

LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION

Lake Central High School

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8260 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373

Monday, September 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 19, 2022

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Not Present

Administration Present

Dr. Lawrence Veracco, Superintendent
Terry Mucha, Director of Human Resources
Rob James, Director of Business Services
Rebecca Gromala, Director of Student Services

Administration Not Present

Sarah Castaneda, Director of Secondary Education
Bill Ledyard, Director of Facilities
Rick Moreno, Director of Technology
Yolanda Bracey, Director of Primary Education

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

*All Motions Were Passed With a 5-0
Vote 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**
 - An addition was made under Dr. Veracco's section, a Professional Leave Request.
 - Revisions were made to the Personnel Packet under Terry Mucha's section.
 - Jennifer Medlen moved to approve the Revised Agenda.
 - Nicole Kelly seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
- III. Correspondence – *Nicole Kelly*
 - There was an e-mail correspondence addressed to Erin Novak, Principal of LCHS, from Douglas C. Edwards, a graduate of the LC Class of 1972. The 50th Year Reunion Committee of the Class of 1972, wanted to show appreciate for the kindness shown during their recent visit to LC, and makes a donation of \$400 to the Lake Central Education Foundation.
- IV. Liaison Committee Updates – *Cindy Sues*
 - A. Personnel Interview Committee: Howard Marshall
 - B. Schererville Redevelopment Commission: Nicole Kelly
 - C. Schererville Parks Department: Nicole Kelly
 - D. Lake Central Education Foundation: Janice Malchow
 - E. Dyer Parks Department - Janice Malchow
 - F. St. John Redevelopment Commission: Cindy Sues
 - G. Dollars for Scholars: Cindy Sues
 - H. Wellness Committee: Jennifer Medlen
 - I. Dyer Redevelopment Commission: Jennifer Medlen

- V. Official School Board Business Topics: Consent Agenda – *Dr. Veracco* – **Action Required**
- A. Approval of Minutes
- Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 6, 2022
- B. Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures
- Nicole Kelly moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
 - Howard Marshall seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
- VI. Public Comments Regarding Action Items
- There were no public comments regarding action items.
- VII. Official School Board Business Topics: Regular Agenda
- A. Superintendent – *Dr. Veracco*
1. Professional Leave Request - **Action Required - Document Attached**
 - Howard Marshall moved to approve.
 - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
 2. Food Service Update - *DeAnn Alleva* - **Document Attached**
 3. Indiana Learns - Tutoring Program Update
 4. Open House Teacher Messaging
- B. Director of Human Resources/Personnel – *Terry Mucha*
1. Personnel Recommendations – **Action Required - REVISED - Document Attached**
 - Nicole Kelly moved to approve the revised personnel recommendations.
 - Jennifer Medlen seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
 2. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required - Document Attached**
 - Jennifer Medlen moved to approve.
 - Howard Marshall seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
- C. Director of Primary Education – *Becky Gromala for Yolanda Bracey*
1. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required - Document Attached**
 - Howard Marshall moved to approve.
 - Nicole Kelly seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
 2. Field Trip Requests - **Action Required - Document Attached**
 - Howard Marshall moved to approve.
 - Jennifer Medlen seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
- D. Director of Secondary Education – *Terry Mucha for Sarah Castaneda*
1. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required - Document Attached**
 - Jennifer Medlen moved to approve.
 - Nicole Kelly 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. Public Hearing on 2023 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and Bus Replacement Plan

- The floor was opened to the public for questions.
- There were none.

2. Donations - **Action Required - Document Attached**

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

VIII. Public Comments – *Cindy Sues*

- Cherie True, Dyer: Addressed the Board regarding concerns she has with a poster found in the high school.

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

- Janice Malchow: We all have interpretations of items and issues and that's why we are in America. Let some of it go. And, let's go down and cheer that volleyball team on to victory right now. So, I am done.
- Cindy Sues: I would like to cheer on the girls golf team because they were sectional winners last week and they are moving on to regionals this Saturday at Sandy Pines. So, congratulations to the girls golf team!
- Howard Marshall: Some school corporations around the state are luckier than others. Two weeks ago I had an opportunity to watch some games down in the Indianapolis area. I have a grandson that is playing for a 7th grade team. We moved from one team to the other court, and the 8th grade team for his school just finished a game. One of the players was standing there, he was 6'9".

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

- Next School Board Meeting: Monday, October 17, 2022

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

Minutes of the September 19, 2022 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the October 17, 2022 School Board Meeting.

Cindy Sues, President

ATTEST:

Nicole Kelly, Secretary

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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Dr. Larry Veracco, Superintendent
DATE: September 19, 2022
RE: **Board Meeting of September 19, 2022**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

REVISED

NAME	Dr. Larry Veracco, Terry Mucha, Jerry Patrick
POSITION	Superintendent, Director of HR, SRO
SCHOOL	Lake Central School Corporation
EVENT	ISBA Fall Conference
DATES	10/02 – 10/04/2022
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Presenting at the ISBA Conference
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana School Boards Association
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 x (3) Estimated Hotel Cost - \$240 x (3) Estimated Required Fees – \$240 x (3) Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage x (3)
FUNDING	030-0-23210-58000-0001

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Food Service Update

Presented by: DeAnn Alleva, Director of Food Service

1. National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP)
2. Menus - Follow USDA Guidelines
3. Offer vs Serve
4. Contributing Factors to program cost increases
5. USDA – Response to increased costs

Thank you

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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Terry Mucha, Director of Human Resources
DATE: September 15, 2022
RE: Board Meeting of September 19, 2022

Personnel

(Board action required)

We are recommending that the following be approved:

I. Certified Retirement:

A. Retirement:

1. Mary Gerlach, Grade 1 Teacher, Bibich Elementary School, (effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year; *19 years of dedicated service with LC, 25 total years*).

II. Classified Appointments, Resignation, Change of Retirement Date, & Change of Hours/Days:

A. Appointments:

1. Colleen Clemens (Re-Hire), Paraprofessional, Lake Central High School, (effective September 12, 2022).
2. Judith Owens (Schererville), Paraprofessional, Lake Central High School, (effective September 7, 2022).
3. Amy Roesch (Chicago Heights), Paraprofessional, Homan Elementary School, (effective September 12, 2022).
4. Kelly Soria (St John), Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant - 2 days per week, Watson & Homan Elementary Schools, (effective October 6, 2022).
5. Julie Denormandie (St John), Paraprofessional, Kolling Elementary School, (effective September 19, 2022).

B. Resignation:

1. Andrea Nieves, Bus Driver, Transportation, (effective September 27, 2022).

C. Change of Retirement Date:

1. Milica Bilijic, Custodian 1A, Peifer Elementary School, (effective November 1, 2022 from December 1, 2022).

D. Change of Hours/Days:

1. Rachel Dermody, Paraprofessional – from 6.75 to 7.0 hours per day, Homan Elementary School, (effective September 13, 2022).

III. Certified Extracurricular Appointments & Resignation:

A. Appointments:

1. Emily Trificante, Co-Sponsor Yearbook, Clark Middle School, (effective for the 22-23 school year).
2. Stephanie Porter, Co-Sponsor Yearbook, Clark Middle School, (effective for the 22-23 school year).

B. Resignation:

1. Kerry Cooper, Girls' Cross Country Coach, Clark Middle School, (effective at the end of the 22-23 season).
2. Kerry Cooper, Math Counts, Clark Middle School, (effective September 14, 2022).

IV. Classified Extracurricular Resignation:

A. Resignation:

1. Tristan Pintor, Assistant Wrestling Coach, Grimmer Middle School, (effective September 14, 2022)

V. Approval of Lake Central School Corporation Substitute Staff Appointments and Resignations – Refer to attached list of substitutes that have been hired and have resigned.

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REVISION

Certified FMLA Leave

Kelly O'Day – Teacher – Peifer

Kaitlyn Sanders – Teacher - Kolling

Patricia Giese – Teacher - Homan

Substitutes - Hired

[illegible]

Substitutes - Resigned

[illegible]

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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Terry Mucha, Director of Human Resources
DATE: Thursday, September 15, 2022
RE: **Board Meeting of September 19, 2022**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

NAME	DeAnn Alleva
POSITION	Director of Food Service
SCHOOL	District
EVENT	ISNA Annual Conference
DATES	11/09-11/11/2022
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Educational Services Food Show
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	ISNA – Indiana School Nutrition Association
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$139 plus tax (x 2 nights) Estimated Required Fees – \$395 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage
FUNDING	22-080-0-31100-58000-0001

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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Dr. Yolanda Bracey, Director of Primary Education
DATE: September 15, 2022
RE: **Board Meeting of September 19, 2022**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

NAME	Alyssa Olund
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	Homan Elementary
EVENT	1 st Grade Field Trip
DATES	10/25/2022
PLACE	Beecher, IL
DESCRIPTION	Field trip to Windmill Acres in Beecher, IL
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Homan 1 st Grade
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Self-Funded

YB/vv

NAME	Kim Hayes
POSITION	Assistant Principal
SCHOOL	Bibich Elementary
EVENT	IASP Assistant Principals Conference
DATES	11/17 – 11/19/2022
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Annual Conference
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	IASP
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$400 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 (pd by INALI) Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage
FUNDING	010-1-24100-58000-0005

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TO: Board of School Trustees

FROM: Yolanda Bracey, Director of Primary Education

DATE: September 15, 2022

RE: **Board Meeting of September 19, 2022**

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

Alyssa Olund, teacher at Homan Elementary, requests to take approximately (102) 1st grade students, along with their 1st grade teachers, teacher aides and parent chaperones, to Windmill Acres Pumpkin Patch in Beecher, IL on October 25, 2022. The students will watch a play about how a seed grows and pick a pumpkin to take home with them. The cost is \$8 per student and parents are responsible for the student's fees.

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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Sarah Castaneda, Director of Secondary Education
DATE: September 15, 2022
RE: **Board Meeting of September 19, 2022**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

NAME	Ashley Kline
POSITION	Guidance Department Head
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Counselor Meet & Greet at the Hammond Area Career Center
DATES	9/15/2022
PLACE	Hammond, IN
DESCRIPTION	Annual Open House
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Hammond Area Career Center
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$0 Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage
FUNDING	684-2-11300-58000-0002

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NAME	Nicole Raber
POSITION	Counselor
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Indiana School Counselor Association Conference
DATES	11/17-11/18/2022
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Conference on mental health development, academic achievement, college & career readiness
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana School Counselor's Association
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$35 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$240 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage
FUNDING	684-2-11300-58000-0002

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Rob James
*Director of Business
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To: Board of School Trustees

From: Mr. Rob James, Director of Business Services

Date: September 15, 2022

RE: Board Meeting September 19, 2022

Public Hearing on 2023 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and Bus Replacement Plan

We will be giving the School Board an update on the 2023 budget, Capital Projects Plan, and 5-Year Bus Replacement Plan. Upon completion, the public shall have an opportunity to be heard.

Donations (Action Required)

Received

Peifer Elementary School received a donation of \$100 from Charities Aid Foundation of America.

Given

The Lake Central High School Girls Soccer team would like to donate \$400 to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

The Administration recommends approving the donations as indicated above.