# LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION Lake Central High School HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM – Enter Door A or B 8260 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373

Board Members Present Cindy Sues, President Nicole Kelly, Secretary Louise Tallent, Board Member Board Members Not Present Howard Marshall, Board Member Janice Malchow, Vice President

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

To view the archived video of the meeting in its entirety, go to the School Board section of website at <u>www.lcsc.us</u> Administration Not Present Bill Ledyard, Director of Facilities Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education

> All Motions Were Passed With a 3-0 Vote Unless Otherwise Indicated

# SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES Monday, May 19, 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
  - Nicole Kelly moved to approve the Agenda.
  - 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: May 5, 2025:
  - Regular Board Meeting: May 5, 2025
- B. Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures
- 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. Recognitions:

Bibich WordMasters	Peifer WordMasters	Protsman WordMasters	Watson WordMasters
National Top 10	National Top 10	National Top 10	4th Place, Round 3
Clark 5th Grade Math Bowl	Kahler ISSMA State Solo & Ensemble - Vocals	Kahler ISSMA Saxophone Solo	Kahler ISSMA 7th Grade Band
LCHS	LCHS Skills USA	LCHS Multilingual	LCHS
Academic Superbowl	State Competition	Proficiency COMP	Harvard Book Award

- 2. New Legislation Update
- B. Assistant Superintendent Sarah Castaneda
  - 1. Personnel Recommendations Action Required
    - Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
    - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
    - Motion carried.
  - 2. Approval for Summer Hires Action Required
    - Louise Tallent moved to approve.
    - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
    - Motion carried.
  - 3. Middle School Athletic Director Update (Winter/Spring)
- C. Director of Primary Education Yolanda Bracey
- 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.

- 3. ELA 5-8 Textbook Adoption Selections
- E. Director of Student Services *Becky Gromala*1. Certificate of Multilingual Competency and WIDA scores
- F. Director of Facilities Bill Ledyard
- G. Director of Business Services Rob James
  - 1. Professional Leave Requests Action Required
    - Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
    - Louise Tallent seconded the motion.
    - Motion carried.
  - 2. Donations Action Required
    - Louise Tallent moved to approve.
    - Cindy Sues 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

- Nicole Kelly: Congratulations to all of our recipients this evening. So many. So great to see that. Also going to give a shout out to the girls tennis team. I was told that for the first time in Lake Central history that they not only cinched the number one spot in the DAC, but also were undefeated within the conference. So, kudos to our girls on that team and to our coaches, Ralph Holden and Joe.

- Louise Tallent: We had a lot of recognitions tonight. All of them were really wonderful and just thank you to all the parents and the staff and of course the students for their energy that they put into all the extras that were seen this evening. And also just another shout out to the school and the town collaboration concerning soccer because we are able to include the middle school schools in a soccer program and there's also the Dyer Kickers, they are having a 50th anniversary on May 31st at Central Park. So, that affects quite a few kids.

- Cindy Sues: I would just like to add that we had our DFS Awards night. We gave away 72 scholarships to graduating seniors. And, congratulations to our 2025 graduates.

- X. Board Calendar of Future Activities Dr. Veracco
  Next School Board Meeting: Monday, June 16, 2025
- XI. Adjournment Cindy Sues Action Required
  - Nicole Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm.
  - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried.

Minutes of the May 19, 2025 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the June 16, 2025 School Board Meeting.

Cindy Sues, President

ATTEST:

Nicole Kelly, Secretary

# SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR MINTUES

# School Board Recognition Summary for the meeting to be held: May 19, 2025

#### LCHS Multilingual Proficiency COMP

10 Students Invited

Marta Anchevska Kristijan Anchevski Catalina Ibarra Parth Patel Riya Patel Abel Rivas Castillo Abdaliah Sahawneh Ana Stojic Ngoc Tran Sofia Ungureanu

Clark 5<sup>th</sup> Grade math Bowl 21 Students Invited

2 Teachers Invited

Nikolas Boldus Lyla Damjanovic Payton Ervin Garrett Flanagin Jack Flanagin Elle Fontanetta Elizabeth Gehrt Cassandra Gonzalez Gretchen Gutierrez Milica Ivetic Averie Johnson Mi' Jon Johnson-Jackson Hanna Jordan Tristan Lopez Kylie Marinucci Miranda McGee Anjolaoluwa Owolabi Aleksander Pachacz Ibrahim Salah Matthew Silsby Mason Bailey

Teachers: Callie Case Erick Maciszak

# LCHS Skills USA State Competition 3 Students Invited 2 Teachers Invited

James Roos-Dyon Logan Ruiz Kayla Adams

Teachers: Jereme Rainwater Terry Richardson

# **Protsman WordMasters National Top 10**

20 Students Invited 1 Teacher Invited

Harmony Beller Landon Doty Scarlett Flannigan Charlotte Florek Aleena Gonzalez Juliana Gonzalez Tyler Kersten Sarah Kuiken Lilv Lauer Ethan Lin Connor Morley Victoria Nowacyzk Nishee Patel Ava Ruane **Emily Sima** Yashvir Singh Travis Swartz **Richard West** Lincoln Widstrand Owen Widstrand

Coach: Lisa Patrick

#### Watson WordMasters Challenge 4<sup>th</sup> Place Round 3 23 Students Invited 1 Teacher Invited

Asher Aponte Fiona Duncan Gavin Gabrano Madeline Glueckert Izaak Howe Piper Juran Matilda Jurkash Brooklyn Lorig Jackson Malinski Ella Murphy Benjamin Navarro Benjamin Newcomb Valentin Ortega Milos Pavic Amelia Paxton Benjamin Popa Reyna Razo Lincoln Rompca Mia Savic Madeline Schaack Everly Southerland Julia Spisak Brinkley Vance

Teacher: Sheri Thompson

# 2024-25 Bibich WordMasters Challenge

National Top Ten 22 Students Invited 1 Teacher Invited

Vincent Alberico Ronin Alvarez Luke Carson Chloe Couwenhoven Dean Durrah Winona Erickson Ryker Garza Vincenzo Gasbarro Arianna Herrera Elizabetta Krivickas

## 2024-25 Bibich WordMasters Challenge National Top Ten (continued)

Jude Mathis Jacob Midgal Addison Osan Riley Raczka Finley Reddick Helena Rosenbalm Mary Schafer Madelyn Stalley Robert Szary, Jr. David Tapper Nina Vukorepa Erlinda Zavislak

Teacher: Julia Crary

# LCHS Academic Super Bowl 28 Students Invited

5 Coaches Invited

Patrick Sullivan Mia Legaspi Shaelyn Innis Bozhena Shvika Montserrat M. Del Cid Angel Harrigan Madeline McNabney Jocelyne McNabney Alexis Grosskurth Precious Fasanya **Riley Hanson** Jocelyn Dunkerley Mile Stojakovic Jovan Kolar Ayah Kanaan Victoria Cometa Anthony Greer Keira Gordon Coral Favela Atira Anekwe Isaiah Thatcher **Tony Zervos** Mazy Redhead Kaylee' Phillips Lily Collard

#### LCHS Academic Super Bowl (Continued)

Adrijana Bastaic Omar Hijaz Leo McGeady

Teahcers: Josh Clark Julie Shupryt Kathryn Clark Elizabeth Cowan Michelle Deming

Kahler Middle School ~ Megan Marcisz Gold Alto - Saxophone Solo 2025 ISSMA State Solo & Ensemble 1 Student Invited

Megan Marcisz

Kahler Middle School ~ Carson Cuevas Gold Vocals Solo 2025 ISSMA State Solo & Ensemble 1 Student Invited

Carson Cuevas

Leta Sena Lopez Kahler 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band ISSMA – Gold With Distinction 1 Teacher Invited

Leta Sena Lopez

LCHS Harvard Book Award Omar Hijaz 1 Student Invited

Omar Hijaz

Peifer 2024-25 WordMasters National Top Ten 24 Students Invited 1 Teacher Invited

Students: Masa Al-Azzah Lorenzo Avala Alyson Crague Zuri Davis Max Emig Jonathan Escorza Lavla Fafrowicz Beckett Fuller Lillian Gard Lucas Hankins Jeanine Jaber Violet Kuipers Lincoln Kujawa Isbella Lemus Liam Lopez Zalina Mantis Demetrius Mitchell Lincoln Pierson Landon Pieta Helena Rajacic James Spisak Brayden Stringer Zachary Wartman Shawn Wells

Teacher: Lauren Martinez

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TO:	Board of School Trustees
FROM:	Sarah Castaneda, Assistant Superintendent
DATE:	May 19, 2025
RE:	Board Meeting of May 15, 2025

#### Personnel

#### *(Board action required)* We are recommending that the following be approved:

# I. Certified Transfer(s) & Resignation(s):

#### A. Transfer(s):

- 1. Danelle Bulatovich, transferring from ELA Teacher, Grimmer Middle School to ELA Teacher Kahler Middle School (effective August 12, 2025).
- 2. Corrie Erdelles, transferring from ELA Teacher, Kahler Middle School to Physical Education (PE) Teacher, Kahler Middle School (effective August 12, 2025).
- 3. Sarah Stamper, transferring from Kindergarten to Grade 1, Protsman Elementary School (effective August 12, 2025).
- 4. Crystal Lippie, transferring from Applied Skills Teacher, Bibich Elementary School to Early Childhood Teacher, Kolling Elementary School (effective August 12, 2025).
- 5. Brianne Rodriguez, transferring from Math Teacher, Grimmer School to Math Teacher, Clark Middle School.
- 6. Janel Tobias, transferring from Science Teacher, Clark Middle School to Science Teacher, Lake Central High School (effective August 12, 2025).
- 7. Sandra Evans, transferring from Early Childhood Teacher, Watson Elementary to Early Childhood Teacher, Kolling Elementary School (effective August12, 2025).

# B. Resignation(s):

- 1. Tina Panepinto, Kindergarten Teacher, Homan Elementary School (effective May 29, 2025).
- 2. Kyle Blum, Temporary Physical Education (PE) Teacher, Lake Central High School (effective May 12, 2025).

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

# A. Resignation(s):

- 1. Dulce Rodriguez, Custodian, Lake Central High School (effective May 16, 2025).
- 2. Parker Rufo, Paraprofessional, Bibich Elementary School (effective May 5, 2025).

- 3. Kristen Mirabelli, Paraprofessional, Protsman Elementary School (effective May 5, 2025).
- 4. Iona Sas, Paraprofessional, Kahler Middle School (effective May 5, 2025).
- 5. Nicole Walczak, 9 Month Secretary, Homan Elementary School (effective May 7, 2025).
- 6. Laura Ruiz-Stephan, Paraprofessional, Protsman Elementary School (effective May 23, 2025).
- 7. Debra Hadu, Temporary Paraprofessional at Clark Middle School (effective May 28, 2025).

#### B. Transfer(s):

1. Christine Demantes, from Paraprofessional to 9 Month Secretary at Homan Elementary School (effective May 7, 2025).

#### C. Change of Status:

1. Edith Salgado, from 6.0 hour per day Product Assistant to 7.0 hour per day Product Specialist at Clark Middle School (effective May 13, 2025).

#### D. Termination(s):

1. Samantha Crowley, Paraprofessional, Bibich Elementary School (effective May 28, 2025).

#### **III.** Certified Extracurricular Appointments(s):

#### A. Appointment(s):

- 1. Laurie Rosine, Project Lit Sponsor, Grimmer Middle School (effective August 13, 2025).
- 2. Peter Tinsley, Campagna Summer School Physical Education (PE), Campagna (effective Summer 2025).
- 3. Kyle Ellis, Campagna Summer School Service Provider, Campagna (effective Summer 2025).
- 4. Mary Ann Medved, Campagna Summer School Teacher, Campagna (effective Summer 2025).
- 5. Cody McCall, Campagna Summer School Teacher, Campagna (effective Summer 2025).
- 6. Devin Moore, ESY Teacher, Homan Elementary School (effective June 2, 2025).
- 7. Karen Brann, ESY Teacher, Homan Elementary School (effective June 2, 2025).
- 8. Lisa McKinney, HS/MS ESY Teacher, Lake Central High School (effective June 2, 2025).
- 9. Michael Wester, Purchase of Plan-Automotive Technology, Lake Central High School (effective August 13, 2025).
- 10. Jennifer Schmidt, Purchase of Plan-FACS Teacher, Lake Central High School (effective August 13, 2025).

#### IV. Classified Extracurricular Appointment(s):

#### A. Appointment(s):

1. Benjamin Cash, Color/Winter Guard Director, Lake Central High School (effective May 1, 2025). *Pending Background Check*.

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

Substitutes - Hired

Employee Name	Hire Date	Job Description
Laura Ruiz-Stephan	8/13/2025	Classified Sub
Kai Blankenship	5/15/2025	Classified Sub
Gale Brown	5/15/2025	Sub Cafeteria

Substitutes - Resigned

Employee Name	Resignation Date	Job Description
Rita Evanson	5/9/2025	Retired LC Teacher Sub
Wendy Livingston	5/14/2025	Sub Cafeteria
Mary Howes	5/14/2025	Sub Cafeteria
Kyle Blum	5/14/2025	Sub Teacher
Samantha Marino	5/15/2025	Sub Teacher
Bianca Matchain	5/15/2025	Sub Teacher

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Misty Scheuneman Director of Secondary Education

> Rebecca Gromala Director of Student Services

TO: LC School Board
FROM: Sarah Castaneda
DATE: May 15, 2024
RE: Approval for Summer Hires

I am requesting approval to hire certified staff members from May 20, 2025 through August 11, 2025.

By approving this request, it will give us the opportunity to hire personnel for critical positions as quickly as possible so Lake Central secures the best candidates for the 2025-2026 school year.

Thank you.

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TO:	Board of School Trustees	
FROM:	Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education	
DATE:	May 15, 2025	
RE:	Board Meeting of May 19, 2025	

# **PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS**

NAME	Pete Koulianos
POSITION	Head Football Coach
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Summer Team Camp
DATES	6/23 - 6/25/2025
PLACE	Angola, IN
DESCRIPTION	Football Camp
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Trine University
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	Leta Sena-Lopez
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	Kahler Middle School
EVENT	Kahler Jazz Band Nashville Trip
DATES	4/10 - 4/12/2026
PLACE	Nashville, TN
DESCRIPTION	Opportunity to attend a clinic, visit musical museums and perform outside of the Grand Ole Opry
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Bob Rogers Travel
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$0 Estimated Travel Cost - \$0
FUNDING	Self Funded



- TO: Board of School Trustees
- FROM: Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education
- DATE: May 15, 2025
- RE: Board Meeting of May 19, 2025

#### FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

Pete Koulianos, head football coach at LCHS, requests to take approximately (120) members of the football team to Angola, IN on June 23 - June 25, 2025. The team will attend summer football camp at Trine University. This is a self-funded event.

Leta Sena-Lopez, band director at Kahler Middle School, requests to take approximately (50) members of the Kahler Jazz Band to Nashville, TN on April 10 -April 12, 2026. The band members will attend a clinic at Vanderbilt University, visit National Museums of music, and perform outside of the Grand Ole Opry. All travel arrangements will be handled by Bob Rogers Travel. This is a self-funded trip.

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## ELA 5-8 Textbook Adoption Selections

The ELA 6-8 Textbook Adoption committee chose Amplify ELA.

- Rated all-green on EdReports, Amplify ELA earned perfect scores across all gateways.
- Amplify ELA was created specifically for middle school students.
- Built-in differentiation
- Daily routine of vocab, close reading, responding to the reading, and staking a claim in writing.
- Digital and print

The ELA 5 Textbook adoption committee chose Open Court.

- This aligns with elementary, as K-5 began using Open Court in 24-25 and has reported gains in student achievement.
- Built-in differentiation
- Daily routine that ensures that students receive comprehensive literacy instruction, integrating reading, writing, vocabulary, and grammar in a cohesive manner
- Digital and print

Both programs are rooted in the Science of Reading and provide a variety of texts for students to interact with.

Teacher training has begun for Amplify ELA and the Open Court training is at the end of May.

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Lawrence Veracco, Ph. D. Superintendent

Rob James Director of Business Services

To: Board of School Trustees

From: Mr. Rob James, Director of Business Services

Date: May 15, 2025

#### RE: Board Meeting May 19, 2025

#### Professional Leave Requests (Action Required)

I am requesting the following professional leaves to attend:

- 1. IASBO Board of Directors Meeting / Board Retreat in Indianapolis on June 5-6.
- 2. IASBO Joint Research Committee Meeting in Indianapolis on June 13th.

All costs for both meetings will be covered by IASBO.

#### Donations (Action Required) Received

The Kahler Middle School PTO made a \$50 donation to the school's Kindness Club for the purchase of flowers at the front entrance of the school.

Lake Central High School Best Buddies received \$50 from Randy and Carol Vanderaa.

The Kahler PTO is donating \$1,547.50 to Kahler, their proceeds from the recent Kahler Mania event held at the school.

Kolling Elementary School received \$80 from various parents during the Kolling Art Show.

#### Given

The Lake Central Latin Heritage Club sold Autism Awareness T-Shirts and would like to donate \$650 of the proceeds to Best Buddies.

Watson Elementary recently participated in the Riley Bucket Challenge and would like to donate the \$2,552.44 collected to Riley Children's Hospital.

Bibich Elementary School also held a Riley fundraiser and would like to donate the \$476 collected to Riley Children's Hospital.

Clark Middle School held a Cheese Ball Challenge to raise money for the American Heart Association. The school would like to donate \$4,360.25 to the American Heart Association.

The Administration recommends approving the donations as indicated above.

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Rob James Director of Business Services

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- TO: Board of School Trustees
- FROM: Rob James, Director of Business Services
- DATE: May 15, 2025
- RE: Board Meeting Of May 19, 2025

# PROFESSIONAL LEAVE

NAME	Rob James
POSITION	Director of Business Services
SCHOOL	Lake Central School Corporation
EVENT	IASBO Joint Research Committee Meeting
DATES	June 13, 2025
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	IASBO Research Committee Meeting
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana Association of School Business Officials
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0
	Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0
	Estimated Required Fees – \$0
	Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	None; IASBO pays for all expenses

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TO: Board of School Trustees

FROM: Rob James, Director of Business Services

DATE: May 15, 2025

RE: Board Meeting Of May 19, 2025

# **PROFESSIONAL LEAVE**

NAME	Rob James
POSITION	Director of Business Services
SCHOOL	Lake Central School Corporation
EVENT	IASBO Board of Directors Meeting / Retreat
DATES	June 5-6, 2025
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	IASBO Board of Directors Meetings
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana Association of School Business Officials
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0
	Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0
	Estimated Required Fees – \$0
	Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	None; IASBO pays for all expenses