

**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  
Yolanda Bracey, Director of Primary Education  
Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education

Administration Not Present

Bill Ledyard, Director of Facilities

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, January, 8, 2024 - 7:00pm**

**PART I – ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

- I. Call to Order – *Cindy Sues*
  - The 2024 Organizational Meeting was called to order by Board President, Cindy Sues.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag - *Cindy Sues*
  - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President, Cindy Sues.
- III. Organization of the Board of School Trustees for 2024 - *Cindy Sues*
  - A. Election of Officers
    1. President - **Action Required**
    2. Vice-President - **Action Required**
    3. Secretary - **Action Required**
  - Howard Marshall moved to run a slate of officers based on last year, and retaining each in their position as president, vice-president and secretary and continuing moving forward.
  - Nicole Kelly seconded the motion.
  - Janice Malchow made the comment that she is okay with the nominations and will give her support, but would like us to be inclusive of others on the Board that need to have the experience of being in that leadership role that may be a rotation basis or something, we talked about this many years ago but it never came to fruition but I still think a rotation is good.
  - Motion carried.

- B. **Reaffirmation of School Board's Code of Ethics - Action Required**
- Jennifer Medlen moved to approve.
  - Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried.
- C. **Establishment of School Board Compensation - Action Required**
- Janice Malchow moved to approve.
  - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried.
- D. **Appointment of School Attorneys - Action Required**
- Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
  - Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried.
- E. **Appointment of Treasurer - Action Required**
- Janice Malchow moved to approve.
  - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried.
- F. **Liaison Appointments - Action Required**
1. Personnel Interview Committee
  2. Schererville Redevelopment Commission
  3. Schererville Parks Department
  4. Lake Central Education Foundation
  5. Dyer Parks Department
  6. St. John Redevelopment Commission
  7. Dollars for Scholars
  8. Wellness Committee
  9. Dyer Redevelopment Commission -
- Cindy Sues stated that all liaison committee appointments are remaining the same as they were in 2023 with the exception of the addition of the construction committee, and Cindy Sues will continue to serve on that committee.
  - Cindy Sues asked Nicole Kelly if she was interested in the legislative committee liaison role and Nicole Kelly stated that since Larry Veracco does an excellent job of keeping everyone updated on what's happening, she does not see the need at this time. Cindy Sues asked if any other board member would be interested in that role. Janice Malchow said she would be willing to work on that committee.
  - Additions:
    10. Construction Committee - Cindy Sues
    11. Legislative Committee - Janice Malchow
  - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
  - Jennifer Medlen seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried.
- G. **Conflict of Interest Policy - Action Required**
- Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
  - Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried.

- IV. Motion to Adjourn Organizational meeting - *Cindy Sues* - **Action Required**
- Howard Marshall moved to approve.
  - Jennifer Medlen seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried. Organizational meeting adjourned.

## **PART II – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

- I. Call to Order - *Cindy Sues*
- The Regular Meeting was called to order by Board President, Cindy Sues.
- II. Agenda: Approval, Deletions, Additions – *Dr. Veracco* – **Action Required**
- Revisions to the Agenda include amendments to the Professional Leave Requests and Field Trip Requests under Misty Scheuneman's section.
  - Jennifer Medlen moved to approve.
  - Janice Malchow 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: December 11, 2023
  - 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
- There were no public comments regarding action items.

- VII. Official School Board Business Topics: Regular Agenda
- A. Superintendent – *Dr. Veracco*
1. Legislative Update
- B. Assistant Superintendent – *Sarah Castaneda*
1. Personnel Recommendations – **Action Required**
    - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
    - Howard Marshall seconded the motion.
    - Motion carried.
- C. Director of Primary Education – *Yolanda Bracey*
1. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required**
    - Nicoel Kelly moved to approve.
    - Jennifer Medlen seconded the motion.
    - Motion carried.
  2. NAEYC Conference - *Tina Du Brock*
- D. Director of Secondary Education – *Misty Scheuneman*
1. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required - Revised**
    - Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
    - Cindy Sues 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*
1. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required**
    - Howard Marshall moved to approve.
    - Nicole Kelly seconded the motion.
    - Motion carried.
- F. Director of Facilities – *Bill Ledyard*
- G. Director of Business Services – *Rob James*
1. 2022 Pay 2023 Tax Collections Update
  2. 2023-2024 Curricular Materials Reimbursement Update
  3. Professional leave Request - **Action Required**
    - Howard Marshall moved to approve.
    - Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
    - Motion carried.
  4. Donations - **Action Required**
    - Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
    - Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
    - Motion carried.

- VIII. Public Comments – *Cindy Sues*  
- There were no public comments.

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

Howard Marshall: Wished everyone a safe and joyful New Year.

Janice Malchow: First I wanted to thank Dr. Bracey and Mrs. Scheuneman, I sent out that e-mail, I think the source of it was perhaps Rob, about that 95% resolution that I think we got from Terry Spradlin from ISBA. Anyway, its all about, you know, holding us accountable and I was very appreciative of the fact that both of you replied quickly and something to give me as far as data analysis so I appreciate that and we'll try to get together this week, maybe. The wellness committee, Dr. Medlen, is it possible that you can include school board members in all of those activities, so we have some motivation. There's a group that is central office at administration so I guess theoretically we could be with central office, and there's prizes too at stake so we'll win, won't we. Executive function, you know, that's a term from several years ago and how we just lose track of things like that don't we, and now it's coming back alive again. It's very interesting, maybe those should be our magic words of the year, the executive function. I bet most people don't know what it means and how it can really affect, like Tina was saying, the chaos they have, the confusion they have, the students have. So, Dr. Veracco I think you and I talked the other day about your goals, so when you have a moment, if you could unpack those for I think all of us, I mean maybe I'm the only one interested but I would appreciate that.

Cindy Sues: January is School Board appreciation month. School Board members devote their personal time and energy to making important decisions that expand opportunities for all students as well as providing leadership for our school corporations. Thank you to Mr. Marshall, Mrs. Kelly, Dr. Medlen and Dr. Malchow for your passion, dedication, and public service to shaping Lake Central to the place it is today. So, I just wanted to recognize that it's School Board appreciation month.

- X. Board Calendar of Future Activities – *Dr. Veracco*  
- Next School Board Meeting: Monday, January 22, 2024

- XI. Adjournment – *Cindy Sues* – **Action Required**  
- Nicole Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm.  
- Jennifer Medlen seconded the motion.  
- Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Minutes of the January 8, 2024 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the January 22, 2024 School Board Meeting.

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Cindy Sues, President

ATTEST:

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Nicole Kelly, Secretary

## Legislative Update 1.8.24

- I. Third Grade Retention
  - a. Based on not demonstrating at standard on I-Read 3
  - b. Per IGA, too many waivers
  - c. Retention after K has very mixed results
  - d. Shifting instruction in Reading should be given some time to demonstrate impact
- II. Chronic Absenteeism
  - a. Improve family/school relationships
  - b. 221,000 students missed more than 18 days in 22-23 school year
  - c. More support for mental health – stress/anxiety
  - d. Considering punitive actions through the local courts
- III. Revisiting Career Readiness
  - a. Goal is to expand work based learning opportunities (internships and apprenticeships)
  - b. Keeping those experiences related to jobs that support independence is key
  - c. Some legislators seek additional resources to support career centers
  - d. Getting private businesses to buy-in will continue to be a challenge

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**TO: Board of School Trustees**  
**FROM: Sarah Castaneda, Assistant Superintendent**  
**DATE: January 4, 2024**  
**RE: Board Meeting of January 8, 2024**

## Personnel

*(Board action required)*

We are recommending that the following be approved:

### I. Classified Appointments, Change of Days/Hours, Resignations, Other:

#### A. Appointments:

1. Alexis Plasencia, (Schererville), Café Assistant, Lake Central High School (effective December 21, 2023).
2. Bethany Robertson, (Schererville), Café Assistant, Food Service Department (effective December 21, 2023).
3. Amanda Kalapp, (Schererville), Café Assistant, Lake Central High School (effective December 21, 2023).
4. Elizabeth Reese, (Schererville), Café Assistant, Clark Middle School (effective December 21, 2023).
5. Nicole Rzycki, (Schererville), Paraprofessional, Two Days Per Week (Tuesdays and Thursdays), Bibich Elementary School (effective January 11, 2024).
6. Tricia Crowley, (Schererville), Paraprofessional, Watson Early Childhood (effective December 21, 2023).
7. Alisa Perez, (Crete), Paraprofessional, Kahler Middle School (effective January 8, 2024).
8. Victoria LaForte, (Dyer), Paraprofessional, Bibich Elementary School (effective January 8, 2024).
9. Gerard Thomas, (St. John), Paraprofessional, Bibich Elementary School (effective January 8, 2024).
10. Marlene Wolf, (St. John), Paraprofessional, Watson Elementary School (effective January 8, 2024).



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

1. Alina Carli, from 5 days to 4 days as a Paraprofessional at Clark Middle School (effective January 8, 2024).
2. Haley Navarez, from 7 hours per day as a Paraprofessional to 3.75 hours per day as a Behaviorist and 3.5 hours per day as a Paraprofessional at Lake Central High School (effective January 8, 2024).
3. Jane Neidy, From 3 days to 2 days as a Paraprofessional at Homan Elementary School (effective January 8, 2024).

**C. Resignations:**

1. Pauline Lauerma, Food Service Manager, Bibich Elementary School (effective December 15, 2023).
2. Sandra Corona, Paraprofessional, Watson Elementary School (effective December 21, 2023).
3. Paige Campbell, Paraprofessional, Grimmer Middle School (effective December 20, 2023).
4. Angela Kreuger, Paraprofessional, Bibich Elementary School (effective February 2, 2024).

**D. Other:**

1. Nicole Walczak, Nine Month Secretary, Homan Elementary School rescinded resignation dated for January 12, 2024.

**II. Certified Extracurricular Appointments:**

**A. Appointments:**

1. David Sidler, Temporary Chess Club Assistant, Kahler Middle School (effective November 13, 2023).
2. Darrell Wierzal, eSports Sponsor, Lake Central High School (effective January 1, 2024).
3. Kristina Collard, Temporary Yearbook Sponsor, Lake Central High School (effective January 1, 2024).
4. Daniel Crnokrak, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball “B” Coach, Kahler Middle School (effective 23/24 school year).
5. Louis Greanias, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball “B” Coach, Grimmer Middle School (effective January 8, 2024).

**III. Classified Extracurricular Resignations:**

**A. Resignations:**

1. Patrick Tortorici, Assistant Boys Track Coach, Lake Central High School (effective December 15, 2023).
2. Jack Bosold, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Grimmer Middle School (effective August 18, 2023).

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



1/8/2024

Substitutes - Hired
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Substitute - Resigned

[illegible]

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**Certified FMLA Leave**

Lisa Chant, Watson Elementary School

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TO: Board of School Trustees  
FROM: Yolanda Bracey, Director of Primary Education  
DATE: January 4, 2024  
RE: **Board Meeting of January 8, 2024**

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## PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

NAME	Lauren Martinez, Amy Anderson, Rebecca Spanier / Melody Wolff
POSITION	Teachers
SCHOOL	Peifer / Kolling
EVENT	NAGC Teachers Summit
DATES	2/13/2024 and 2/14/2024
PLACE	Virtual
DESCRIPTION	Virtual conference for high ability teachers
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	National Association for Gifted Children
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$249 x (4) Estimated Travel Cost - \$0
FUNDING	Corporation High Ability Fund

<b>NAME</b>	Lisa Alessandri
POSITION	Elementary Math Coach
SCHOOL	District
EVENT	2024 ICTM-HASTI Conference
DATES	2/18 - 2/20/2024
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Conference for math and science teachers
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics and Hoosier Association of Science Teachers Inc.
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$308.88 Estimated Required Fees – \$154 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage
FUNDING	Corporation Title II

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TO: Board of School Trustees  
FROM: Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education  
DATE: January 4, 2024  
RE: **Board Meeting of January 8, 2024**

## PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

**REVISED**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Nathaniel Jones</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	Music Teacher
<b>SCHOOL</b>	LCHS
<b>EVENT</b>	IMEA Convention Performance
<b>DATES</b>	1/11 - 1/12/2024
<b>PLACE</b>	Fort Wayne, IN
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	All State Handbell Choir will perform at the IMEA Convention
<b>SPONSORING ORGANIZATION</b>	Indiana Music Education Association
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$0 Estimated Travel Cost - \$0
<b>FUNDING</b>	Self-Funded

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>Christina Arroyo</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	Choir Director
<b>SCHOOL</b>	Clark Middle School
<b>EVENT</b>	IMEA Professional Conference
<b>DATES</b>	1/12 - 1/13/2024
<b>PLACE</b>	Fort Wayne, IN
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Professional development for music educators
<b>SPONSORING ORGANIZATION</b>	Indiana Music Education Association
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Estimated Meal Cost - \$35 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$216.20 Estimated Required Fees – \$271 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage
<b>FUNDING</b>	684-4-11200-58000-0051

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Mark Walton</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	Director of Bands
<b>SCHOOL</b>	Clark Middle School
<b>EVENT</b>	IMEA Professional Conference
<b>DATES</b>	1/11 - 1/12/2024
<b>PLACE</b>	Fort Wayne, IN
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Professional development for music educators
<b>SPONSORING ORGANIZATION</b>	Indiana Music Education Association
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Estimated Meal Cost - \$35 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$97 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage
<b>FUNDING</b>	684-4-11200-58000-0051

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Amanda Pritt</b>
POSITION	Teacher and Track Coach
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	IATCCC Annual Track & Field Clinic
DATES	2/02 - 2/03/2024
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Conference to advance coaching knowledge in running sports
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$160 Estimated Required Fees – \$95 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Athletics

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Blandine Baldwin</b>
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Le Congres French Competition
DATES	2/09/2024 and 10/24/2024
PLACE	Franklin, IN
DESCRIPTION	Observe and judge French students in various competitions
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Franklin Community High School
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$35 x (2) Estimated Hotel Cost – \$180 x (2) Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage x (2)
FUNDING	684-4-11300-58000-0002



<b>NAME</b>	<b>Todd Smolinski</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	Assistant Principal
<b>SCHOOL</b>	LCHS
<b>EVENT</b>	Burns Harbor Cleveland Cliffs Tour
<b>DATES</b>	2/15/24
<b>PLACE</b>	Burns Harbor, IN
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Tour designed for educators at the Cleveland Cliffs Plant
<b>SPONSORING ORGANIZATION</b>	Cleveland Cliffs Plant
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage
<b>FUNDING</b>	684-4-11300-58000-0002

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Robert Gustas / Valerie Gardner</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	Teacher / High School Math Coach
<b>SCHOOL</b>	Clark Middle School / LCHS
<b>EVENT</b>	ICTM-HASTI Conference
<b>DATES</b>	2/18 - 2/20/2024
<b>PLACE</b>	Indianapolis, IN
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Conference for math teachers and science teachers
<b>SPONSORING ORGANIZATION</b>	Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics and Hoosier Association of Science Teachers Inc.
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 x (2) Estimated Hotel Cost – \$258 x (2) Estimated Required Fees – \$114 x (2) Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage & Parking x (2)
<b>FUNDING</b>	23-684-4-11200-58000-0051 - Gustas Corporation Title II - Gardner

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Jennifer Schmidt</b>
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	FCCLA State Leadership Conference
DATES	2/28 - 3/02/2024
PLACE	Muncie, IN
DESCRIPTION	Leadership conference and state level competitive events
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana Family, Career and Community Leaders of America
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	FCCLA Fund

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Danielle Carr</b>
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	U.S. Open Invitational Robotics Championship
DATES	3/13 - 3/16/2024
PLACE	Council Bluff, IA
DESCRIPTION	Robotics Competition
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Create US
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Robotics Fund

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TO: Board of School Trustees

FROM: Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education

DATE: January 4, 2024

RE: **Board Meeting of January 8, 2024**

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## ***FIELD TRIP REQUESTS***

## ***REVISED***

Nathaniel Jones, music teacher at LCHS, requests to take approximately (8) members of the All State Handbell Choir to the IMEA Convention in Ft. Wayne, Indiana on January 11 - January 12, 2024. The handbell choir was asked to perform at the convention. This is a self-funded trip.

Jennifer Schmidt, teacher at LCHS, requests to take approximately (20) FCCLA students to the FCCLA State Leadership Conference on February 29 - March 2, 2024 in Muncie, Indiana. The students will gather information at the conference and compete in state level competitive events. This is a self-funded event.

Danielle Carr, teacher at LCHS, requests to take approximately (6) members of the Robotics team to Council Bluffs, IA on March 13 - March 16, 2024 to participate in the U.S. Open Invitational Robotics Championship. This is a self-funded event.

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TO: Board of School Trustees  
FROM: Rebecca Gromala, Director of Student Services  
DATE: January 4, 2024  
RE: **Board Meeting of January 8, 2024**

## PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

NAME	Sandra Evans, Rebecca Dexter
POSITION	Early Childhood Teachers
SCHOOL	Watson Elementary
EVENT	Practical Early Intervention Strategies That Work
DATES	1/25/2024
PLACE	Virtual
DESCRIPTION	Workshop on behavior strategies and interventions for early childhood students
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Bureau of Education and Research
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$279 x (2) Estimated Travel Cost - \$0
FUNDING	646-0-12810-31200-0010

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Rob James  
*Director of Business Services*

To: Board of School Trustees

From: Mr. Rob James, Director of Business Services

Date: January 4, 2024

**RE: Board Meeting January 8, 2024**

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## **2022 Pay 2023 Tax Collections Update**

On December 21, 2023, all taxing units in Lake County received their final tax settlement from the County Auditor for the 2022 Pay 2023 property tax collections. This year, the Lake Central School Corporation had a collection rate of 101.4% of the taxes levied. We have historically averaged a collection rate of approximately 98%.

## **2023-2024 Curricular Materials Reimbursement Update**

Beginning with the current school year, the Indiana General Assembly is providing a \$160 million annual appropriation in the state budget to cover the cost of curricular materials for all students. Based on the total ADM of students across the State, on December 29, 2023, each school district received a distribution of \$158.21 per student. For Lake Central, that equated to \$1,427,094.84, which was significantly less than the \$2,913,868 of curricular material costs that we reported to the State. In the near future, we will be coming to the Board to present a financial strategy to address the shortfall.

## **Professional Leave Request (Action Required)**

I am requesting professional leave to attend the 2024 ASBO International Leadership Forum from February 7-10 in San Diego, California. This is a leadership conference opportunity that I have been invited to, with Indiana ASBO picked up the entire cost.

The Administration recommends approving the professional leave requests as indicated above.

**Donations (Action Required)**

**Received**

The Lake Central Food Service Department received an anonymous donation of \$70 to help pay off the food service debt of children at Watson Elementary School.

The Grimmer PTO would like to donate \$10,000 to be used toward the purchase of a new sound system and projector for the Grimmer cafeteria.

The Kolling PTO would like to donate \$52,569 to be used for the purchase and installation of a new piece of playground equipment at Kolling Elementary School.

Lake Central High School Robotics Club received a donation of \$100 from Vicki Largent and \$1,000 donations/sponsorships from Core Construction and Schmidt Associates.

The Lake Central N-Tens received a \$50 donation from General Federation of Women's Club

**Given**

The Administration recommends approving the donations as indicated above.

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Director of Business Services

TO: Board of School Trustees  
FROM: Rob James, Director of Business Services  
DATE: January 4, 2024  
RE: **Board Meeting Of January 8, 2024**

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## PROFESSIONAL LEAVE

NAME	Rob James
POSITION	Director of Business Services
SCHOOL	Lake Central School Corporation
EVENT	Leadership Forum
DATES	February 7-10, 2024
PLACE	San Diego, California
DESCRIPTION	ASBO International Leadership Forum
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	ASBO International
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost –
FUNDING	Indiana ASBO pays for all expenses