

**LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION**

**Lake Central High School**

**LGI ROOM – Enter Door E**

**8260 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373**

**Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

Board Members Present

Janice Malchow, Board Member - Via Zoom Call  
Howard Marshall, Board Member  
Jennifer Medlen, Vice-President  
Cindy Sues, President

Board Members Not Present

Nicole Kelly, Secretary

Administration Present

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

Administration Not Present

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

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go to the School Board section of website at [www.lcsc.us](http://www.lcsc.us)*

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, January 18, 2022**

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

- I. Call to Order – *Cindy Sues*
  - The meeting was called to order, and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President, Cindy Sues.
  
- II. Board of Finance Meeting - *Rob James - Documents Attached*
  - A. Election of President of the Board of Finance - **Action Required**
    - Howard Marshall nominated Cindy Sues for President of the Board of Finance.
    - Jennifer Medlen seconded the motion.
    - Motion carried.
  - B. Election of Secretary for the Board of Finance - **Action Required**
    - Howard Marshall nominated Nicole Kelly for Secretary of the Board of Finance.
    - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
    - Motion carried.
  - C. Report on the Fiscal Health of the School Corporation (per 2019 SEA 549)
  - D. Review the Investments of the Lake Central School Corporation for 2021
  - E. Adopt the Investment Resolution - **Action Required**
    - Howard Marshall moved to adopt the Investment Resolution.
    - Jennifer Medlen seconded the motion.
    - Motion carried.

- F. Removal of Outstanding Checks - **Action Required**
  - Howard Marshall moved to approve.
  - Jennifer Medlen seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried.
  
- G. Motion to Adjourn the Board of Finance Meeting - **Action Required**
  - Janice Malchow moved to adjourn.
  - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
  - Meeting adjourned.
- H. Reconvene as Board of School Trustees
  
- III. Agenda: Approval, Deletions, Additions – *Dr. Veracco* – **Action Required**
  - Revisions to the Agenda:
    - Updated Personnel Recommendations under Terry Mucha’s section.
  - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
  - Jennifer Medlen seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried.
  
- IV. Correspondence – *Cindy Sues for Nicole Kelly*
  - There was no correspondence.
  
- V. Liaison Committee Updates – *Cindy Sues*
  - A. Personnel Interview Committee: Howard Marshall
  - B. Schererville Redevelopment Commission: Nicole Kelly
  - C. Schererville Parks Department: Nicole Kelly
  - D. Wellness Committee: Jennifer Medlen
  - E. Lake Central Education Foundation: Janice Malchow
  - F. Legislative Committee: Janice Malchow
  - G. St. John Redevelopment Commission: Cindy Sues
  - H. Dollars for Scholars: Cindy Sues
  - I. Dyer Redevelopment Commission: Jennifer Medlen
  
- VI. Official School Board Business Topics: Consent Agenda – *Dr. Veracco* – **Action Required**
  - A. Approval of Minutes
    - Special Board Meeting: January 3, 2022
    - Organizational and Regular Board Meeting: January 3, 2022
  - B. Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures
    - Janice Malchow moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
    - Jennifer Medlen seconded the motion.
    - Motion carried.
  
- VII. Public Comments Regarding Action Items
  - There were no public comments on action items.
  
- VIII. Official School Board Business Topics: Regular Agenda
  - A. Superintendent – *Dr. Veracco*
    - 1. Dyer Parks Department Liaison Appointment - **Action Required**
      - Cindy Sues moved to appoint Janice Malchow to serve as the Dyer Parks Liaison.

- Jennifer Medlen seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried.
2. Construction Liaison Appointment - **Action Required**
    - Cindy Sues moved to be appointed to serve as the Construction Liaison.
    - Jennifer Medlen seconded the motion.
    - Janice Malchow would like to have discussion later about her interest as also serving as Construction Liaison.
    - Motion carried.
  3. Legislative Update - *Document Attached*
- B. Director of Human Resources/Personnel – *Terry Mucha*
1. Personnel Recommendations – **Action Required**
    - Jennifer Medlen moved to approve.
    - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
    - Motion carried.
  2. Substitute Teacher Raises - **Action Required**
    - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
    - Howard Marshall seconded the motion.
    - Motion carried.
  3. Catering Event Pay Raises - **Action Required**
    - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
    - Jennifer Medlen seconded the motion.
    - Motion carried.
  4. Conflict of Interest Statement
  5. Professional Leave Request - **Action Required**
    - Jennifer Medlen moved to approve.
    - Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
    - Motion carried.
- C. Director of Primary Education – *Yolanda Bracey*
1. CogAT Update
- D. Director of Secondary Education – *Sarah Castaneda*
1. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required**
    - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
    - Jennifer Medlen seconded the motion.
    - Motion carried.
  2. Field Trip Requests - **Action Required**
    - Jennifer Medlen moved to approve.
    - Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
    - Motion carried.

E. Director of Student Services - *Becky Gromala*

F. Director of Facilities – *Bill Ledyard*

G. Director of Technology – *Rick Moreno*

H. Director of Business Services – *Rob James*

1. Bibich Elementary School Expansion - Joint Project and Preliminary Determination Hearing

2. Quarterly Financial Report

3. Transfer of Textbook Rental Fees - **Action Required**

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

4. Professional Leave Request - **Action Required**

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

5. Donations - **Action Required**

- Janice Malchow moved to approve.
- Jennifer Medlen seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

VIII. Public Comments – *Cindy Sues*

- Margaret Jablonski, Crown Point: Masks
- Robert Buckman, Crown Point: Masks
- Kristina Abel, St. John: Masks
- Allison Kwiatkowski, Dyer: Masks and Vaccines
- Cherie True, Dyer: Masks

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

**Howard Marshall:** Normally, when another fellow board member makes a comment specifically directed at me, based on what she is talking about, I let it slide. But, since I have been called out as the author of a slating motion at our previous board meeting, which I initiated individually, with no collusion with other board members, and for her to categorically label me as being very unprofessional, I take issue with that. Thank you.

**Jennifer Medlen:** Thanks Mrs. Logan for all of your years at Bibich, you were wonderful. I look forward to talking about goals for Lake Central School Corporation again.

**Janice Malchow:**

Thank you for coming out and speaking again, it is very frustrating. I know that if I had the power to change it I would change it. But, we just don't, because we live in a system, and all those systems are interconnected. And, whether we like it or not, it is just the way it is in the state of Indiana. I recently returned from a trip to Louisiana and Mississippi, the hot places in the area supposedly, went to a basketball game with LSU and Tennessee, saw maybe 10 masks. Went to visit my brother

in the hospital and masks are not even required in the hospital in Mississippi. So, it was a whole different feeling down there than what we have up here. And, I don't know the source of all the overreaction, I call it overreaction that we have here in Indiana. I don't know the source of it, I do know there is some inaccurate data out there from the get-go that was never corrected by our county. But, moving on, Dr. Medlen I am curious do you know, because I know you keep track of CDC, you are good about this, was there a change in leadership at the CDC recently? The only reason I ask is because it seems like different messages are coming out than came out before and, I guess I didn't pay attention to the speaker in past, and I was just curious if this new lady that is speaking has always been.

**Cindy Sues:** I would just like to say thank you to Mrs. Logan for all of your years of service. Good luck to all of the winter teams heading into final meets, DAC tournaments and sectionals. I also want to wish our juniors and seniors attending winter formal a safe and fun evening.

- X. Board Calendar of Future Activities – *Dr. Veracco*
  - Next meeting on Monday, February 7th.
  
- XI. Adjournment – *Cindy Sues* – **Action Required**
  - Jennifer Medlen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.
  - Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Minutes of the January 18, 2022 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the February 7, 2022 School Board Meeting.

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Cindy Sues, President

ATTEST:

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Nicole Kelly, Secretary