to approve.
- Nicole Kelly seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

2. New Teacher Orientation

3. Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

D. Director of Secondary Education – *Sarah Castaneda*

1. Social Emotional Learning

2. Freshmen Rush

3. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required**

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- Howard Marshall moved to approve.
- Jennifer Medlen seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

4. Field Trip Requests - **Action Required**

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- Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
- Jennifer Medlen seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

E. Director of Student Services - *Becky Gromala*

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- Janice Malchow moved to approve.
- Howard Marshall seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

F. Director of Facilities – *Bill Ledyard*

1. LCSC/SAI Optimization LCFC Controls NIPSCO Incentive – Update
2. 2021 Summer CPF Projects – Update

G. Director of Technology – *Rick Moreno*

H. Director of Business Services – *Rob James*

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1. Authorization to Advertise the Annual Financial Report - **Action Required**

- Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
- Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

2. Donations - **Action Required**

- Jennifer Medlen moved to approve.
- Nicole Kelly seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

3. Textbook Rental Fund Update

VIII. Public Comments – *Cindy Sues*

- The following community members addressed the board with various concerns:

Laura Dubish, St. John

Sherry Wittig, Crown Point

Crystal Vera, St. John

Cathy O'Brien

Melissa Hodges

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

Nicole Kelly: Good luck to staff and students on the first day of school.

Janice Malchow: We've got to remember to stay positive and be good role models. Not everyone got their way tonight, there's a lot of emotions that were in the room and we need to bury that and just move forward and be a united team. We need to do everything we can to mitigate and do whatever and then if we get to a point where we are being infected than we have to be willing to respond to that need. That's the thing that I fear that people will not be respectful of that event when it occurs. If it gets to a red level and we need to mask I am so afraid that some of our individuals will not cooperate with us and that fear - that's a big fear for me. So I'm looking to you as being leaders that you can get that message out that you know there may come a time where you have to be responsive to the needs of the school corporation. And ma'am, I'm sorry, I disagree with you. My decision tonight was not made so I can be reelected for school board. I was really just looking at the data that I could find specifically for the tri-town area.

Cindy Sues: I too would like to wish everyone a very nice start back to school.

- X. Board Calendar of Future Activities – *Dr. Veracco*
Would like to remind everyone about the St. John Corn Roast on Friday at Clark Middle School. All of the proceeds go to scholarships.
- XI. Adjournment – *Cindy Sues* – **Action Required**
- Janice Malchow moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:37pm.
 - Nicole Kelly seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.

Minutes of the August 2, 2021 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the August 16, 2021 School Board Meeting.

Cindy Sues, President

ATTEST:

Howard Marshall, Board Secretary