

**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, December 8, 2025 - 7:00pm**

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Not Present

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

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 5-0  
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 was a correction to the Executive Session minutes dated 11/17/25.
- There is a revised Personnel Packet under Sarah Castaneda's section.
- There is a revision to the Professional leave Requests under Yolanda Bracey's section.
- Janice Malchow moved to approve.
- Cindy Sues 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: November 17, 2025 - **Revised**
  - Regular Board Meeting: November 17, 2025
- B. Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures
  - Nicole Kelly moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
  - Louise Tallent 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. Recognition: Lake Central High School Publications
  - 2. Legislative Advocacy Update
- B. Assistant Superintendent – *Sarah Castaneda*
  - 1. Personnel Recommendations – **Action Required - Revised**
    - Louise Tallent moved to approve.
    - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
    - Motion carried.
  - 2. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required**
    - Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
    - Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
    - Motion carried.
  - 3. Substitute Teacher Rate Increases - **Action Required**
    - Louise Tallent moved to approve.
    - Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
    - Motion carried.
  - 4. New TAG Grant Update
- C. Director of Primary Education – *Yolanda Bracey*
  - 1. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required - Revised**
    - Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
    - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
    - Motion carried.
- D. Director of Secondary Education – *Misty Scheuneman*
  - 1. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required**
    - Louise Tallent moved to approve.
    - Nicole Kelly seconded the motion.
    - Motion carried.

2. Field Trip Requests - **Action Required**
  - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
  - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried.
3. Middle School ILEARN Checkpoint 1 Data

E. Director of Student Services - *Becky Gromala*

1. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required**
  - Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
  - Cindy Sues 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.
  - Louise Tallent 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*

- Louise Tallent: I would just like to say thank you for the work that the administrative staff does whenever we have questions to help prepare for these meetings because I know that maybe the audience out there may feel like things just go through and it's always just approved. Well it is because there is a lot of work that's done to make sure we understand what we're approving. So, thank you all for helping us to understand that. And, also we hope that everyone has a very safe and merry Christmas with family and friends, our students and their families
- Janice Malchow: Basically following what Mrs. Tallent said, I'm continuing to feel really good about our leadership, and continuing to feel really good about our teachers, and I feel really good about our parents. Dr. Malchow then referenced a recent situation wherein a former LC family mentioned that they had gone to another school district, but wasn't as happy there, so plans to return to LC. She then discussed that there are often distinct differences between school corporations. And that Lake Central is an organization that makes you feel as if you are family and work as a team.
- Nicole Kelly: I just want to wish our staff, students, and families a very happy holiday season.
- Cindy Sues: I all have is that on Saturday the Dyer/St. John Chamber had their Santa breakfast, and all of our volunteers were from NTeens and the National Honor Society. So they helped us have a successful event, so thank you. And, happy holidays.

- X. Board Calendar of Future Activities – *Dr. Veracco*
  - Next School Board Meeting: Monday, January 5, 2026
- XI. Adjournment – *Cindy Sues* – **Action Required**
  - Nicole Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.
  - Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Minutes of the December 8, 2025 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the January 5, 2026 School Board Meeting.

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Cindy Sues, President

ATTEST: 

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Nicole Kelly, Secretary

## BOARD RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

For a student/teacher to be eligible for Board Recognition, the following criteria must be met before his/her name is submitted:

- A. Honors or awards received while participating in school corporation-sponsored activities.
  1. State and national honors and awards
  2. Athletic honors and awards beyond the conference and sectional level (i.e. regional, state, national)
  3. Awards and honors that are rare and bring credit to the Lake Central School Corporation.
- B. Honors and awards from activities NOT directly sponsored by the Lake Central School Corporation which are rare and bring credit to the school corporation.
- For group or team recognition, a certificate will be made out to the Team/Group (more than 12 members) and will be accepted by the captain or designee. Individual team members will receive their certificates at a later date to be determined by the coach or mentor. If the team has fewer than 12 members, certificates are issued to individual team members at the Board meetings.
- The office will mail letters to the students and their parents, inviting them to attend a particular Board Meeting to receive their certificates (usually one week prior to the Board Meeting). Copies of the letters will be sent to the principal and sponsor/coach.
- It is the responsibility of the school principal, coach, or mentor to submit, to the corporation office, the correct names and addresses of the students to be recognized.

BUILDING PRINCIPAL'S AUTHORIZATION:

*Elvin Veracco*

DATE: 11-19-25

All Recognition Requests must be approved by Dr. Veracco before being presented to the School Board

*Please complete this form in its entirety and send to Central Office, ATTN: Joni Cash/Lori Olson*  
SCHOOL Lake Central High School CONTACT PERSON Carrie Wadycki-Cruz and Kristina Collard

NAME OF EVENT: JEA/NSPA National LOCATION OF EVENT: Nashville, TN DATE OF EVENT: Nov. 12-16

### CRITERIA/GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING ACHIEVEMENT

*(To be read by Dr. Veracco during Board Meeting – attach sheet or use reverse side for additional information)*

Twenty-two high school publications students attended the National High School Journalism convention in Nashville, TN from Nov. 11-16. 1,668 students from around the world competed in the Student Media Contests and 7 LC students were among the 660 that earned high awards.

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### CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

*(Please indicate exact writing that should be on the certificate)*

For representing Lake Central High School at the National High School Journalism Convention in Nashville, TN and for ranking in the National Student Media Contests.

Please indicate the following information on separate sheet of paper or on back of this form:  Individual  Group/Team  
Name of Student, Address, Zip, Grade and any additional information. Name of Sponsor, Coach or Mentor

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name See Attached Sheet Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

### **Individual Awards**

**Lilian Hobbins (10)** - Honorable Mention in Editorial Writing

**Sophie Lapointe (10)** - Honorable Mention in Feature Writing

**Katie Poncin (12)** - Honorable Mention in Press Law and Ethics

**Elaina Gromala (12)** - Honorable Mention in Graphic Design: Advertising

**Victoria Amptmeyer (10)** - Honorable Mention in First-Year Photo

**Madelynne Bush (11)** - Excellent in Yearbook Copy/Caption:Sports

**Mia Legaspi (11)** - Superior in Newsmagazine Layout

### **Group Award**

The 2024-2025 Echo Yearbook with the theme 'Lake Effect' earned a 10th place ranking in the Best of Show category. Mrs. Krisitna Collard is the adviser.

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**TO:** Board of School Trustees  
**FROM:** Sarah Castaneda, Assistant Superintendent  
**DATE:** December 4, 2025  
**RE:** Board Meeting of December 8, 2025

**REVISED**

## Personnel

*(Board action required)*

We are recommending that the following be approved:

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

#### A. Appointment(s):

1. Karen Schwartz (Crown Point), Temporary Applied Skills Teacher, Bibich Elementary School) effective January 5, 2026).

#### B. Resignation(s):

1. Sylvia Fish, Temporary Kindergarten Teacher, Peifer Elementary School, (effective December 19, 2025).
2. Julie DeNormandie, Temporary Applied Skills Teacher, Bibich Elementary School) Effective January 6, 2026).
3. Maurice Russell, Temporary Physical Education Teacher, Bibich Elementary School) Effective January 6, 2026).

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

#### A. Appointment(s):

1. Kendall Smit (Schererville), Paraprofessional, Protsman Elementary School (effective December 15, 2025).
2. Michelle Hincks (Rehire), School Nurse, Clark Middle School (effective December 12, 2025).

#### B. Resignation(s):

1. Megan Fallon, Paraprofessional, Clark Middle School (effective November 18, 2025).
2. Laurie Danielson, 6 Hour School Nurse, Clark Middle School (effective December 5, 2025).
3. Lauren Schwitters, 1 day per week Paraprofessional, Kolling Elementary School (effective December 19, 2025).
4. Kayla Krull, Paraprofessional, Kahler Middle School (effective December 19, 2025).
5. Edith Davison, Bus Aide, Lake Central Transportation (effective December 19, 2025).

6. Tracy Kasten, Paraprofessional, Peifer Elementary School (effective December 19, 2025).
7. Benjamin Cash, Paraprofessional, Bibich Elementary School (effective December 19, 2025).

**C. Change of Status:**

1. Monica Velez, Paraprofessional 3 days per week at Bibich Elementary to Paraprofessional 5 days per week at Grimmer Middle School (effective December 1, 2025).
2. Amanda Kalapp, from 3.25 to 3.50 hours per day as a Café Assistant at Lake Central High School (effective December 1, 2025).

**D. Retirement(s) Change of Date:**

1. Ljiljana Mitrovic, Custodian, Lake Central High School (effective December 31, 2025).

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

**A. Resignation(s):**

1. Karen Noel, All Star Basketball Coach, Lake Central High School (effective October 17, 2025).
2. Jereme Rainwater, Girls Varsity Soccer Coach, Lake Central High School (effective November 14, 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.**

12/08/25

Substitutes - Hired

Employee Name	Hire Date	Job Description
Ljuba Vitas	11/19/2025	Café Substitute
Jane Neidy	11/25/2025	Classified Sub
Yvonne Damjanovic	11/17/2025	Sub Transportation
Rawan Al Haddad	11/17/2025	Sub Transportation
Michael Zajac	12/1/2025	Sub Nurse
Patricia Siegler	12/3/2025	Café Substitute

Substitutes - Resigned

Employee Name	Resignation Date	Job Description
Tara Slate	11/14/2025	Café Substitute
Louis Dykstra	11/18/2025	Sub Transportation
Samuel Abrams	11/18/2025	Sub Transportation
Julie Trichak	11/21/2025	Custodial Sub
Dakota Smith	11/25/2025	Café Substitute
Ljuba Vitas	12/1/2025	Café Substitute
Lowell Kersten	12/2/2025	Sub Transportation
Tom Reynolds	12/4/2025	Sub Teacher

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TO: Board of School Trustees  
FROM: Sarah Castaneda, Assistant Superintendent  
DATE: December 4, 2025  
RE: **Board Meeting of December 8, 2025**

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## PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Brian Kissinger</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	Director of Safety & Security
<b>SCHOOL</b>	District
<b>EVENT</b>	School Safety Summit
<b>DATES</b>	1/05 - 1/07/2026
<b>PLACE</b>	Indianapolis, IN
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Summit on threat assessment and management
<b>SPONSORING ORGANIZATION</b>	Office of School Safety
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$300 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage & Parking
<b>FUNDING</b>	District Title II

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Sarah Castaneda</b>
POSITION	Assistant Superintendent
SCHOOL	District
EVENT	Brown & Brown Symposium
DATES	2/20/2026
PLACE	Carmel, IN
DESCRIPTION	Annual healthcare symposium for schools
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Brown & Brown Insurance Consultants
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage
FUNDING	030-0-23290-31200-0001

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Sarah Castaneda</b>
POSITION	Assistant Superintendent
SCHOOL	District
EVENT	Managing People Seminar
DATES	2/26/2026
PLACE	Virtual
DESCRIPTION	Human Resources Seminar
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	IASBO
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$110 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	030-0-23290-31200-0001

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## Substitute Pay Rates

### Substitute Teachers

IN substitute permit	\$132/day
IN teaching license	\$142/day
Permanent Subs/Retired LC Teacher	\$152/day

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TO: Board of School Trustees  
FROM: Yolanda Bracey, Director of Primary Education  
DATE: December 4, 2025  
RE: **Board Meeting of December 8, 2025**

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## PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

**REVISED**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Lisa Alessandri / Kim Yelich</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	Math Coach / Teacher
<b>SCHOOL</b>	District Elementary Buildings / Watson
<b>EVENT</b>	NCTM Spring Conference
<b>DATES</b>	2/11 - 2/13/2026
<b>PLACE</b>	Indianapolis, IN
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Annual Math Conference
<b>SPONSORING ORGANIZATION</b>	National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 x (2) Estimated Hotel Cost - \$490 x (2) Estimated Required Fees – \$355 x (2) Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage & Parking x (2)
<b>FUNDING</b>	Corporation Title II

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>Julie Walker, Kimberly Yelich, Brittany Perry, Amanda Murzyn, Stephanie Trzupek, Melisa Lopez</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	Teachers
<b>SCHOOL</b>	Watson Elementary School
<b>EVENT</b>	Elevate Conference 2026
<b>DATES</b>	7/08 - 7/10/2026
<b>PLACE</b>	Las Vegas, NV
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Professional development for K-2 teachers featuring key note speakers, breakout sessions, workshops
<b>SPONSORING ORGANIZATION</b>	Elevate Your Classroom
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Estimated Meal Cost - \$105 x (6) Estimated Hotel Cost - \$487.54 x (6) Estimated Required Fees – \$400 x (5) Estimated Travel Cost – Airfare, parking, mileage, Uber rides x (6)
<b>FUNDING</b>	Corporation Title II

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TO: Board of School Trustees  
FROM: Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education  
DATE: December 4, 2025  
RE: **Board Meeting of December 8, 2025**

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## PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Pete Koulianos</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	Teacher/Coach
<b>SCHOOL</b>	LCHS
<b>EVENT</b>	IFCA All-State Voting
<b>DATES</b>	12/05/2025
<b>PLACE</b>	Indianapolis, IN
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Voting for All-State
<b>SPONSORING ORGANIZATION</b>	Indiana Football Coaches Association
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage & Parking
<b>FUNDING</b>	Athletics

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>Joan Loden</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	Teacher/Coach
<b>SCHOOL</b>	LCHS
<b>EVENT</b>	Midwest Cheer Fest
<b>DATES</b>	12/07/2025
<b>PLACE</b>	Orland Park, IL
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Cheerleading competition
<b>SPONSORING ORGANIZATION</b>	Carl Sandburg High School
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
<b>FUNDING</b>	Athletics

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Cynthia Lollis, Colleen Rock</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	Teachers
<b>SCHOOL</b>	Kahler Middle School
<b>EVENT</b>	AI Summit Series
<b>DATES</b>	12/08/2025
<b>PLACE</b>	Upland, IN
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Summit exploring AI and how to create and integrate AI into teaching and learning
<b>SPONSORING ORGANIZATION</b>	Northeast, East, and West Central Educational Service Centers
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Estimated Meal Cost - \$35 x (2) Estimated Hotel Cost – \$108 x (2) Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage & Parking
<b>FUNDING</b>	District Title II

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>Richard Moore</b>
POSITION	Associate Principal
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	SAT Workshop
DATES	12/09/2025
PLACE	Merrillville, IN
DESCRIPTION	Workshop for spring SAT testing
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	College Board
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage
FUNDING	684-6-11300-58000-0002

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Joe Huppenthal</b>
POSITION	Teacher/Coach
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Varsity Girls Basketball Game
DATES	12/13/2025
PLACE	Three Oaks, MI
DESCRIPTION	Basketball game
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	River Valley High School
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Athletics

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>Joan Loden</b>
POSITION	Teacher/Coach
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Jacobs HS Cheer Invite
DATES	12/13/2025
PLACE	Algonquin, IL
DESCRIPTION	Cheer Competition
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Harry D Jacobs High School
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Athletics

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Kevin Lewis, Kristen Marsh</b>
POSITION	Band Director, Choir Director
SCHOOL	Grimmer Middle School
EVENT	Field Trip
DATES	12/17/2025
PLACE	Chicago, IL
DESCRIPTION	Phantom of the Opera
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Grimmer Music 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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<b>NAME</b>	<b>Leta Sena-Lopez</b>
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	Kahler Middle School
EVENT	Midwest Band & Orchestra Clinic
DATES	12/17, 12/18, 12/19/2025
PLACE	Chicago, IL
DESCRIPTION	Annual international band clinic featuring professional performances, new music and product demonstrations
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Midwest International Band & Orchestra Clinic
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$330 Estimated Required Fees – \$230 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage & Parking
FUNDING	Corporation Title II

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Joe Huppenthal</b>
POSITION	Teacher/Coach
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Varsity Girls Basketball Tournament
DATES	12/27 - 12/30/2025
PLACE	Orland Park, IL
DESCRIPTION	Girls Basketball Tournament
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Carl Sandburg High School
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Athletics

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>Ryan Sexson</b>
POSITION	Coach
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Boys Basketball Tournament
DATES	12/29 - 12/30/2025
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Boys Basketball Tournament
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	North Central High School
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Athletics

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Christina Arroyo</b>
POSITION	Choir Director
SCHOOL	Clark Middle School
EVENT	IMEA Professional Development Conference
DATES	1/15 - 1/17/2026
PLACE	Fort Wayne, IN
DESCRIPTION	Annual conference for music educators
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana Music Education Association
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$393.76 Estimated Required Fees – \$249 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage & Parking
FUNDING	684-4-11200-58000-0051

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>Joan Loden</b>
POSITION	Teacher/Coach
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Oak Forest Cheer Invitational
DATES	1/18/2026
PLACE	Oak Forest, IL
DESCRIPTION	Cheer competition
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Oak Forest High School
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Athletics

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Joe Huppenthal</b>
POSITION	Teacher/Coach
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Varsity Girls Basketball Game
DATES	1/19/2026
PLACE	Lisle, IL
DESCRIPTION	Girls Basketball Game
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Benet Academy High School
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Athletics

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>Mike Swartzentruber</b>
POSITION	Teacher/Coach
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	IHSBCA State Clinic
DATES	1/23/2026
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Clinic for baseball coaches
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Athletics

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Courtney Palasz</b>
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	Kahler Middle School
EVENT	Indiana State Thespian Conference
DATES	1/23 - 1/25/2026
PLACE	Avon, IN
DESCRIPTION	Theatre competitions and workshops
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana Thespians
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>Elliot Smith</b>
POSITION	Band Director
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Jerry E Lewis Jazz Festival
DATES	1/24/2026
PLACE	Joliet, IL
DESCRIPTION	Jazz performance and clinic
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Joliet West High School
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Self-Funded

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Joan Loden</b>
POSITION	Teacher/Coach
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	UCA Nationals
DATES	2/04 - 2/09/2026
PLACE	Orlando, FL
DESCRIPTION	National Cheer Championship Competition
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Universal Cheerleader Association
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Athletics

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>Christina Arroyo</b>
POSITION	Choir Director
SCHOOL	Clark Middle School
EVENT	Midwestern ACDA Conference
DATES	2/25 - 3/01/2026
PLACE	Milwaukee, WI
DESCRIPTION	Attending the conference as the middle school honor choir chairperson
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	American Choral Director's Association
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$140 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage & Parking
FUNDING	684-4-11200-58000-0051

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TO: Board of School Trustees  
FROM: Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education  
DATE: December 4, 2025  
RE: **Board Meeting of December 8, 2025**

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## **FIELD TRIP REQUESTS**

Joan Loden, teacher and coach at LCHS, requests to take approximately (23) members of the LCHS Cheerleading Team to Orland Park, IL on December 7, 2025. The team will compete in the Midwest Cheer Fest competition at Carl Sandburg High School. All fees will be covered by athletics.

She also requests to take the same team to Algonquin, IL on December 13, 2025. The team will compete in the Jacobs High School Cheer Invite. All fees will be covered by athletics.

She also requests to take the same team to Oak Forest, IL on January 18, 2026. The team will participate in the Nationals Exhibition Performance at Oak Forest Cheer Invitational at Oak Forest High School. All fees will be covered by athletics.

She also requests to take the same team to Orlando, Florida on February 4 - February 9, 2026. The team will compete in the Universal Cheerleader Association National Cheer Championships at the Disney All-Star Resort. All fees will be covered by athletics.

Joe Huppenthal, teacher and coach at LCHS, requests to take approximately (25) members of the Varsity Girls Basketball Team to Three Oaks, Michigan on December 13, 2025. The team will compete in a basketball game at River Valley High School. All fees will be covered by athletics.

He also requests to take the same team to Orland Park, IL on December 27 - December 30, 2025. The team will compete in a basketball tournament at Carl Sandburg High School. All fees will be covered by athletics.

He also requests to take the same team to Lisle, IL on January 19, 2026 to compete in a basketball game at Benet Academy High School. All fees will be covered by athletics.

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Kevin Lewis and Kristen Marsh, Band and Choir Directors at Grimmer Middle School, request to take approximately (111) members of the band and choir to Chicago, IL on December 17, 2025. The band and choir members will attend a performance of Phantom of the Opera at the Cadillac Palace Theater and then enjoy dinner at Ed Debevic's Restaurant. This is a self-funded event.

Ryan Sexson, coach at LCHS, requests to take approximately (13) members of the Boys Varsity Basketball Team to Indianapolis, IN on December 29 - December 30, 2025. The team will compete in a basketball tournament at North Central High School. All fees will be covered by athletics.

Elliot Smith, Band Director at LCHS, requests to take approximately (20) members of the LCHS Advanced Jazz Ensemble to Joliet, IL on January 24, 2026. The members will attend the Jerry E. Lewis Jazz Festival where they will perform and attend various clinics. This is a self-funded event.

Courtney Palasz, teacher at Kahler Middle School, requests to take approximately (30) members of the Kahler Junior Thespian Troupe 10511 to Avon, IN on January 23 - January 25, 2026. The Troupe will attend the Indiana State Thespian Conference where they will watch play competitions, participate in clinics and compete in Thespian events. This is a self-funded event.

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## PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Rebecca Gromala</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	Director of Student Services
<b>SCHOOL</b>	District
<b>EVENT</b>	ICASE Legal Symposium
<b>DATES</b>	1/15, 2/26, 3/12, 4/30, 6/04/2026
<b>PLACE</b>	Virtual
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Virtual series on legal issues impacting special education administration
<b>SPONSORING ORGANIZATION</b>	Indiana Council of Special Education Administrators
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$129 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
<b>FUNDING</b>	646-0-21810-31200-0001

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Rob James  
Director of Business Services

To: Board of School Trustees  
From: Mr. Rob James, Director of Business Services  
Date: December 4, 2025

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**RE: Board Meeting December 8, 2025**

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

The Peifer Elementary PTO has donated \$1,750 to the school to be used to offset the costs of the PRO Kids Show.

**Given**

The Lake Central High School AP English Literature and Composition class recently held a fundraiser and would like to donate the \$150 raised to the World Wildlife Foundation.

Kahler Middle School recently held a 'Color Out' fundraiser and would like to donate the \$855 raised to the Northwest Cancer Center.

The Administration recommends approving the donations as indicated above.