

**LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**Lake Central High School**  
**KAY TRAPP BOARD ROOM – Enter Door E**  
**8260 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373**

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  
Sarah Castaneda, Assistant Superintendent  
Rebecca Gromala, Director of Student Services  
Rob James, Director of Business Services  
Bill Ledyard, Director of Facilities  
Yolanda Bracey, Director of Primary Education  
Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education

Administration Not Present

*To view the archived video of the meeting in its entirety,  
go to the School Board section of website at [www.lcsc.us](http://www.lcsc.us)*

*All Motions Were Passed With a 5-0  
Vote Unless Otherwise Indicated*

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, October 16, 2023 - 7:00pm**

- 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 Personnel Recommendations under Sarah Castaneda's section, revisions to the Professional Lease Requests under Yolanda Bracey's section, and revisions to the Professional Leave Requests under Misty Scheuneman's section. .
  - Jennifer Medlen moved to approve.
  - Howard Marshall seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried.
- III. Correspondence – *Nicole Kelly*
  - There was no correspondence.
- 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. St. John Parks Department: Cindy Sues

- H. Dollars for Scholars: Cindy Sues
- I. Wellness Committee: Jennifer Medlen
- J. Dyer Redevelopment Commission: Jennifer Medlen

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

A. Approval of Minutes

- Regular Board Meeting: October 2, 2023
- Executive Session: October 11, 2023
- Special Board Meeting: October 11, 2023

B. Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures

- Janice Malchow moved to approve.
- Nicole Kelly 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. Consideration of Board Reorganization
2. Professional Leave Request - **Action Required**
  - Janice Malchow moved to approve the professional leave request for K. Blankenship.
  - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried.
  - Janice Malchow moved to approve the professional leave request for L. Veracco.
  - Howard Marshall seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried.
3. Lake Central Education Foundation Grant Round 59
4. LCHS Veterans Day Information - *Joe Stanisiz*

B. Assistant Superintendent – *Sarah Castaneda*

1. Personnel Recommendations – **Action Required**
  - Nicole Kelly moved to approve the revised Personnel Recommendations.
  - Howard Marshall seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried.
2. Professional Leave Request - **Action Required**
  - Jennifer Medlen moved to approve.
  - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried.
3. Middle School Athletic Directors Fall Report

C. Director of Primary Education – *Yolanda Bracey*

1. Professional Leave Request - **Action Required**
  - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
  - Jennifer Medlen seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried.
2. Science of Reading Presentation

D. Director of Secondary Education – *Misty Scheuneman*

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

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

2. Field Trip Request - **Action Required**

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

E. Director of Student Services - *Becky Gromala*

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

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

F. Director of Facilities – *Bill Ledyard*

1. LCSC 2023 Capital Projects - Update

- a. Bibich ES Projects
  - i. New Building Addition Project
- b. Grimmer MS HVAC Renovation
- c. LCHS Varsity Baseball/Softball Lights

G. Director of Business Services – *Rob James*

1. Donations - **Action Required**

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

2. ADM Update

3. Quarterly Financial Report

VIII. Public Comments – *Cindy Sues*

- There were no public comments.

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

- Jennifer Medlen: I just wanted to say it was excellent to see in the board packet all of the conferences that teachers and administrator are going to, going to learn and share with other people. I find that excellent.
- Janice Malchow: I really enjoy seeing the plan that is developing and coming at the primary level where we're using aimsweb and where we are digging into the data, and probably having data meetings, right? And all those good things that need to be happening, so, it's very good. If any of you are interested in the band, I happened to find out that they have the parent night, you know they always do their show before they go to competition, and it's on November 8th, which of course is the same night as our meeting at Tiebels for the school board, but if you're interested in seeing the band show rather than driving to Indianapolis or Toledo, Ohio, it is on November 8th, probably about 6:00.

- Cindy Sues: Good luck to the boys soccer, they're going to semi-state on Saturday, and our cross-country boys and girls, their regional is also Saturday, so good luck to them.

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

- Next School Board Meeting: November 6, 2023
- Additional Special Board Meeting Wednesday, October 29th, 2023 for board to hear, in a public forum, the tentative agreement after negotiations are completed. Board will vote at November 6th regular meeting.

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

- Cindy Sues moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.
- Nicole Kelly seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

Minutes of the October 16, 2023 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the November 6, 2023 School Board Meeting.

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Cindy Sues, President

ATTEST:

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Nicole Kelly, Secretary

SUPPORTING  
DOCUMENTS  
FOR MINTUES



### Consideration for Board Reorganization – Unincorporated Board Position

The current term for the seat at issue expires December 31, 2025. As such, as an example only, if you start the process yet this calendar year, say hold a discussion on the topic at the second meeting in October, the process could be concluded, absent a petition, during the summer of 2024.

#### *Tentative Timeline*

- October 16, 2023 Board discusses potential plan amendment
- November 6, 2023 Board adopts resolution to amend and restate plan
- November 9, 2023 Publish notice of adoption of plan amendment and voter right to protest/petition for alternative plan
- March 8, 2024 Expiration of 120 notice period
- April 5, 2024 Presuming no petition, deadline to send notice of plan amendment to

#### State Board

- June 10, 2024 Expiration of State Board publication of notice
- June/July, 2024 State Board approval of governing body plan change

	2020 Census	2022 Est.
Lake County	498,700	
St. John Township	68,997	70,527
Town of Dyer	16,515	16,361
Town of Schererville	29,659	29,668
Town of St. John	20,319	22,847
Unincorporated*	2,504	1,651

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TO: Board of School Trustees  
FROM: Dr. Larry Veracco, Superintendent  
DATE: October 12, 2023  
RE: **Board Meeting of October 16, 2023**

## **PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Kristie Blankenship</b>
POSITION	Nurse Coordinator
SCHOOL	District
EVENT	IASN 2023 Annual School Nurse Conference
DATES	11/14 - 11/16/2023
PLACE	Noblesville, IN
DESCRIPTION	Annual conference for school nurses
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana Association of School Nurses
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$377.20 Estimated Required Fees - \$300 Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage
FUNDING	010-1-21340-31200-0009

NAME	Larry Veracco
POSITION	Superintendent
SCHOOL	District
EVENT	2023 IAPSS Annual Meeting
DATES	11/29 - 12/01/2023
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Annual Meeting
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$300 Estimated Required Fees – \$325 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage
FUNDING	030-0-23210-58000-0001



## Lake Central Education Foundation Grant Round 59

Number of Grants Funded: 3  
Amount: \$3,039.24  
Impacting Approximately 248 Students

Cumulative Grants Funded: 632  
Cumulative Amount: \$339,552.74

<b>Grant #</b>	<b>Person Awarded</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Requested &amp; Awarded 10-16-23</b>
1	Courtney Leonhardt	Kolling	Kolling Ukelele Program	\$1,139.60
2	Allison Castle	Clark	The Book Was Better!	\$999.12
3	Sidney Hudi	Clark	Classroom Flexible Seating	\$900.52
Grand Total				\$3,039.24

### Summaries:

One: To help enhance the LCSC elementary music curriculum at Kolling, I will present students with new and practical learning opportunities. Learning the ukulele will help students broaden their knowledge by applying what they have been learning in music class to the ukulele. This unit of study will cover a variety of elementary music standards and will contain interdisciplinary connections as well.

Two: While we can probably all relate to getting sucked into binge watching the latest show or spending a weekend having a movie marathon, sometimes we lose out on the pleasure of just sitting down and curling up with a good book. My goal with the The Book Was Better! project is to show my students while that form of media has value that the book is ALWAYS better.

Three: Many studies have been completed in the last several years showing that flexible seating has a positive impact on student learning and engagement in my classroom. I service students with a variety of disabilities including, but not limited to, ADHD, autism, emotional disabilities, and specific learning disabilities. Flexible seating would provide all students I service with the ability to wobble, rock, bounce, and stand while they complete their work. Movement while working has been shown to increase student engagement, help students focus, create more opportunities for collaboration, and fulfill sensory needs.

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**TO:** Board of School Trustees  
**FROM:** Sarah Castaneda, Assistant Superintendent  
**DATE:** October 12, 2023  
**RE:** Board Meeting of October 16, 2023

## Personnel

## REVISED

*(Board action required)*

We are recommending that the following be approved:

### I. Certified Retirements:

#### A. Retirements:

1. Kim Udchitz, Grade 3 High Ability Teacher, Homan Elementary School, (effective May 29, 2024; *27 year of dedicated service*).
2. Greg Holdeman, Science Teacher, Lake Central High School, (effective May 29, 2024; *6 years of dedicated service with LC/31 years total*).
3. Beverly Bovard, World Language Teacher, Lake Central High School, (effective May 29, 2024; *11 years of dedicated service*).

### II. Classified Appointments, Transfers Retirements, Resignations, Change of Days/Hours, and Termination:

#### A. Appointments:

1. Candida Witry (St John), Paraprofessional, Bibich Elementary School, (effective October 9, 2023).
2. Renee Lamb (Dyer), 9 Month Secretary, Peifer Elementary School, (effective October 10, 2023).
3. Jennifer Kovera (Griffith), Paraprofessional, Bibich Elementary School, (effective October 25, 2023).
4. Samantha Crowley (St John), Paraprofessional 2 days per week, Bibich Elementary School, (effective October 9, 2023).
5. Karen Wildes (Schererville), Paraprofessional Homan Elementary School, (effective October 11, 2023).
6. Hector Garcia (East Chicago), Bus Driver, Lake Central Transportation, (effective October 16, 2023).

#### B. Transfers:

1. Nicole Matchain, from 9 Month Secretary, Peifer Elementary School to Administrative Assistant Payroll, Lake Central School Corporation, (effective October 19, 2023).

2. Salene Bell, from Product Assistant to Cafeteria Substitute, Lake Central School Corporation, (effective October 4, 2023).

**C. Retirements:**

1. Theresa Mirowski, Bus Aide, Transportation, (effective October 25, 2023; *15 years of dedicated service*).
2. Denise McNamara, Paraprofessional, Bibich Elementary School, (effective November 10, 2023; *16 years of dedicated service*).

**D. Resignations:**

1. Allana Knoblich, Paraprofessional, Homan Elementary School, (effective October 8, 2023).
2. Taylor Santoianni, Paraprofessional, Bibich Elementary School, (effective October 24, 2023).
3. Megan Michner, Paraprofessional, Clark Middle School, (effective October 4, 2023).
4. Haylie Reese, Paraprofessional, Homan Elementary School, (effective October 6, 2023).
5. Ilesenia Almanza, Paraprofessional, Grimmer Middle School, (effective October 12, 2023).

**E. Change of Days/Hours:**

1. Nikolina Lukic, Product Assistant, -from 4.25 to 6.0 hours per day, Clark Middle School, (effective October 3, 2023).
2. Alex Trichak, Paraprofessional – from 6.25 to 6.75 hours per day, Bibich Elementary School, (effective October 25, 2023).
3. Michelle Murphy, Paraprofessional – from 5 days to 3 days per week, Bibich Elementary School, (effective October 9, 2023).
4. Samantha Crowley, Café Assistant from 5 days to 3 days per week, Bibich Elementary School, (effective October 10, 2023).

**F. Termination:**

1. Salvatore Greco, Bus Driver, Transportation, (effective October 5, 2023).

**III. Certified Extracurricular Appointments:**

**A. Appointments:**

1. Jeff Mauder, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Head Coach, Grimmer Middle School (effective October 17, 2023).
2. Kristina Collard, Purchase of Plan, Lake Central High School (effective October 11, 2023).
3. Ella Swinney, Temporary N-Teens Co-Sponsor, Lake Central High School (effective October 11, 2023).

**IV. Classified Extracurricular Appointment, Resignation, & Transfer:**

**A. Appointment:**

1. Sir Felix Garcia, Assistant Freshman Wrestling Coach, Lake Central High School, (effective September 27, 2023).
2. Milosh Pujo, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Head Coach, Grimmer Middle School, (effective January 8, 2024).
3. Milosh, Pujo, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball B Team Coach, Grimmer Middle School, (effective October 18, 2023).

4. Joseph Stanley, Assistant Wrestling Coach, Grimmer Middle School, (effective October 17, 2023).

**B. Resignation:**

1. Steven Bos, Assistant Wrestling Coach, Grimmer Middle School, (effective October 3, 2023).

**C. Transfer:**

1. Zachary VanHook, from 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys B-Team Basketball Coach to Head 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Grimmer Middle School (effective October 17, 2023).

**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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October 16, 2023

### Certified FMLA Leave

Alyssa Martinez – Teacher – Bibich

Amanda Serrato – Teacher – LCHS

Stephanie Peterson – Teacher – Kahler

Carrie Wadycki-Cruz – Teacher - LCHS

10/16/2023

Substitutes - Hired
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[illegible]

Substitute - Resigned

[illegible]



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TO: Board of School Trustees  
FROM: Sarah Castaneda, Assistant Superintendent  
DATE: October 12, 2023  
RE: **Board Meeting of October 16, 2023**

## PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

NAME	Misty Scheuneman
POSITION	Director of Secondary Education
SCHOOL	District
EVENT	KINL Coaching Community of Practice
DATES	11/27 - 11/28/2023 - In Person 1/30/24 - Virtual 2/26 - 2/27/2023 - In Person 3/13/24 - Virtual 5/07/24 - Virtual
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Workshops focusing on collaborative growth of our coaching impact
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Keep Indiana Learning
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$140 (2 in person events) Estimated Hotel Cost - \$800 (2 in person events) Estimated Required Fees - \$310 (in person and virtual events combined) Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage & Parking (in person events)
FUNDING	District Title II

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FROM: Yolanda Bracey, Director of Primary Education  
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## PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

**REVISED**

NAME	Marissa Clabaugh
POSITION	Assistant Principal
SCHOOL	Kolling
EVENT	Indiana School Safety Specialist Academy Fall Advanced Training
DATES	10/11 - 10/13/2023
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Advanced school safety specialist training
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana School Safety Specialist Academy
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$479.70 Estimated Required Fees - \$0 Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage and Parking
FUNDING	030-0-26600-58000-0007

YB/vv

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Kim Yelich</b>
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	Watson Elementary
EVENT	Elevate Science of Reading
DATES	October 2023 - May 2024
PLACE	Online Modules
DESCRIPTION	Science of Reading modules for Kindergarten
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Elevate Kindergarten Smorgasboard
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$100.00 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Watson Title II

<b>NAME</b>	<b>K. Bashara, S. Venturelli, E. Skipper, C. Cruz / A. Rogers, D. Hansen, A. Olund, R. Stevenson, D. Curosh, L. Kasperan / S. White, T. Popa, C. Myers, M. Venturelli, P. Finnegan, T. DuBrock, S. Cornwell, M. Ballenger, J. Freeman, S. Henson, S. Sikich, R. Ferguson, K. Sanders, E. Durr, M. Westlund, J. Hayes, . Hobby, B. Perry, J. Walker, A. Murzyn, K. Yelich/ J. Dykstra, K. Rossi, A. O'Brien, K. O'Day, J. Price, A. Chloros, P. Dougherty, S. DeStJean</b>
POSITION	Reading Specialists and Teachers
SCHOOL	Bibich / Homan / Protsman / Watson/ Peifer
EVENT	LETRS Training
DATES	10/20, 11/17, 11/28, 12/07/2023, 1/17, 2/01, 2/21, 3/14/2024
PLACE	Virtual - Kay Trapp Room
DESCRIPTION	Science of Reading Training
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Lexia
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$733.88 x (36) Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Corporation Title II

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Morgan Kleinaman</b>
POSITION	Teacher / Coach
SCHOOL	Peifer / LCHS
EVENT	Girls Cross Country State Championship Meet
DATES	10/27 - 10/28/2023
PLACE	Terre Haute, IN
DESCRIPTION	Girls State Cross Country Meet
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	LCHS Girls Cross Country
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Athletics

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Lisa Alessandri / D’Ann McDermott</b>
POSITION	Elementary Math Coach / Elementary Literacy Coach
SCHOOL	District
EVENT	Addressing the Needs of All Students Using MTSS
DATES	11/09/2023
PLACE	Merrillville, IN
DESCRIPTION	Workshop that will help with the transition from RTI to MTSS (multi-level system of support)
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	IEP TA Workshop
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage x (2)
FUNDING	Corporation Title II

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Lisa Alessandri / D'Ann McDermott</b>
POSITION	Elementary Math Coach / Elementary Literacy Coach
SCHOOL	District
EVENT	Data Driver Coaching Conversations
DATES	11/27 - 11/28/2023
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	conversations about using data to determine coaching cycles
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Keep Indiana Learning
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$35 x (2) Estimated Hotel Cost - \$150.93 x (2) Estimated Required Fees - \$125.00 x (2) Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage x (1)
FUNDING	Corporation Title II

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Alison Petralia, Ashley Mitsch / Kathi Tucker, Alyssa Olund / Joshua Wierzba</b>
POSITION	Principal, Assistant Principal / Principal, Teacher / Assistant Principal
SCHOOL	Bibich / Homan / Protsman
EVENT	Rethinking RTI: Where Are We Now?
DATES	12/06/23
PLACE	Virtual
DESCRIPTION	Workshop on RTI / MTSS transition
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	The Reading League
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$200 x (5) Estimated Travel Cost - \$0
FUNDING	Corporation Title II



<b>NAME</b>	<b>Amanda Murzyn, Kimberly Yelich, Julie Walker, Brittany Perry</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	Teachers
<b>SCHOOL</b>	Watson
<b>EVENT</b>	Elevate Your Classroom 2024
<b>DATES</b>	6/30 - 7/03/2024
<b>PLACE</b>	Nashville, TN
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Conference featuring keynote speakers, breakout sessions and networking opportunities
<b>SPONSORING ORGANIZATION</b>	Elevate Your Classroom
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Estimated Meal Cost - \$105 x (4) Estimated Hotel Cost – \$928.20 x (4) Estimated Required Fees – \$300 x (4) Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage & Parking x (1)
<b>FUNDING</b>	Corporation Title II

## THE MANY STRANDS THAT ARE WOVEN INTO SKILLED READING

### LANGUAGE COMPREHENSION

BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE  
(facts, concepts, etc.)

VOCABULARY  
(breadth, precision, links, etc.)

LANGUAGE STRUCTURES  
(syntax, semantics, etc.)

VERBAL REASONING  
(inference, metaphor, etc.)

LITERACY KNOWLEDGE  
(print concepts, genres, etc.)

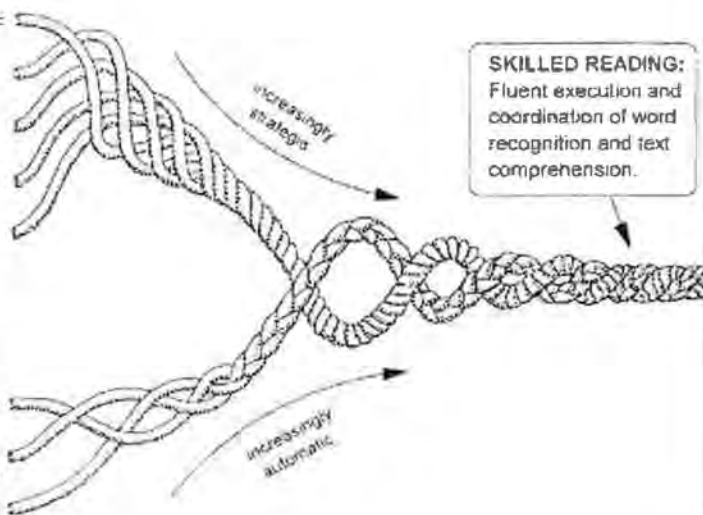
### WORD RECOGNITION

PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS  
(syllables, phonemes, etc.)

DECODING (alphabetic principle,  
spelling-sound correspondences)

SIGHT RECOGNITION  
(of familiar words)

**SKILLED READING:**  
Fluent execution and  
coordination of word  
recognition and text  
comprehension.



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TO: Board of School Trustees  
FROM: Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education  
DATE: October 12, 2023  
RE: **Board Meeting of October 16, 2023**

## PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

REVISED

NAME	Ryan Vondrak
POSITION	Assistant Principal
SCHOOL	Kahler Middle School
EVENT	Advanced School Safety Training
DATES	10/11 - 10/13/2023
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	ISSSA Fall Advanced Training for School Safety Officers
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	IDOE
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$489.96 Estimated Required Fees - \$0 Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage & Parking
FUNDING	030-0-26600-58000-0004

MS/vv

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Stephanie Losito, Kyle Stephens, Sarah Stidham</b>
POSITION	Reading Specialists
SCHOOL	Clark, Grimmer, Kahler
EVENT	Advancing Leveled Literacy Intervention K-8
DATES	10/11, 10/18, 10/25 and 11/01/2023
PLACE	Virtual Sessions
DESCRIPTION	Workshop on optimizing LLI lessons to be more responsive to the strengths and needs of students
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Heinemann
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$189.00 x (3) Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	684-4-11100-31200-0001

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Molly Waldier, Brent Barton</b>
POSITION	Teachers
SCHOOL	Kahler Middle School
EVENT	National Association of Co-Teaching 2023
DATES	10/12/23 and 10/13/23
PLACE	Virtual
DESCRIPTION	Workshop on implementing co-teaching in general education classrooms
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	National Association of Co-Teaching
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$100 x (2) Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	684-4

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Sarah Stidham</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	Reading Specialist
<b>SCHOOL</b>	Kahler Middle School
<b>EVENT</b>	October Tech Director & Instructional Coach Meeting
<b>DATES</b>	10/13/2023
<b>PLACE</b>	Gary, IN
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Opportunity to collaborate, discuss topics and strengthen our regional professional network
<b>SPONSORING ORGANIZATION</b>	NIESC
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage
<b>FUNDING</b>	684-4

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Stephanie Losito, Kyle Stephens, Sarah Stidham</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	Reading Specialists
<b>SCHOOL</b>	Clark, Grimmer, Kahler
<b>EVENT</b>	Adolescent Reading Intervention
<b>DATES</b>	10/17/2023
<b>PLACE</b>	Virtual
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Workshop on individualized interventions
<b>SPONSORING ORGANIZATION</b>	Keys to Literacy
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$149.00 x (3) Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
<b>FUNDING</b>	684-4-11100-31200-0001

<b>NAME</b>	Robert Gustas, Michael Brander, Kim Beach
<b>POSITION</b>	Teacher, Teacher, Assistant Principal
<b>SCHOOL</b>	Clark Middle School
<b>EVENT</b>	8th Grade Class Trip
<b>DATES</b>	10/27 - 10/29/2023
<b>PLACE</b>	Washington DC
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Optional class trip to Washington DC
<b>SPONSORING ORGANIZATION</b>	World Strides Student Travel
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
<b>FUNDING</b>	Self-Funded

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Kim Kwiecinski, Stacy Bruckman, Vanessa Sebek, Lauren Loies</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	Teachers
<b>SCHOOL</b>	Kahler Middle School
<b>EVENT</b>	8th Grade Class Trip
<b>DATES</b>	10/27 - 10/29/2023
<b>PLACE</b>	Washington DC
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Optional class trip to Washington DC
<b>SPONSORING ORGANIZATION</b>	World Strides Student Travel
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
<b>FUNDING</b>	Self-Funded



<b>NAME</b>	<b>Jordyn Ludwig, Michelle Calhoun</b>
POSITION	Teachers
SCHOOL	Grimmer Middle School
EVENT	8th Grade Class Trip
DATES	10/27 - 10/29/2023
PLACE	Washington DC
DESCRIPTION	Optional class trip to Washington DC
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	World Strides Student Travel
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$0 Estimated Travel Cost - \$0
FUNDING	Self Funded

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Stephanie Losito, Kyle Stephens, Sarah Stidham</b>
POSITION	Reading Specialists
SCHOOL	Clark, Grimmer, Kahler
EVENT	Virtual Vocabulary Playbook
DATES	11/06/2023
PLACE	Virtual
DESCRIPTION	Workshop on intentional vocabulary instruction
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Corwin Press
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$224.00 x (3) Estimated Travel Cost - \$0
FUNDING	Corporation Title II

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Terri Budlove</b>
POSITION	CTE Teacher
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Annual DigiMarCon World Marketing Conference
DATES	11/06 - 11/08/2023
PLACE	Virtual
DESCRIPTION	World marketing conference teaching marketing strategies
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	DigiMarCon
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$297 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Corporation Title II

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Colleen Rock</b>
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	Kahler Middle School
EVENT	Evaluating Education: Improving Outcomes for All
DATES	11/28 - 11/29/2023
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Inaugural event with the goal of gaining knowledge, building capacity and networking to deliver the most effective educational programming
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	IDOE and IEP TA Center
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$200 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	684-4

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Letitia Gustas</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	Teacher
<b>SCHOOL</b>	Grimmer Middle School
<b>EVENT</b>	IAG Conference
<b>DATES</b>	12/03 - 12/05/2023
<b>PLACE</b>	Indianapolis, IN
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Annual conference for teachers of gifted students
<b>SPONSORING ORGANIZATION</b>	Indiana Association for the Gifted
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$456.30 Estimated Required Fees – \$425.00 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage & Parking
<b>FUNDING</b>	307-3-12110-31200-0001

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Ryan Bounds, Michelle Calhoun / Erin Novak</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	Principal, Teacher / Principal
<b>SCHOOL</b>	Grimmer / LCHS
<b>EVENT</b>	Rethinking RTI: Where Are We Now?
<b>DATES</b>	12/06/23
<b>PLACE</b>	Virtual
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Workshop on transitioning from RTI to MTSS
<b>SPONSORING ORGANIZATION</b>	The Reading League
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$200 x (3) Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
<b>FUNDING</b>	Corporation Title II

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Luke Triveline</b>
POSITION	Wrestling Coach
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Wrestling Tournament
DATES	12/29 - 12/30/2023
PLACE	Mishawaka, IN
DESCRIPTION	Varsity Wrestling Tournament
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Mishawaka High School
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$0 Estimated Travel Cost - \$0
FUNDING	Athletics

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Courtney Palasz</b>
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	Kahler Middle School
EVENT	IMEA Professional Development Conference
DATES	1/11 - 1/13/2024
PLACE	Fort Wayne, IN
DESCRIPTION	Annual conference for music educators
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana Music Education Association
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$425.00 Estimated Required Fees - \$108.00 Estimated Travel Cost - \$0
FUNDING	684-4

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Luke Triveline</b>
POSITION	Wrestling Coach
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Wrestling Tournament
DATES	2/15 - 2/18/2024
PLACE	Evansville, IN
DESCRIPTION	State Varsity Wrestling Tournament
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Evansville Ford Center
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Athletics

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Director of Student Services

TO: Board of School Trustees

FROM: Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education

DATE: October 12, 2023

RE: **Board Meeting of October 16, 2023**

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## ***FIELD TRIP REQUESTS***

Robert Gustas, Michael Brander and Kim Beach, teachers and the assistant principal at Clark Middle School, request to take approximately (40) 8th grade students to Washington DC on October 27 - October 29, 2023. The students will visit national landmarks and learn the history/foundations of our nation. The itinerary and all travel arrangements are arranged through World Strides Student Travel. This is a self-funded trip.

Kim Kwiecinski, Stacy Bruckman, Vanessa Sebek and Lauren Loies, teachers at Kahler Middle School, request to take approximately (65) 8th grade students on the same trip.

Jordyn Ludwig and Michelle Calhoun, teachers at Grimmer Middle School, request to take approximately (30) 8th grade students on the same trip.

Luke Triveline, wrestling coach at LCHS, requests to take approximately (14) members of the varsity wrestling team to Mishawaka, IN on December 29 - December 30, 2023 to compete in a wrestling tournament. He also requests to take the same group to Evansville, IN on February 15 - February 18, 2024 to compete in a state wrestling tournament. All fees will be covered by athletics.

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TO: Board of School Trustees  
FROM: Rebecca Gromala, Director of Student Services  
DATE: October 12, 2023  
RE: **Board Meeting of October 16, 2023**

## **PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS**

NAME	<b>Elizabeth Martinez-De Vries, Lupita Alvarado, Tina Ostrom, Elizabeth Vossos</b>
POSITION	ELL Coordinator, ELL Teacher, ELL Teacher, ELL Teacher
SCHOOL	LCHS, Grimmer/Kahler, Homan/Peifer, Watson/Bibich
EVENT	Multilingual Learner Annual Fall Conference
DATES	11/01 - 11/02/2023
PLACE	West Lafayette, IN
DESCRIPTION	Annual conference for teachers of English Language Learners
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Wabash Valley Education Center
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$35 x (4) Estimated Hotel Cost - \$170 x (4) Estimated Required Fees - \$590 x (4) Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage x (4)
FUNDING	Corporation Title II



<b>NAME</b>	<b>Sarah Wiltermood</b>
POSITION	ELL Teacher
SCHOOL	Protsman Elementary
EVENT	Multilingual Learner Annual Fall Conference
DATES	11/02/2023
PLACE	West Lafayette, IN
DESCRIPTION	Annual conference for teachers of English Language Learners
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Wabash Valley Education Center
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$295 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage
FUNDING	Corporation Title II

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**Rob James**  
*Director of Business  
Services*

To: Board of School Trustees

From: Mr. Rob James, Director of Business Services

Date: October 12, 2023

**RE: Board Meeting October 16, 2023**

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### **Donations (Action Required)**

#### **Received**

Peifer Elementary School received two donations of \$100 each from Charities Aid Foundation of America.

The Clark Middle School PTO would like to donate \$2,180 to the school to be used for membership to Ed Puzzle.

The Kahler Middle School Science Olympiad team received a \$500 donation from Ridgeway Petroleum.

#### **Given**

The Lake Central High School 3D Art sold items and would like to donate the \$307 raised to the Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation.

Lake Central High School would like to donate \$540 to Cancer Resource Center, proceeds from the sales of the 2023/2024 Breast Cancer shirts.

The Administration recommends approving the donations as indicated above.

### **ADM Update**

In your board packet, I have provided the Board with a summary of our ADM count for this school year and how each building compares to the 2022 count.

### **Quarterly Financial Report**

Now that we have finished the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of our budget calendar year, I will be giving the School Board an update on the financial position of our Education Fund and other Operating Funds as of September 30, 2023.

School	Fall 2023 ADM	Fall 2022 ADM	Difference
Bibich	497	509	(12)
Homan	441	463	(22)
Kolling	630	693	(63)
Peifer	444	470	(26)
Protsman	642	607	35
Watson	547	524	23
Elementary Subtotal	3,201	3,266	(65)
Grimmer	788	754	34
Clark	1,097	1,071	26
Kahler	946	921	25
Middle School Subtotal	2,831	2,746	85
LCBS	2,988	3,082	(94)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,020</b>	<b>9,094</b>	<b>(74)</b>

Grade	Fall 2023 ADM	Fall 2022 ADM	Difference	Cohort Change
K	572	600	(28)	(221)
1	610	670	(60)	10
2	675	592	83	5
3	618	710	(92)	26
4	726	694	32	16
Elementary Subtotal	3,201	3,266	(65)	(164)
5	696	623	73	2
6	640	722	(82)	17
7	741	747	(6)	19
8	754	654	100	7
Middle School Subtotal	2,831	2,746	85	45
9	674	734	(60)	20
10	752	766	(14)	18
11	756	789	(33)	(10)
12	806	793	13	17
LCHS Subtotal	2,988	3,082	(94)	45
TOTAL	9,020	9,094	(74)	(74)

'23 K vs '22 Sr's