

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
Cindy Sues, President
Janice Malchow, Vice-President
Louise Tallent, Board Member

Board Members Not Present

Howard Marshall, Board Member

Administration Present

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

Administration Not Present

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

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

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 7, 2024 - 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**
 - Changes to the Agenda include a revision to the professional leave requests under Dr. Veracco’s section, a Personnel Packet under Sarah Castaneda’s section, and revisions to the professional leave requests and field trip requests under Misty Scheuneman’s section.
 - Nicole Kelly 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. Legislative Committee: Janice Malchow
 - F. Dyer Parks Department: Janice Malchow

- G. Construction Committee: Cindy Sues
 - H. St. John Redevelopment Commission: Cindy Sues
 - I. Dollars for Scholars: Cindy Sues
 - J. Dyer Redevelopment Commission: Louise Tallent
- V. Official School Board Business Topics: Consent Agenda – *Dr. Veracco* – **Action Required**
- A. Approval of Minutes
 - Executive Session: September 16, 2024
 - Regular Board Meeting: September 16, 2024
 - B. Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures
 - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
 - Cindy Sues 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. State Board of Education - Approved LCSC Reorganization Plan 10/02/2024
 - a. Unincorporated Board Seat Switched to At Large for 2026 Election
 - b. Unincorporated Territory Down to Approximately 3% of St. John Township in 2020 Census
 2. BP 0165 Potential Update - **Action Required**
 - Louise Tallent moved to approve.
 - Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
 3. Professional Leave Request - **Action Required**
 - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
 - Nicole Kelly seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
 - B. Assistant Superintendent – *Sarah Castaneda*
 1. Personnel Recommendations – **Action Required**
 - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
 - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
 - C. Director of Primary Education – *Yolanda Bracey*
 1. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required**
 - Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
 - Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
 2. Field Trip Request - **Action Required**
 - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
 - Louise Tallent seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
 3. IREAD-3 Parent Informational Sessions

D. Director of Secondary Education – *Misty Scheuneman*

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

- Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
- Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

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

- Louise Tallent moved to approve.
- Nicole Kelly seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

E. Director of Student Services - *Becky Gromala*

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

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

2. SEPAC Update

F. Director of Facilities – *Bill Ledyard*

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

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

G. Director of Business Services – *Rob James*

1. Resolution for 2025 Budget Appropriations and Tax Rates - **Action Required**

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

2. Resolution to Adopt the 2025 Capital Projects Plan - **Action Required**

- Louise Tallent moved to approve.
- Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

3. Resolution to Adopt the 2025 School Bus Replacement Plan - **Action Required**

- Janice Malchow moved to approve.
- Louise Tallent seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

4. Resolution to Transfer Amounts from Education Fund to the Operations Fund - **Action Required**

- Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
- Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

5. Public Hearing and Additional Appropriation Resolution Fund - **Action Required**

- The floor was opened for discussion or questions from the public. There were none. Hearing concluded.
- Janice Malchow moved to approve.
- Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

6. Donations - **Action Required**

- Janice Malchow moved to approve.
- Nicole Kelly 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*

Janice Malchow:

When do the large busses come in? Didn't you (*Rob James*) say we were to get our busses in December?

Louise Tallent:

I had the opportunity to attend the Homecoming Dance this last Saturday and just want to say that the Dollars for Scholars team did a wonderful job of putting on an event that was very well attended, and you got 1800 kids in one place, it was very full of a lot of energy. Thank you to the high school principals, and high school staff, and parents that were there. And really, a big shout out to the students because we could not do what we do if we didn't have the type of students that we have. And, they were just having a good time, and it was really just great. Thank you.

Cindy Sues:

I have a little thank you from the Dollars for Scholars Board:

"We'd like to extend our deepest thanks to the volunteer decorators, school custodians, school administrators, teachers, food service workers and police officers who made the homecoming dance such a success. Your hard work, dedication, and attention to detail ensured that every part of the event, from the beautifully decorated spaces to the seamless organization, came together perfectly. Custodians worked tirelessly behind the scenes to keep everything running smoothly, while the police officers, administrators and teachers supported the event by volunteering their time and chaperoning all 1,825 students. I'd like to send a special thanks to our decorating committee volunteers Laura Connelly and her team, and Eva Lucido and her team, who brought the homecoming vision to life with their creativity and time. It's because of all of you that this year's homecoming was a memorable experience for our students. And all those proceeds, after the payment of the bills, will go to our graduating 2025 seniors so thank you."

And (*to Dr. Veracco*), thank you for allowing us to host our dance here.

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

- Next School Board Meeting: Monday, October 21, 2024

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

- Nicole Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm.
- Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
- Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Minutes of the October 7, 2024 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the October 21, 2024 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: October 3, 2024
RE: **Board Meeting of October 7, 2024**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

REVISED

NAME	Larry Veracco / Sarah Castaneda
POSITION	Superintendent / Assistant Superintendent
SCHOOL	District
EVENT	2024 IAPSS Annual Meeting
DATES	11/20 - 11/22/2024
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Annual PD for Superintendents
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$400 x (2) Estimated Required Fees - \$325 x (2) Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage & Parking x (2)
FUNDING	030-0-23210-580-0001

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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Sarah Castaneda, Assistant Superintendent
DATE: October 3, 2024
RE: Board Meeting of October 7, 2024

REVISION

Personnel

(Board action required)

We are recommending that the following be approved:

I. Certified Retirement(s):

A. Retirement:

1. Gretchen Pishkur, Grade Four Teacher, Watson Elementary School (effective May 29, 2025); *41.5 years of dedicated service.*

II. Classified Appointment(s), Resignation(s), Retirement and Change of Status:

A. Appointments:

1. Ariba Zahid (Schererville), Paraprofessional, Watson Elementary School (effective September 23, 2024).
2. Katie Hill (Dyer), Paraprofessional, Lake Central High School (effective September 26, 2024).
3. Kristen Mirabelli (rehire), Paraprofessional, Protsman Elementary School (effective September 30, 2024).
4. Amy Veldkamp (Schererville), Bus Driver, Lake Central Transportation (effective September 26, 2024).
5. Kayla Conners (Crown Point), Paraprofessional, Watson Elementary School (effective October 2, 2024).
6. Margaret Morin (Crown Point), Paraprofessional, Homan Elementary School (effective October 7, 2024).
7. Allison Konicek (Schererville), Paraprofessional, Homan Elementary School (effective October 7, 2024).

B. Resignations:

1. Kelly Wiesenthal, Paraprofessional, Homan Elementary School (effective September 18, 2024).
2. Cassandra Moseley, Paraprofessional, Homan Elementary School (effective October 4, 2024).

3. Judith Owens, Paraprofessional, Protsman Elementary School (effective September 27, 2024).
4. Bernadeta Szczepanski, Paraprofessional, Homan Elementary School (effective October 11, 2024).
5. Katherine Vrshek, Paraprofessional, Kahler Middle School (effective October 1, 2024).
6. Jennifer Davids, Café Assistant, Lake Central High School (effective October 11, 2024).
7. Alivia Pinon, Paraprofessional, Kahler Middle School (effective October 2, 2024).

C. Retirement:

1. Konstantinos Adamopoulos, Custodian, Lake Central High School (effective December 30, 2024); *16.5 years of dedicated service.*

D. Change of Status:

1. Noah Ireton, from 7.0 to 7.5 hours 3 days per week as a Paraprofessional at Clark Middle School (effective September 25, 2024).
2. Thomas Speelman, from 7.0 to 8.0 hours per day as a Paraprofessional at Lake Central High School (effective September 27, 2024).
3. Krystal Frohnapple, from 7.75 to 8.0 hours per day as an Elementary Manager at Bibich Elementary School (effective September 25, 2024).
4. Greg Calderwood, from 7.50 to 8.0 hours per day as an Elementary Manager at Watson Elementary School (effective September 30, 2024).
5. Jamie Carey, from 3.25 to 3.5 hours per day as a Cafeteria Assistant at Lake Central High School (effective September 30, 2024).
6. Valerie Sudbury, from 3.25 to 3.5 hours per day as a Cafeteria Assistant at Lake Central High School (effective September 30, 2024).
7. Jamie Sotiroski, from 6.0 to 6.75 hours per day as a Paraprofessional at Protsman Elementary School (effective October 1, 2024).

E. Transfer:

1. Bethany Robertson, from 6.5 hours Operational Assistant to 7.0 hours Manager in Training for the Lake Central School Corporation (effective October 14, 2024).

III. Certified Extracurricular Appointment(s) & Resignation(s):

A. Appointments:

1. Pam Neth, Summer Theater Assistant, Lake Central High School (effective October 1, 2024).
2. Danielle Carr, Robotics Club Sponsor, Lake Central High School (effective September 17, 2024).
3. Lauren Martinez, Musical Play Choreographer, Lake Central High School (effective October 10, 2024).
4. Ella Swinney, N-Teens Assistant, Lake Central High School (effective September 24, 2024).
5. Lisa Chant, Temporary SLP Supervision Stipend, Watson Elementary School (effective September 27, 2024 through November 4, 2024).
6. Zoe Miller, Purchase of Plan Time-Special Education, Lake Central High School (effective September 18, 2024).

B. Resignations:

1. Greg Holdeman, Boys Track Assistant Coach, Lake Central High School (effective September 12, 2024).

IV. Classified Extracurricular Appointment(s) & Resignations(s):

A. Appointments:

1. Kelly Bourget, Musical Vocal Director, Lake Central High School (effective September 29, 2024).
2. Kevin Furman, Head Wrestling Coach, Clark Middle School (effective October 1, 2024).
3. Marc Novak, Assistant Wrestling Coach, Clark Middle School (effective October 1, 2024).

B. Resignations:

1. Kelly Bourget, Choreographer, Lake Central High School (effective September 29, 2024).
2. Greg Holdeman, Assistant Boys Track Coach, Lake Central High School (effective September 12, 2024).
3. Sam Carlson, Assistant Boys Golf Coach, Lake Central High School (effective September 26, 2024).

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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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Yolanda Bracey, Director of Primary Education
DATE: October 2, 2024
RE: **Board Meeting of October 7, 2024**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

NAME	Lynn Zaikos / Christine Triveline, Bernadette Strbjak
POSITION	Math Interventionist / Math Specialist, Math Interventionist
SCHOOL	Homan / Protsman
EVENT	NCTM Annual Meet & Exposition
DATES	9/26/2024
PLACE	Chicago, IL
DESCRIPTION	Annual conference for math teachers
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$419 x (3) Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage & Parking x (2)
FUNDING	Corporation Title II

YB/vv

NAME	Lisa Alessandri
POSITION	Elementary Math Coach
SCHOOL	District
EVENT	Foundations of Numerical Reasoning K-2
DATES	10/07 - 11/16/2024
PLACE	Virtual
DESCRIPTION	6 week virtual math PD
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Grassroots Workshops
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$414 Estimated Travel Cost - \$0
FUNDING	Corporation Title II

NAME	Kim Yelich
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	Watson Elementary
EVENT	Kindergarten Field Trip
DATES	10/18/24
PLACE	Beecher, IL
DESCRIPTION	Kindergarten trip to Windmill Acres
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Watson Elementary
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$0 Estimated Travel Cost - \$0
FUNDING	Self Funded

NAME	Dan Grunewald / Josh Wierzba
POSITION	Assistant Principals
SCHOOL	Peifer Elementary / Protsman Elementary
EVENT	Advanced School Safety Training
DATES	10/20 - 10/22/2024
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Required safety training
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	IDOE
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 x (2) Estimated Hotel Cost – \$297.18 x (2) Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage & Parking x (2)
FUNDING	Peifer Title II - Grunewald Protsman Title II - Wierzba

NAME	Jen Conlon
POSITION	Assistant Principal
SCHOOL	Watson Elementary School
EVENT	ISSA Fall Advanced Safety Training
DATES	10/20 - 10/22/2024
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Required Safety Training
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	IDOE
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$480 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage & Parking
FUNDING	Watson Title II

NAME	Kelly Hartman / Michelle Stan
POSITION	School Social Workers
SCHOOL	Peifer Elementary / Homan Elementary
EVENT	INSSWA Fall Conference
DATES	11/07 - 11/08/2024
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Annual School Social Worker Conference
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana School Social Worker Association
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$35 x (2) Estimated Hotel Cost – \$170.13 x (2) Estimated Required Fees – \$150 x (2) Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage x (1)
FUNDING	Peifer Title II - Hartman Homan Title II - Stan

NAME	Kristen Allen
POSITION	School Counselor
SCHOOL	Kolling Elementary
EVENT	ISCA Fall Conference
DATES	11/13 - 11/15/2024
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Annual conference for school counselors
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana School Counselor Association
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$301.74 Estimated Required Fees – \$170 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage & Parking x (2)
FUNDING	Corporation Title II

NAME	Kim Yelich, Amanda Murzyn, Stephanie Trzupke, Julie Walker, Brittany Perry, Melisa Lopez
POSITION	Teachers
SCHOOL	Watson Elementary
EVENT	Elevate Conference 2025
DATES	6/29 - 7/02/2025
PLACE	St. Paul, Minnesota
DESCRIPTION	Annual Conference for K-2 educators
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Elevate Your Classroom
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$140 x (6) Estimated Hotel Cost - \$413.70 x (6) Estimated Required Fees - \$325 x (6) Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage & Parking x (2)
FUNDING	Corporation Title II

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TO: Board of School Trustees

FROM: Yolanda Bracey, Director of Elementary Education

DATE: October 3, 2024

RE: **Board Meeting of October 7, 2024**

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

Amanda Murzyn, Brittany Perry, Kim Yelich, Julie Walker and Stephanie Trzuppek, Kindergarten teachers at Watson Elementary, request to take approximately (110) Kindergarten students to Beecher, IL on October 18, 2024. The students will visit Windmill Acres and learn about the lifecycle of a pumpkin. This is a self-funded event.

YB/vv

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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education
DATE: October 3, 2024
RE: **Board Meeting of October 7, 2024**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

REVISED

NAME	Trisha Ptaszek
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	Clark Middle School
EVENT	NCTM Conference
DATES	9/26/2024
PLACE	Chicago, IL
DESCRIPTION	Annual conference for math teachers
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$419 Estimated Travel Cost - \$0
FUNDING	684-4-1 300-58000-0002

MS/vv

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NAME	Erin Novak
POSITION	Principal
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	IASP District I Meeting
DATES	10/01/2024
PLACE	Valparaiso, IN
DESCRIPTION	District I meeting with Todd Bess on legislative updates and Indiana schools
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	IASP
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$25 Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage
FUNDING	684-4-1 300-58000-0002

NAME	Andrew Gurnak, Richard Ohlenkamp
POSITION	Girls Golf Coaches
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	IHSAA State Finals
DATES	10/03 - 10/05/2024
PLACE	Carmel, IN
DESCRIPTION	Girls Varsity Golf State Finals Competition
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	IHSAA
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$0 Estimated Travel Cost - \$0
FUNDING	Athletics

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NAME	Chris Enyeart
POSITION	Athletic Director
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	IHSAA State Finals
DATES	10/04 - 10/05/2024
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	attend the Varsity Girls Golf State Finals
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	IHSAA
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Athletics

NAME	Christina Schneider
POSITION	Spanish Teacher
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Spanish 4 Honors Field Trip
DATES	10/17/2024
PLACE	Chicago, IL
DESCRIPTION	Field trip to Chicago for the Spanish 4 Honors Class
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	LCHS Foreign Language Department
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Self Funded

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NAME	Dan Welch
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	Kahler Middle School
EVENT	7th Grade Science Field Trip
DATES	10/18/24
PLACE	Bourbonnais, IL
DESCRIPTION	field trip to study rock formations in Kankakee River State Park
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Kahler Science Department
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Self Funded

NAME	Joe Stanisz
POSITION	Assistant Principal
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	School Safety Training
DATES	10/20 - 10/22/2024
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Advanced Training License Renewal
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana Department of Education
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$300 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage & Parking
FUNDING	684-4-1 300-58000-0002

NAME	Jordyn Ludwig
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	Grimmer Middle School
EVENT	8th Grade Class Trip
DATES	10/24 - 10/26/2024
PLACE	Washington D.C.
DESCRIPTION	Class trip arranged through World Strides Travel
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	World Strides Travel
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$0 Estimated Travel Cost - \$0
FUNDING	Self-Funded

NAME	Kim Kwiecinski, Brittany Lewis, Mandy Cauffman, Lauren Loies
POSITION	Teachers
SCHOOL	Kahler Middle School
EVENT	8th Grade Class Trip
DATES	10/24 - 10/26/2024
PLACE	Washington D.C.
DESCRIPTION	Class trip arranged through World Strides Travel
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	World Strides Travel
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$0 Estimated Travel Cost - \$0
FUNDING	Self-Funded

NAME	Robert Gustas, Michael Brandner, Kim Beach
POSITION	Teachers / Assistant Principal
SCHOOL	Clark Middle School
EVENT	8th Grade Class Trip
DATES	10/24 - 10/26/2024
PLACE	Washington D.C.
DESCRIPTION	Class trip arranged through World Strides Travel
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	World Strides Travel
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Self-Funded

NAME	Mike Swartzentruber
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	CTE Marketing, Business, Entrepreneurship, Accounting Field Trip
DATES	10/29/2024
PLACE	Rosemont, IL
DESCRIPTION	Field trip to attend the Chicago Wolves Schooled by Skates
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	LCHS Business Department
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Self-Funded

*This field trip was approved at the 9/16/24 board meeting

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NAME	Colleen Rock, Randi Lollis
POSITION	Teachers
SCHOOL	Kahler Middle School
EVENT	Hoosier Educational Computer Coordinators Conference
DATES	11/06 - 11/08/2024
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Annual conference for teachers and technology professionals in K-12 schools
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Hoosier Educational Computer Coordinators
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$140 x (2) Estimated Hotel Cost – \$435.24 x (2) Estimated Required Fees – \$400 x (2) Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage x (2)
FUNDING	District Title II

NAME	Valerie Gardner
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Using Generative AI in the Math Classroom
DATES	11/12/2024
PLACE	Ft. Wayne, IN
DESCRIPTION	Workshop exploring how to use generative AI in the math classroom
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Region 8 ESC
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$250 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage
FUNDING	Corporation Title II

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NAME	Kim Kwiecinski, Brittany Lewis
POSITION	Teachers
SCHOOL	Kahler Middle School
EVENT	IAG Conference
DATES	12/09 - 12/10/2024
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Annual conference for teachers of gifted students
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana Association for the Gifted
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 x (2) Estimated Hotel Cost – \$457.08 x (2) Estimated Required Fees – \$440 x (2) Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage & Parking x (2)
FUNDING	Kahler Title II 684-5

NAME	Tina Genovese, Rose Clary, Laurie Rosine
POSITION	Library Clerks
SCHOOL	Clark / Kahler / Grimmer
EVENT	What's New in Young Adult Literature and How to Use It in Your Program
DATES	12/11/2024
PLACE	Alsip, IL
DESCRIPTION	Introduction to new titles in YA literature and how to use them to enhance middle school library programming
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Bureau of Education & Research
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$295 x (2) Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage x (3)
FUNDING	010-1-22220-31200-0001

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NAME	Courtney Palasz
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	Kahler Middle School
EVENT	7th and 8th Grade Choir Field Trip
DATES	12/19/24
PLACE	Chicago, IL
DESCRIPTION	Field trip to see Les Miserables
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Kahler Choir
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Self Funded

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Director of Secondary Education

Rebecca Gromala
Director of Student Services

TO: Board of School Trustees

FROM: Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education

DATE: October 3, 2024

RE: **Board Meeting of October 7, 2024**

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

REVISED

Andrew Gurnak, Girls Golf Coach at LCHS, requests to take approximately (6) members of the Girls Varsity Golf Team to Carmel, IN on October 3 - October 5, 2024. The team will compete in the IHSAA State Finals. All fees are covered by athletics.

Christina Schneider, teacher at LCHS, requests to take approximately (24) students from her Spanish 4 Honors Class to Chicago, IL on October 17, 2024. The students will visit the National Museum of Mexican Art. This is a self-funded event.

Daniel Welch, science teacher at Kahler Middle School, requests to take approximately (35) 7th grade science students to Bourbonnais, IL on October 18, 2024. The students will study rock formations in the Kankakee River State Park. This is a self-funded event.

Robert Gustas, Kim Beach and Michael Brandner from Clark Middle School, along with Kim Kwiecinski, Brittany Lewis, Mandy Cauffman and Lauren Loies from Kahler Middle School and Jordyn Ludwig from Grimmer Middle School, request to take approximately (110) 8th grade students from Clark, Kahler and Grimmer to Washington D.C. on October 24 - October 26, 2024 for a class trip. The students will tour Washington D.C. with all arrangements being handled by World Strides Student Travel. This is a self-funded trip.

MS/vv

Courtney Palasz, choir teacher at Kahler Middle School, requests to take approximately (50) members from the 7th and 8th grade choir to Chicago, IL on December 19, 2024. The students will attend a performance of Les Miserables at the Cadillac Palace Theater. This is a self-funded event.

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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Rebecca Gromala, Director of Student Services
DATE: October 3, 2024
RE: **Board Meeting of October 7, 2024**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

NAME	Meg Alessia
POSITION	Early Childhood Educator
SCHOOL	Watson Elementary
EVENT	Early Childhood Play Summit
DATES	9/23/2024
PLACE	Lake Station, IN
DESCRIPTION	Workshop on the value of learning through play
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana Park & Recreation Association
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$25 Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage
FUNDING	Watson Title II

RG/vv

NAME	Guadalupe Alvarado
POSITION	ELL Teacher
SCHOOL	Grimmer and Kahler Middle Schools
EVENT	WIDA Workshop, Writing with MLL's Secondary Grades
DATES	10/02 - 10/03/2024
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	workshop on writing instruction that supports the Teaching and Learning Cycle as a way to empower multilingual writers
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	IDOE
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$35 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$170.84 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage & Parking
FUNDING	688-4-12510-58000-0004

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Bill Ledyard
Director of Facilities

TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Bill Ledyard, Director of Construction & Facilities
DATE: October 3, 2024
RE: **Board Meeting Of October 7, 2024**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE

NAME	Bill Ledyard
POSITION	Director of Construction & Facilities
SCHOOL	Lake Central School Corporation
EVENT	AmTab Design & Manufacturing Tour/Seminar
DATES	October 17, 2024
PLACE	Bensenville, IL
DESCRIPTION	Tour of Plant & Design Office New Cafeteria Tables
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Sharp School Services
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$ Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage
FUNDING	030-0

AGENDA



Thursday 10/17/24

11:00 AM: Conference Room

Welcome and Introduction to **AmTab**. Begin exploring the Transformation of Dining Facilities for the benefit of students and your Nutrition program

12:00 PM: Factory and Showroom Tour

Journey into the function and potential of the facilities at **AmTab**. See the tools that create inviting Dining Spaces

1:00 PM: Introduction to the Design Team

These are the people that make transformation happen. Review current project and design ideas. Learn about new trends for dining spaces and how to get started on your next project.

1:30 PM: Learn from Experts

-2:00 PM Gain in-depth insights on how the strategic addition of furniture, signage, graphics and décor can significantly boost student participation in your schools nutrition program.

2:30 PM: Check in to Hotel

-3:00 PM

4:30 PM: Depart for Dinner

Location TBD

6:00 PM: Head to United Center for Blackhawks Vs Sharks

ALL DAY: Interaction with peers and exchange of ideas.

Plus, absorption of experience from the **AmTab** Team



AGENDA



AmTab Facility – Bensenville, IL October 17, 2024

AmTab creates modern, popular, and fun K-12 Food Courts with our award-winning signage, graphics, decor, and furniture in schools across the country. Schools are constantly trying to figure out how to get more students participating during breakfast and lunch.

Learn how you can transform your cafeteria into a beautiful K-12 Food Court.

King Middle School

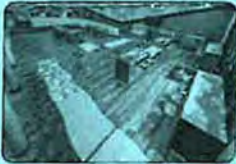
Before Modernizing with AmTab
159 students participating in breakfast
412 participating in lunch

After Modernizing with AmTab
336 students participating in breakfast
536 students participating in lunch

- School Breakfast Participation increased **111%**
- School Lunch Participation increased **30%**

FINANCIAL IMPACT

After modernizing, this school now receives an extra \$19,800 each month in school meal reimbursements.



Richard Andrews – Director of Nutrition Services
Saratoga Union School District

Being at AmTab was a great experience for me and my district. Seeing firsthand the process of making the furniture as well as seeing the printing machines for signage was great!



Jennifer Davis – Director of Nutrition Services
Kern High School District

AmTab makes you more aware of what you are getting, the different options as well as the quality of furniture.



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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 3, 2024
RE: Board Meeting October 7, 2024

Resolution for 2025 Budget Appropriations and Tax Rates (Action Required)

This is the date and the hour established in the legal advertisement for the 2025 Budget Adoption. A public hearing was conducted on the 2025 Budget on September 16, 2024. This is the meeting at which the Board of School Trustees must formally adopt the Resolution of Appropriations.

The School Board needs to make a motion to adopt the 2025 Budget Appropriations and Tax Rates as presented and then vote on the motion.

Resolution to Adopt the 2025 Capital Projects Plan (Action Required)

This is the date and the hour established in the legal advertisement to adopt the 2025 Capital Projects Plan. A public hearing was conducted on the 2025 Capital Projects Plan on September 16, 2024. This is the meeting at which the Board of School Trustees must formally adopt the Resolution.

The School Board needs to make a motion to adopt the 2025 Capital Projects Plan and then vote on the motion.

Resolution to Adopt the 2025 School Bus Replacement Plan (Action Required)

This is the date and the hour established in the legal advertisement to adopt the 2025 School Bus Replacement Plan. A public hearing was conducted on the 2025 Bus Replacement Plan on September 16, 2024. This is the meeting at which the Board of School Trustees must formally adopt the Resolution.

The School Board needs to make a motion to adopt the 2025 Bus Replacement Plan and then vote on the motion.

Resolution to Transfer Amounts from Education Fund to the Operations Fund (Action Required)

In accordance with 2017 HEA 1009, Indiana Code 20-40-2-3 requires us to continue to receipt all of the tuition support we receive from the State into the Education Fund. Subsequently, school districts need to transfer a portion of the tuition support from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund to cover the expenditures that moved from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund. At this time, we estimate that will be approximately \$4,200,000 for calendar year 2025. This represents approximately 6% of our estimated Education Fund Revenue for 2025. This resolution authorizes the Director of Business Services to make these transfers from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund equally on a monthly basis. As previously noted, this aggregate amount may need to be amended during 2025, depending on the result of our 2025 ADM counts and ongoing teacher negotiations.

Public Hearing and Additional Appropriation Resolution Fund (Action Required)

When I was preparing the calendar year 2024 budget in the summer of 2023, I estimated that we would need to appropriate approximately \$500,000 in interest payments in 2024 related to the 2023 G.O. Bonds that we were going to sell in September 2023. Because of the high demand for our bonds, when the bonds were sold, the market yielded premium bonds, meaning that we received more than the par value of the bonds themselves. The flip side is that we then owed a higher interest payment in 2024 than originally estimated. The interest due here in 2024 is \$104,749 more than originally appropriated and therefore, we need to pass a resolution authorizing this additional spending. Please note, the additional dollars we received from the premium bonds more than covers this expense, so we are not seeking any additional dollars from our taxpayers. This resolution just authorizes us to spend the money that we already have.

The school district is required to hold a public hearing to allow the taxpayers to be heard in respect to the aforementioned additional appropriation. Notice of this public hearing was published in the Times and the Post Tribune on September 24th.

We do not need to suspend the regular board meeting to do this. Rather, after I explain the resolution, I will ask the audience if there are any questions or comments. After any public comments, the school board shall vote on the resolution.

The administration recommends approving the Additional Appropriation Resolution.

Donations (Action Required)

Received

The Lake Central Best Buddies received donations of \$20 each from Mrs. Metz and Mrs. Wellman.

The Clark Middle School PTO has donated \$1,974.95 to the school to be used to purchase a subscription to EdPuzzle and a new tricycle bike.

The Administration recommends approving the donations as indicated above.

ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

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 Approved by the State Board of Accounts, 2015
 Prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance

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Ordinance / Resolution Number:

Be it ordained/resolved by the **Board of School Trustees** that for the expenses of **LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION** for the year ending December 31, **2025** the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of **LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION**, the property tax levies and property tax rates as herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance.

This ordinance/resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the **Board of School Trustees**.

Name of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Type of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Date of Adoption
Board of School Trustees	School Board	10/07/2024

Funds

Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget	Adopted Tax Levy	Adopted Tax Rate
0022	REFERENDUM FUND - EXEMPT OPERATING - POST 2009	\$14,000,000	\$11,900,000	0.1700
0180	DEBT SERVICE	\$10,785,968	\$11,877,014	0.1980
0186	SCHOOL PENSION DEBT	\$0	\$0	0.0000
0287	REFERENDUM DEBT FUND - EXEMPT CAPITAL - POST 2009	\$12,356,500	\$11,647,909	0.1765
3101	EDUCATION	\$73,500,000	\$0	0.0000
3300	OPERATIONS	\$26,000,000	\$19,452,781	0.3242
		\$136,642,468	\$54,877,704	0.8687

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Name		Signature
Cindy Sues, President	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
Dr. Janice Malchow, Vice-President	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
Nicole Kelly, Secretary	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
Howard Marshall Jr, Member	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
Louise Tallent, Member	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	

ATTEST

Name	Title	Signature
Nicole Kelly	Secretary	

In accordance with IC 6-1.1-17-16(k), we state our intent to issue debt after December 1 and before January 1

Yes No

In accordance with IC 6-1.1-17-16(k), we state our intent to file a shortfall appeal after December 1 and before December 31

Yes No

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2025 CAPITAL PROJECTS PLAN

This resolution is adopted by the Board of School Trustees of the Lake Central School Corporation of Lake County, Indiana.

WHEREAS, a School Operations Fund has been established; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees is required under IC 20-40-18-6 to adopt a Capital Projects Plan with respect to the Operations Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees held a public hearing on the 16th of September, 2024 at the Lake Central High School Board Room, 8260 Wicker Avenue, St. John, Indiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of School Trustees that the plan entitled Capital Projects Plan for the years 2025 to 2027, is hereby incorporated by reference into this resolution, and is adopted as the Board of School Trustees' plan with respect to the School Operations Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of School Trustees shall submit a certified copy of this resolution to the Department of Local Government Finance as required by IC 20-40-18-6 for approval.

Adopted this 7th day of October, 2024.

Cindy Sues, President

Dr. Janice Malchow, Vice President

Nicole Kelly, Secretary

Howard Marshall Jr, Member

Louise Tallent, Member

»» BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES ««

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE YEAR 2025 SCHOOL BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN

This resolution is adopted by the Board of School Trustees of the Lake Central School Corporation of Lake County, Indiana

WHEREAS, a School Operations Fund has been established; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees is required under IC 20-40-18-9 to adopt a Bus Replacement Plan with respect to the School Operations Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees held a public hearing on the 16th of September, 2024 at the Lake Central High School Board Room, 8260 Wicker Avenue, St. John, Indiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of School Trustees that the plan entitled School Bus Replacement Plan for the years 2025 through 2029, is hereby incorporated by reference into this resolution and is adopted as the Board of School Trustees' plan with respect to the School Operations Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of School Trustees shall submit a certified copy of this resolution to the Department of Local Government Finance as required by IC 20-40-18-9 for approval.

Adopted this 7th day of October, 2024.

Cindy Sues, President

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RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER AMOUNTS FROM THE EDUCATION FUND TO THE OPERATIONS FUND

This resolution is adopted by the Board of School Trustees of the Lake Central School Corporation of Lake County, Indiana.

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees is the governing body of the Lake Central School Corporation, Lake County, Indiana, and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees has established an Education Fund and Operations Fund, and

WHEREAS, IC 20-40-2-3 requires distributions of tuition support to be received in the Education Fund;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Trustees authorizes the Director of Business Services of the Lake Central School Corporation to transfer up to \$4,200,000 during 2025 from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund to cover expenditures that are not allocated to student instruction and learning under IC 20-42.5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Business Services shall make these transfers from the Education Fund to the Operation Fund equally on a monthly basis.

Adopted this 7th day of October, 2024.

Cindy Sues, President

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ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

Whereas, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was originally appropriated in the annual budget; now, therefore:

Sec. 1. Be it resolved by the Board of School Trustees of the Lake Central School Corporation, Lake County, that for the expenses of the taxing unit the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to laws governing the same:

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Approved By Fiscal Body</u>
Fund Name: Debt Service Fund		
Major Budget Classification:		
52000 Interest on Debt	\$ 104,749	\$ 104,749

Adopted this 7th day of October, 2024.

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