

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

Board Members Present

Cindy Sues, President  
Janice Malchow, Vice President  
Nicole Kelly, Secretary  
Louise Tallent, Board Member

Board Members Not Present

Howard Marshall, Board Member

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

*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 4-0  
Roll Call Vote Unless Otherwise Indicated*

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, April 21, 2025 - 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 Agenda include added Professional Leave Request under Becky Gromala's section.
  - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
  - Louise Tallent 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. St. John Redevelopment Commission: Cindy Sues
  - H. Dollars for Scholars: Cindy Sues

- I. Dyer Redevelopment Commission: Louise Tallent
- J. Wellness Committee: Louise Tallent

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

- A. Approval of Minutes
  - Executive Session: March 17, 2025
  - Regular Board Meeting: March 17, 2025
  - Regular Meeting: April 7, 2025
- B. Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures
  - Nicole Kelly moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
  - Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried.

VI. Public Comments Regarding Action Items

- There were no public comments.

VII. Official School Board Business Topics: Regular Agenda

A. Superintendent – *Dr. Veracco*

- 1. Recognitions:
  - a. FCCLA State Leadership Conference
  - b. LCHS Cheer Team IASP State Championship
  - c. LCHS Centralettes State Championship
  - d. LCHS Boys Swim Team State Finals
- 2. General Assembly Activities

B. Assistant Superintendent – *Sarah Castaneda*

- 1. Personnel Recommendations – **Action Required**
  - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
  - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried.
- 2. High School Winter Sports Report - *Chris Enyeart*

C. Director of Primary Education – *Yolanda Bracey*

- 1. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required**
  - Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
  - Louise Tallent seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried.
- 2. Field Trip Requests - **Action Required**
  - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
  - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried.
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D. Director of Secondary Education – *Misty Scheuneman*

- 1. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required**
  - Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
  - Louise Tallent seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried.

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

- Janice Malchow moved to approve.
- Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

E. Director of Student Services - *Becky Gromala*

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

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

F. Director of Facilities – *Bill Ledyard*

G. Director of Business Services – *Rob James*

1. Donations - **Action Required**

- Janice Malchow moved to approve.
- Cindy Sues seconded the motion.

2. Quarterly Financial Report

VIII. Public Comments – *Cindy Sues*

- There were no public comments.

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

- Janice Malchow: First of all, I appreciate all of the work that you central office staff had to do to invite all of our attendees tonight, it's always a fun night to have. Who was it that mentioned mental health for teachers. *[The wellness committee, they were talking about trying to do something to provide recognition for teachers outside of staff appreciate week as well as well as some activities to hopefully lower their stress levels, so that was one goal for the committee for next week.]* Okay, it made me think of a program that coming into the Crown Point area, it's sponsored by their Rotary and its about mental health issues with students and I think our former Lynette Belouch is going to be one of the presenters, or that's what I've kind of put together, so that's on May 1st and that's in Crown Point. I think it starts at 6 and then you can come over for the big jazz fest in the auditorium at Lake Central High School. Got your day planned for you and your night too!

- Louise Tallent: Thank everyone for all the work and what was demonstrated tonight in all of the accomplishments of students, staff and obviously the parents, so thank you everybody, thank you.

- Cindy Sues: Thank you Mrs. Nowacki for putting together this wonderful list that will keep us together.

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

- Next School Board Meeting: Monday, May 5, 2025

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

- Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
- Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
- Motion carried, Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Minutes of the April 21, 2025 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the May 5, 2025 School Board Meeting.

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Cindy Sues, President

ATTEST:

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Nicole Kelly, Secretary

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## School Board Recognition Summary April 21, 2025

### **FCCLA State Leadership Conference**

8 Students Invited

Caitlyn Blair  
Sophie Dragos  
Cali O'Donnell  
Ayah Kanaan  
Savanna Jones  
Jonathon Grigoriadis  
Adalyn Maki  
Andrew Haavig

### **LCCHS Cheer Team IASP State Championship**

19 Students Invited

3 Coaches Invited

Madelyn Biggerstaff  
Riley Brower  
Skylar Ewer  
Emmie Gabler  
Autumn Garcia  
Aislinn Hayes  
Serena Johnson  
Addison Karagias  
Kelsey Kulakowski  
My' Ajah Lee  
Morgan Mahoney  
Peyton Morris  
Catalina Murray  
Karli Newton  
Camryn Pancoast  
Savannah Snyder  
Stephanie Tuftedal

Coaches:

Joan Loden  
John Powers  
Haley Ritchie

### **LCCHS Centralettes**

IHSOTA 2025 State Champion Pom & Jazz

IHSOTA 2025 State Runner-Up Hip Hop

16 Students Invited

1 Coach Invited

Brynn Berwanger  
Addison Brtva  
Iris Charon  
Jessica Cleghorn  
Hailey Danielson  
Kasey Kalwasinski  
Sophia Kaminsky  
Kate Kijewski  
Piper Love Connor  
Hailey McCoy  
Ava McQuillan  
Sydney Rippe  
Sofia Sabo  
Abigail Simaga  
Gabrielle Waters  
Tessa Wilsens

Coach, Kevin Mathis

### **LCCHS Boys Swim Team IHSAA State Finals**

5 Students Invited

3 Coaches Invited

Cal Bowman  
Timothy Hampton  
Cameron Mosley  
Dylan Pacheco  
Kajus Rudzevicius

Coaches:

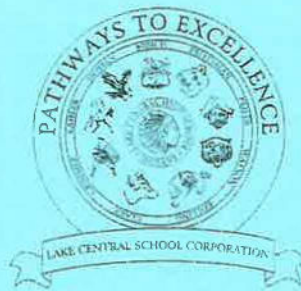
Rod Smith  
Jeff Kilinski  
Riley Ingram

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**TO:** Board of School Trustees  
**FROM:** Sarah Castaneda, Assistant Superintendent  
**DATE:** April 17, 2025  
**RE:** Board Meeting of April 21, 2025

## Personnel

*(Board action required)*

We are recommending that the following be approved:

### I. Certified Appointment(s) & Resignation(s), Retirement(s):

#### A. Appointment(s):

1. Jeanine Peters, Temporary Grade One Teacher, Peifer Elementary School (effective May 2, 2025).

#### B. Resignation(s):

1. Sylvia Fish, Temporary Grade One Teacher, Peifer Elementary School (effective 29, 2025).
2. Amber Schaaf, Temporary Grade One Teacher, Kolling Elementary School (effective May 29, 2025).
3. Susan Sciupider, Temporary Kindergarten Teacher, Kolling Elementary School (effective May 29, 2025).
4. Hannah Fionda, Temporary Art Teacher, Kolling Elementary School (effective May 29, 2025).
5. Amanda Ortega, Temporary Math Teacher, Grimmer Middle School (effective May 29, 2025).

#### C. Retirement(s):

1. Karen Arehart, Physical Education Teacher, Lake Central High School (effective June 30, 2025); *28 years of dedicated service.*

### II. Classified Resignation(s), Change of Status & Retirement(s):

#### A. Resignation(s):

1. Maria Torres, Café Assistant, Clark Middle School (effective April 7, 2025).
2. Josephine Schultz, Paraprofessional, Kahler Middle School (effective April 10, 2025).
3. Gary Szymborski, Custodian, Clark Middle School (effective May 15, 2025).



**B. Change of Status:**

1. Nicole Marino, from 7.0 to 7.5 hours per day as a Product Specialist at Grimmer Middle School (effective April 14, 2025).

**C. Retirement(s):**

1. Brenda Andrews, Bus Driver, Lake Central Transportation (effective May 28, 2025); *16 years of dedicated service.*
2. Valerie Boller, Bus Driver, Lake Central Transportation (effective May 28, 2025); *15 years of dedicated service.*
3. Arlene Rybicki, Paraprofessional, Lake Central High School (effective May 28, 2025); *25 years of dedicated service.*

**III. Certified Extracurricular Resignation(s):**

**A. Resignation(s):**

1. Ryan O'Dell, Color Guard Director, Lake Central High School (effective April 7, 2025).

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



4/21/2025

## Substitutes - Hired

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Director of Student Services

TO: Board of School Trustees  
FROM: Yolanda Bracey, Director of Primary Education  
DATE: April 17, 2025  
RE: **Board Meeting of April 21, 2025**

### PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

NAME	Kaitlyn Krachenfels, Justine Kasch, Donelle Extin, Melisa Lopez, Kaitlyn Sanders
POSITION	Teachers
SCHOOL	Watson Elementary
EVENT	1st Grade Field Trip
DATES	4/15/2025
PLACE	Chicago, IL
DESCRIPTION	1st grade field trip to Lincoln Park Zoo
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Watson 1st Grade Team
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$0 Estimated Travel Cost - \$0
FUNDING	Self Funded

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>Christine Barajas</b>
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	Kolling
EVENT	NCTE/NCTM Joint Conference
DATES	6/16, 6/17, 6/18/2025
PLACE	Chicago, IL
DESCRIPTION	Math Conference
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	NCTE and NCTM
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$325 Estimated Travel Cost – Train Fare
FUNDING	District Title II

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Noelle Enyeart / Kristy Bashara</b>
POSITION	Teacher / Reading Specialist
SCHOOL	Kolling / Bibich
EVENT	Ignite to Write Workshop
DATES	6/26 - 6/27/2025
PLACE	Virtual
DESCRIPTION	Writing workshop
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Smekens Education
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$379 x (2) Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Corporation Title II

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Kim Martin, Brooke Vance</b>
POSITION	Teachers
SCHOOL	Homan Elementary
EVENT	High Ability Boot Camp
DATES	9/08/2025
PLACE	2-week virtual camp
DESCRIPTION	high ability training for teachers
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Consultants for High Ability
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$300 x (2) Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Corporation High Ability Fund



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TO: Board of School Trustees

FROM: Yolanda Bracey, Director of Elementary Education

DATE: April 17, 2025

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### **FIELD TRIP REQUESTS**

Kaitlyn Krachenfels, Justine Kasch, Donelle Extin, Melisa Lopez and Kaitlyn Sanders, teachers at Watson Elementary School, request to take approximately (95) 1st grade students to Chicago, IL on May 15, 2025. The students will visit Lincoln Park Zoo where they will study animals and their habitats. This is a self-funded event.

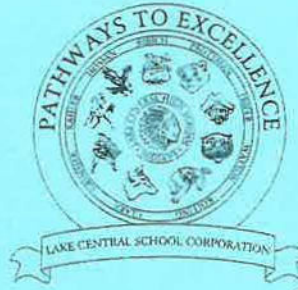
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TO: Board of School Trustees  
FROM: Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education  
DATE: April 17, 2025  
RE: **Board Meeting of April 21, 2025**

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### **PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Erin Novak</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	Principal
<b>SCHOOL</b>	LCHS
<b>EVENT</b>	School Safety Training
<b>DATES</b>	4/21/2025
<b>PLACE</b>	Crown Point, IN
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Safety Training
<b>SPONSORING ORGANIZATION</b>	IDOE/FBI/kNot Today
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$0 Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage
<b>FUNDING</b>	684-5-1   300-58000-0002

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>Nathaniel Jones</b>
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Choir and Handbells End of Year Trip
DATES	5/03/2025
PLACE	Gurnee, IL
DESCRIPTION	End of year field trip
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	LCHS Music Department
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Self Funded

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Misty Scheuneman / Jolene Bogacki / Valerie Gardner</b>
POSITION	Director of Secondary Education / Instructional & Technology Coach / Secondary Math Coach
SCHOOL	District / Middle School / LCHS
EVENT	Student - Centered Coaching: The Workshop
DATES	9/08 - 9/10/2025
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Evidence-based instructional coaching model that puts student learning at the center of coaching work
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	CIESC
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 x (3) Estimated Hotel Cost – \$400 x (3) Estimated Required Fees – \$349 x (3) 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: April 17, 2025

RE: **Board Meeting of April 21, 2025**

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### ***FIELD TRIP REQUESTS***

Nathaniel Jones, teacher at LCHS, requests to take approximately (60) members of the choir and handbells group to Gurnee, IL on May 3, 2025. The group will visit Six Flags and enjoy an end of year celebration. This is a self-funded event.

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TO: Board of School Trustees  
FROM: Rebecca Gromala, Director of Student Services  
DATE: April 21, 2025  
RE: **Board Meeting of April 21, 2025**

## PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

## REVISION

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Rebecca Gromala</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	Director of Student Services
<b>SCHOOL</b>	District
<b>EVENT</b>	ICASE Northwest Roundtable Retreat
<b>DATES</b>	4/25/2025
<b>PLACE</b>	Michigan City, IN
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Special education directors retreat
<b>SPONSORING ORGANIZATION</b>	IN Council of Special Ed Directors
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$0 Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage
<b>FUNDING</b>	646-0-22120-58000-0001

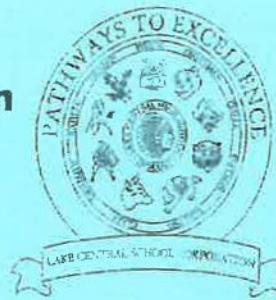
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Rob James  
Director of Business Services

To: Board of School Trustees

From: Mr. Rob James, Director of Business Services

Date: April 17, 2025

**RE: Board Meeting April 21, 2025**

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

The Less Family Living Trust donated \$4,000 to Lake Central High School for this year's scholarships.

## **Given**

Kolling Student Council held a Sucker Fundraiser and would like to donate \$373.35 of the money raised to the American Red Cross.

The Administration recommends approving the donations as indicated above.

## **Quarterly Financial Report**

Now that we have finished the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of our fiscal year, I will be giving the School Board an update on the financial position of our Education Fund and other Operating Funds as of March 31, 2025.