

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

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 22, 2025 - 7:00pm

Board Members Present

Cindy Sues, President
Louise Tallent, Board Member
Nicole Kelly, Secretary

Board Members Not Present

Howard Marshall, Board Member
Janice Malchow, Vice President

Administration Present

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

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Bill Ledyard, Director of Facilities

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

- 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**
 - There is a revised Personnel Packet under Sarah Castaneda’s section.
 - There are additional Professional Leave Requests under Rebecca Gromala’s section.
 - Nicole Kelly moved to approve the revised Agenda.
 - Louise Tallent seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.

- III. Correspondence – *Nicole Kelly*
 - A letter to Dr. Veracco and Staff from Jeanne Wease was read into the record.

- IV. Liaison Committee Updates – *Cindy Sues*
 - A. Personnel Interview Committee: Howard Marshall
 - B. Schererville Redevelopment Commission: Nicole Kelly
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 - 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
- Regular Board Meeting: Monday, September 8, 2025
- B. Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures
- Louise Tallent moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
 - 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. Professional Leave Request - **Action Required**
 - Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
 - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
- B. Assistant Superintendent – *Sarah Castaneda*
1. Personnel Recommendations – **Action Required - Amended**
 - Louise Tallent seconded the motion.
 - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
 2. Updated Attendance Guidelines
- C. Director of Primary Education – *Yolanda Bracey*
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.
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 - Motion carried.
 3. Kindergarten Enrollment Date
 4. Recap: NWI Elementary Curriculum Directors’ Summit
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- D. Director of Secondary Education – *Misty Scheuneman*
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- E. Director of Student Services - *Becky Gromala*
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 - 2. Power School Special Programs Update
- F. Director of Facilities – *Bill Ledyard*
- G. Director of Business Services – *Rob James*
 - 1. Public Hearing on 2026 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and Bus Replacement Plan
 - 2. Donations - **Action Required**
 - Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
 - Cindy Sues second 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*
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X. Board Calendar of Future Activities – *Dr. Veracco*
 - Next School Board Meeting: Monday, October 6, 2025

XI. Adjournment – *Cindy Sues* – **Action Required**
 - Nicole Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm.
 - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

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ATTEST: _____
 Nicole Kelly, Secretary

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ATTEST:

Nicole Kelly, Secretary

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Dear Larry + Staff,

Please accept congratulations on
the recent proficiency scores of Lake
Central Schools. As a graduate, teacher, principal
of St John Township School system I am
honored to commend the entire staff
and students.

Cordially,
Jeanne Wease



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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Dr. Larry Veracco, Superintendent
DATE: September 18, 2025
RE: **Board Meeting of September 22, 2025**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

NAME	Rebecca Gromala
POSITION	Director of Student Services
SCHOOL	District
EVENT	2025 ISBA/IAPSS Fall Conference
DATES	9/14 - 9/16/2025
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Annual Meeting
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana School Boards Association / Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$400 Estimated Required Fees - \$325 Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage & Parking
FUNDING	0101-21810-58000-0001

LV/vv

NAME	Cindy Sues, Louise Tallent
POSITION	School Board President / School Board Member
SCHOOL	District
EVENT	School Finance for School Board Members Microcredentialing Program
DATES	Work at your own pace - 16 hours of learning
PLACE	Virtual
DESCRIPTION	Financial workshop for school board members
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana School Boards Association
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$750 x (2) Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	0300-23110-31200-0001

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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Sarah Castaneda, Assistant Superintendent
DATE: September 18, 2025
RE: Board Meeting of September 22, 2025

REVISED

Personnel

(Board action required)

We are recommending that the following be approved:

I. Certified Appointment(s) & Retirement(s):

A. Appointment(s):

1. Christy Bautista (perm sub), Temporary Kindergarten Teacher, Watson Elementary School (effective October 25, 2025 through December 19, 2025).

B. Retirement(s):

1. James Simmons, Physical Education Teacher, Clark Middle School (effective May 29, 2026); *31 years of dedicated service.*

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

A. Appointment(s):

1. Nina Mendoza (Crown Point), Paraprofessional, TAP, (effective September 11, 2025).
2. Celina O'Brien (Hammond), Café Assistant at Bibich Elementary School (effective September 15, 2025).
3. Mary Weber (Schererville), 2 day per week Paraprofessional, Grimmer Middle School (effective September 22, 2025).
4. Trish Makowski (St. John), One on One Nurse, Clark Middle School (effective September 26, 2025).

B. Resignation(s):

1. Emily Odonnell, One on One Nurse, Clark Middle School (effective September 24, 2025).
2. Pat Beckham, Bus Aide, Lake Central Transportation (effective October 3, 2025).
3. Doreen Hernandez, Paraprofessional, Homan Elementary School (effective October 3, 2025).
4. Aseel Alhaddad, Custodian, Clark Middle School (effective September 17, 2025).
5. Jordan Bathurst, Paraprofessional, Homan Elementary School (effective September 19, 2025).

C. Change of Status:

1. Rhonda Duffy, from 7.0 to 7.50 hours per day as a Product Assistant at Lake Central High School (effective August 28, 2025).

2. Melissa Wood, from 7.0 to 7.5 hours per day as a Product Specialist at Lake Central High School (effective September 15, 2025).
3. Vera Dimaggio, from 6.25 to 6.75 hours per day as a Paraprofessional at Kolling Elementary School (effective September 18, 2025).
4. Jessica Stooksbury, from 5.5 to 5.75 hours per days as a Paraprofessional at Kolling Elementary School (effective September 18, 2025).
5. Yaneli Terrazas, from 7.25 to 7.0 hours per day as a Paraprofessional at Lake Central High School (effective September 18, 2025).
6. Rebekah Lamb, from 7.25 to 7.0 hours per day as a Paraprofessional at Lake Central High School (effective September 18, 2025).

D. Transfer(s):

1. Sarah Nejman, transfer from Café Assistant to Product Assistant at Lake Central High School (effective September 15, 2025).

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

A. Appointment(s):

1. David Sidler, Cross Country Assistant Coach, Kahler Middle School (effective 25/26 school year).
2. Danielle Troxell, Project Lit Sponsor, Grimmer Middle School (effective September 11, 2025).
3. Lauryn Vukas, Science Department Chair, Lake Central High School (effective September 12, 2025).
4. Ella Swinney, N-Teens Assistant, Lake Central High School (effective September 17, 2025).
5. Jeffrey Fairbairn, Basketball Varsity Assistant Boys Coach (effective September 19, 2025).

B. Resignation(s):

1. Jeffrey Fairbairn, Basketball Junior Varsity Assistant Boys Coach (effective September 19, 2025).
2. Karen Noel, Unified Track Head Coach, (effective September 19, 2025).

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

A. Appointment(s):

1. Kris Strickland, Boys JV Basketball Coach, Lake Central High School (effective September 19, 2025).
2. Durante Lee, Boys Assistant Freshman Basketball Coach, Lake Central High School (effective September 19, 2025); *pending background check*.

B. Resignation(s):

1. Kris Strickland, Boys Assistant Freshman Basketball Coach, Lake Central High School (effective September 19, 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.

Understanding Absences

Exempt vs. Excused vs. Unexcused

State of Indiana Attendance Expectation: **94% (10 or fewer days missed per year)**

Exempt	Excused	Unexcused
<p>Pre-Arranged Exempt Absences per Indiana Code:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Page for General Assembly ● Election Day Worker ● Court Witness ● IN National Guard Active Duty ● Civil Air Patrol ● Educationally related non-classroom activity as defined in IC 20-33-2-17.5 ● Exhibiting/participating in state fair 	<p>An excused absence occurs when a parent or guardian chooses to keep their student home in the student's best interest.</p> <p>Acceptable reasons include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Illness (parent verified) ● Verified medical visit (note must be returned within 1 week or absence will be unexcused) ● School sends the student home sick ● Professional appointments (medical, dental, legal) ● Death in the family ● Religious holiday ● Military connected families' absences related to deployment <p>A parent/guardian must notify the school <u>on the day of the absence.</u></p>	<p>Students should have ZERO unexcused absences</p> <p>An unexcused absence is any absence that is not classified as exempt, excused, or is not verified within 24 hours of an absence (i.e.the school was not notified in time).</p> <p>If a student accumulates 5 unexcused absences within a 9 week grading period, an attendance meeting will be held, as required by law.</p> <p>A student who accumulates 10 or more unexcused absences is considered <u>habitually truant</u> and will be referred to juvenile services in accordance with Indiana Code 20-33-2-25.</p>

A student who misses 10% or more of the school year for any reason (18 days) is considered chronically absent by the state of Indiana. After 18 total absences, all absences beyond that will be marked as unexcused.



**MISS A DAY,
MISS A LOT.**

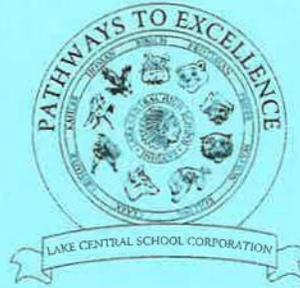
Attendance Matters

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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Yolanda Bracey, Director of Primary Education
DATE: September 18, 2025
RE: **Board Meeting of September 22, 2025**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

NAME	Lynn Malatestinic, Paulina Santiago, Lynn Zaikos / Christina Triveline
POSITION	Teacher, Teacher, Math Coach / Math Intervention
SCHOOL	Homan / Protsman
EVENT	IXL Live: Classic Edition
DATES	9/30/2025
PLACE	Chicago, IL
DESCRIPTION	Training on the use of IXL
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	IXL Learning
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$129 x (4) Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage & Parking x (2)
FUNDING	Title II

YB/vv

NAME	Lindsey Lannon
POSITION	Assistant Principal
SCHOOL	Homan Elementary
EVENT	IXL Live: Administrator Edition
DATES	9/30/2025
PLACE	South Bend, IN
DESCRIPTION	IXL Training designed for school & district leaders
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	IXL Learning
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$179 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage & Parking
FUNDING	Title II

NAME	Jane Dvorscak
POSITION	Math Interventionist
SCHOOL	Peifer Elementary
EVENT	IXL Trainings - Assessments & Analytics
DATES	10/02/2025
PLACE	Chicago, IL
DESCRIPTION	Training on using IXL
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	IXL Training
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$95 x (2) Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage & Parking
FUNDING	Title II

NAME	Erin Cook
POSITION	Reading Specialist
SCHOOL	Kolling Elementary
EVENT	Understanding Dyslexia Workshop
DATES	10/08/2025
PLACE	Virtual
DESCRIPTION	Workshop on Dyslexia
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Orton-Gillingham Education
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$195 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	684-6-11100-31200-0007

NAME	K. Kessler, K. Dobias, J. Novosel, A. Anderson
POSITION	Teachers
SCHOOL	Peifer Elementary
EVENT	2nd Grade Field Trip
DATES	10/16/2025
PLACE	University Park, IL
DESCRIPTION	Theater performance at Governors State University
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Peifer 2nd Grade Team
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Self-Funded

NAME	K. Talaber, S. White, T. Popa, T. DuBrock
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	Protsman Elementary
EVENT	Kindergarten Field Trip
DATES	10/29/2025
PLACE	Beecher, IL
DESCRIPTION	Field trip to pumpkin patch
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Protsman Kindergarten Team
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
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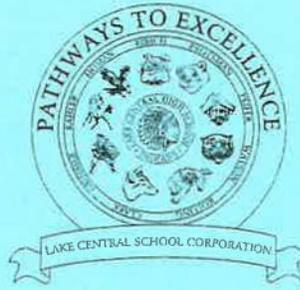
NAME	Danielle Hill, Sara Sikich / Jackie Naughton
POSITION	Teachers / Reading Specialist
SCHOOL	Kolling Elementary
EVENT	National “Get Your Teach On” Conference
DATES	1/17 - 1/20/2026
PLACE	Las Vegas, NV
DESCRIPTION	Conference offering inspiring/motivating teaching strategies to make learning more fun and engaging
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Get Your Teach On
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$105 x (3) Estimated Hotel Cost - \$550 x (2) Estimated Required Fees – \$515 x (3) Estimated Travel Cost – Airfare x (3)
FUNDING	Airfare - District Title II Hotel, Meals, Required Fees - Kolling Title II

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TO: Board of School Trustees

FROM: Yolanda Bracey, Director of Elementary Education

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FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

Kylie Kessler, Kelly Dobias, Jennifer Novosel and Amy Anderson, teachers at Peifer Elementary, request to take approximately (80) 2nd grade students to University Park, IL on October 16, 2025. The students will watch a performance of "Maddi's Fridge" at Governors State University. This is a self-funded field trip.

Kristin Talaber, Taylor Popa, Shelli White and Tina Du Brock, teachers at Protsman Elementary, request to take approximately (80) Kindergarten students to Beecher, IL on October 29, 2025. The students will visit Windmill Acres Pumpkin Patch and explore and learn how pumpkins grow. This is a self-funded field trip.

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FROM: Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education
DATE: September 18, 2025
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NAME	Kim Kwiecinski, Stacy Bruckman, Lauren Loies, Emily Mackie / Jordyn Ludwig, Michelle Calhoun / Michael Brandner, Kim Beach
POSITION	Teachers / Assistant Principal
SCHOOL	Kahler / Grimmer / Clark
EVENT	8th Grade Class Trip
DATES	10/24 - 10/26/2025
PLACE	Washington D.C.
DESCRIPTION	Class trip arranged by World Strides
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	World Strides Student Travel
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$0 Estimated Travel Cost - \$0
FUNDING	Self-Funded

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NAME	Elsa Kluga
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Indiana Foreign Language Teachers Conference
DATES	11/07 - 11/08/2025
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Teaching workshops, textbook adoption materials
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	IFLTA
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$35 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$180.18 Estimated Required Fees – \$185.00 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage & Parking
FUNDING	684-5-11300-58000-0002

NAME	Kristina Collard
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	National High School Journalism Convention
DATES	11/12 - 11/16/2025
PLACE	Nashville, TN
DESCRIPTION	Opportunity for high school journalists to hear keynote speakers and attend hundreds of sessions
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	NHSJC
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	Ashley Mitsch
POSITION	Assistant Principal
SCHOOL	Bibich Elementary
EVENT	Assistant Principal Meeting
DATES	11/19 - 11/21/2025
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	IASP Assistant Principals Conference
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	IASP
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$397 Estimated Required Fees - \$224 Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage & Parking
FUNDING	Bibich Title II

NAME	Kim Kwiecinski
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	Kahler Middle School
EVENT	6th Grade Social Studies Field Trip
DATES	11/19/2025
PLACE	Schaumburg, IL
DESCRIPTION	Field trip to Medieval Times
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Kahler Social Studies 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	Leslie Iwema
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Field Trip
DATES	12/01/2025
PLACE	Chicago, IL
DESCRIPTION	Field trip to the Christkindl Market
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

NAME	Luke Triveline
POSITION	Coach
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Wrestling Tournament
DATES	1/02 - 1/03/2026
PLACE	Mishawaka, IN
DESCRIPTION	Varsity Wrestling Tournament
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	LCHS Athletics
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	Luke Triveline
POSITION	Coach
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	IHSAA Wrestling Tournament
DATES	2/20 - 2/22/2026
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Varsity Wrestling Tournament
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	IHSAA
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Self-Funded

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TO: Board of School Trustees

FROM: Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education

DATE: September 18, 2025

RE: **Board Meeting of September 22, 2025**

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

Kim Kwiecinski, Stacy Bruckman, Lauren Loies and Emily Mackie teachers from Kahler Middle School, along with Jordyn Ludwig and Michelle Calhoun, teachers from Grimmer Middle School and Michael Brandner (teacher) and Kim Beach (Assistant Principal) from Clark Middle School request to take approximately (75) 8th grade student to Washington D.C. on October 24 - October 26, 2025. The students will enjoy their 8th grade trip touring Washington D.C. All travel arrangements are handled by World Strides Student Travel. This is a self-funded trip.

Kristina Collard and Carrie Wadycki-Cruz, teachers at LCHS, request to take approximately (22) publications and broadcasting students to Nashville, TN on November 12 - November 16, 2025. The students will attend the National High School Journalism Convention. This is a self-funded trip.

Kim Kwiecinski and Peter Tinsley, teachers at Kahler Middle School, request to take approximately (250) 6th grade social studies students to Schaumburg, IL on November 19, 2025. The students will attend an educational performance at Medieval Times. This is a self-funded trip.

Leslie Iwema, teacher at LCHS, requests to take approximately (17) German 4 students to Chicago, IL on December 1st, 2025. The students will visit the Christkindl Market. This is a self-funded trip

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Luke Triveline, wrestling coach at LCHS, requests to take approximately (14) members of the Varsity Wrestling Team to Mishawaka, IN on January 2 - January 3, 2026. The team will compete in a wrestling tournament. All fees will be covered by athletics.

He also requests to take the same team to Indianapolis, IN on February 20 - February 22, 2026. The team will compete in the IHSAA State Wrestling Tournament. All fees will be covered by athletics.

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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Rebecca Gromala, Director of Student Services
DATE: September 18, 2025
RE: **Board Meeting of September 22, 2025**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

REVISED

NAME	Beth Hall / Jennifer Blane
POSITION	SLP
SCHOOL	LCHS / Homan Elementary
EVENT	Indiana AAC Summit
DATES	9/25 - 9/26/2025
PLACE	Westfield, IN
DESCRIPTION	Workshop on exploring effective strategies and routines to support literacy development for AAC users
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana AAC Summit
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$35 x (2) Estimated Hotel Cost - \$127.88 x (1) Estimated Required Fees - \$150 x (2) Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage & Parking x (1)
FUNDING	646-0-21520-58000-0002 - Beth Hall 646-0-21520-31200-0006 - Jennifer Blane

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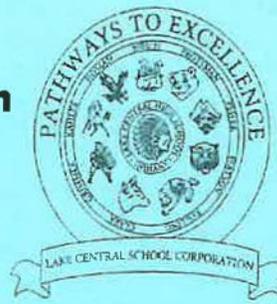
NAME	Elizabeth Martinez De Vries / Guadalupe Alvarado
POSITION	ELL Teacher & Coordinator / ELL Teacher
SCHOOL	LCHS / Grimmer & Kahler
EVENT	Engaging Newcomers in Secondary Content Area
DATES	10/01 - 10/02/2025
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Exploring key factors that influence literacy development in content areas and focusing on how to engage students in content learning
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	IDOE
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$35 x (2) Estimated Hotel Cost - \$150.00 x (2) Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage & Parking x (1)
FUNDING	688-5-12510-58800-0002 (DeVries) 688-5-12510-58800-0004 (Grimmer/Kahler)

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Rob James
Director of Business Services

To: Board of School Trustees

From: Mr. Rob James, Director of Business Services

Date: September 18, 2025

RE: Board Meeting September 22, 2025

Public Hearing on 2026 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and Bus Replacement Plan

We will be giving the School Board an update on the 2026 budget, Capital Projects Plan, and 5-Year Bus Replacement Plan. Upon completion, the public shall have an opportunity to be heard.

Donations (Action Required) **Received**

The Clark Middle School National Junior Honor Society received a donation of \$208.04 from Lambs 4 Donuts, LLC (aka DonutNV).

The Kahler Middle School Robotics Team received a donation of \$300 from Reeder Companies LLC.

Given

The Lake Central High School Environmental Club would like to donate \$50 to the Humane Society of Indiana.

The Administration recommends approving the donations as indicated above.