

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Not Present

Administration Present

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

Administration Not Present

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All Motions Were Passed With a 5-0
Roll Call Vote Unless Otherwise Indicated

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 13, 2026 - 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 – *Sarah Castaneda* – **Action Required**
 - There was a Revised Personnel Packet under Rebecca Gromala's section.
 - Nicole Kelly moved to approve the Revised 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 – *Sarah Castaneda* – **Action Required**
 - A. Approval of Minutes
 - Special Board Meeting: Monday, June 15, 2026
 - Regular Board Meeting: Monday, June 15, 2026
 - B. Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures
 - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
 - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
- VI. Public Comments Regarding Action Items
 - There were no public comments regarding action items..
- VII. Official School Board Business Topics: Regular Agenda
 - A. Superintendent – *Sarah Castaneda*
 - 1. Recognitions:
 - a. LCHS Baseball
 - b. LCHS Softball
 - c. LCHS Girls Tennis
 - d. LCHS Boys Track and Field
 - e. LCHS Girls Track and Field
 - f. LCHS Boys Volleyball
 - 2. New Wireless Communication Device Policy - **Action Required**
 - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
 - Louise Tallent seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
 - 3. Elementary, Middle and High School Handbook Updates - **Action Required**
 - Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
 - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
 - B. Assistant Superintendent – *Rebecca Gromala*
 - 1. Personnel Recommendations – **Action Required - REVISED**
 - Howard Marshall moved to approve.
 - Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
 - 2. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required**
 - Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
 - Louise Tallent seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
 - C. Director of Primary Education – *Yolanda Bracey*
 - 1. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required**
 - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
 - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.

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**

- Louise Tallent moved to approve.
- Howard Marshall seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

E. Director of Student Services - *Mary Rebey*

1. Extended School Year Services

F. Director of Facilities – *Bill Ledyard*

1. Award and Execute Change Order #01 to Site Services for the LCHS Tennis Court Project – Asphalt & Stone Bid Package - **Action Required**

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

2. Homan ES Basement Demo/Repair - Update

G. Director of Business Services – *Rob James*

1. Resolution Approving Transfers Between Funds - **Action Required**

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

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

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

3. Donations - **Action Required**

- Howard Marshall moved to approve.
 - Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.

4. Quarterly Financial Report

VIII. Public Comments – *Cindy Sues*

- There were no public comments.

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

- **Howard Marshall:** I'd like to officially congratulate Sarah on her first official school board meeting.

And then also just another round of congratulations to all of our coaches and athletes tonight. Fabulous job.

- **Louise Tallent:** I just want to say thank you to the community. Rob, after hearing everything you just indicated, we are so fortunate that the community trusted and listened and so we are good and will be for awhile, a long while to come so we can continue to see the wonderful accomplishments for our kids. And also, I wanted to say that our custodians are doing a fantastic job, they work so hard, our buildings will shine. And also for the wonderful help Ms. Alonso did at Homan, that's really great.

- **Janice Malchow:** I have a note from Mrs. Wolff with the grant committee for the Education Foundation. The grant application round 65 will be coming out in August and grants will be available soon. I don't know what you're doing Saturday the 18th, but if you've not played pickleball, it's a great time to come and play it at the YMCA over in Crown Point. You can be a novice, you can be a professional, you can be neither one and just come and cheer us on, I think I'll just kind of watch too. Guess what, Uni was seven years old this summer. The UNI bus that goes around to all the parks - 7 years old. I was like, I can't believe it, seems like just yesterday, doesn't it? Great night, I don't know who organizes it, but boy it's a great night for our students, thanks for celebrating our students. Have a good July, we'll see you in August.

- **Cindy Sues:** I champion everything everyone said this evening. With that, I will turn it over to Mrs. Castaneda.

X. Board Calendar of Future Activities – *Sarah Castaneda*

- Next School Board Meeting: Monday, August 3, 2026

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

- Cindy Sues moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.
- Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
- Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Minutes of the July 13, 2026 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the August 3, 2026 School Board Meeting.

Cindy Sues, President

ATTEST:

Nicole Kelly, Secretary

SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTS
FOR MINTUES

Board Recognition Summary

Board Meeting 07/13/2026

Baseball State Champions

8 Coaches, 22 Students

Coaches:

Mike Swartzentruber –
Head Coach
David Byard
Zachary Chapman
Adam Fulk
Jarrett Lopez
Sam Ring
Brian McNamara
John Novosel

Students:

Parker Robinson
Victor Villegas
Jacob Forystek
Andrew Brower
Anthony Sanchez
Isaac Ochoa
Keegan O'Bryan
Owen Kopercinski
JT Rozanski
Justin Makowski
Marc Passo
Connor Friesema
Ryan Mikolanis
Tyler Thuftedal
Benjamin Balog
Luke Moffitt
Brayden Walls
Joshua Sautter
Hunter Segal
Brody Yates
Logan Barbush
Benjamin Schultz

Softball State Champions

6 Coaches, 18 Students

Coaches:

Yvette Tovar – Head
Coach
Haley Biegel
Kaitlin Barajas
Ashley Kostelnik
Selena Michko
Michael Wilkins

Students:

Tegan Tripp
Madi Wainwright
Ava DeNormandie
Cali Ramirez
Colbie Tressel
Addy Mikolanis
Jada Lewis
MaKayla Van Vossen
Kaitlin Streiler
Sofia Beals
Makenna Fazio
Sophia Cembala
Ava Musch
Emma Wilkins
Kensie Johnson
Maddie Such
Lexi Iwema
Piper Urbanski

Tennis Doubles State Qualifiers

2 Coaches, 2 Students

Coaches:

Ralph Holden
Joe Skvarek

Students:

Lyla Hurey
Katelyn Pepkowski

Boys Track & Field State Qualifiers

3 Coaches, 11 Students

Coaches:

Alex Thompson – Head
Coach
Rob Lukowski
Andrew Muha

Students:

Jacob White-Hutsler
Timothy O'Brien
Benjamin Perschon
Aaron O'Neill
Liam Cupit
Kendell Bishop
Conrad Szymanski
Lucca Neves
Kaiden Lee
Lucas Lynn
Christopher Sharp

Girls Track & Field State Qualifiers/Medalists

3 Coaches, 9 Students

Coaches:

Jim Weber – Head Coach
Jereme Rainwater
Ashley Kline

Students:

Aleena Navarro
Chloe Neal
Naomi Dilosa
Keegan McClaughlin
Morgan Williamson
Macey Thompson
Lana Bruggeman
Brynn Hayes
Emma Reyes

Board Recognition Summary

Board Meeting 07/13/2026

Boys Volleyball State **Finalists**

2 Coaches, 14 Students

Coaches:

Naveed Nizam – Head
Coach

Kaylyn Bajda

Students:

Keri Conrath

Brady Cook

Christian Czarnik

Nelko Dragulski

Nolan Dyra

Juan Flores

Paul Hilvert

Joe Lin

Adrian Lopez

Cameron Mosley

Teo Olmstead

Riley Pettit

Nico Piunti

Danny Smith

protocols and practices to prevent the spread of disease and illness including but not limited to wearing protective coverings, required spacing in school facilities, property and buses.

Handbook Update - Elementary

PARENT / TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent/teacher visits or meetings are by appointment. Calling or emailing ahead to the classroom teacher assures that the teacher can meet with you.

PARTIES

There are three classroom parties per year, Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine's Day. Due to the size of schools and reasons of safety, only the assigned room parents may attend the party; **siblings are not allowed to attend the party with a room parent.** The room parents are to check with their child's teacher before planning the parties. The role of the room party parent includes organizing games, refreshments, as well as paper products, music, etc. (Note: the sharing of hats, blindfolds, or other clothing is not allowed. Also, games may not be played in hallways, café, or gym) Room parents may arrive fifteen minutes prior to the party but will only be allowed to the classroom as per the time designated by the teacher.

PERSONAL BIRTHDAY INVITATIONS

To avoid embarrassment/hurt feelings, approval from the teacher must be obtained prior to distributing invitations. Invitations must be given to all the boys, or all the girls, or the entire class. The school cannot provide you with student addresses or phone numbers.

PERSONAL CLASSROOM BIRTHDAY TREATS

Parents should contact the teacher prior to the child's birthday. The classroom teacher will advise you of acceptable treats for his/her classroom. Non-edible treat bags, such as pencils, erasers, stickers are preferred. Treats delivered by parents are to be store bought and left in the original package. Treats are to be dropped off in the office. Our food service also offers options of various treats that may be purchased for birthday treats. For more information, follow the link below.

<https://www.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/index.php?sid=2906101804231915&page=menus>

The following are not permitted in school:

1. Surprise visitors, e.g. clowns, balloon delivery, flower deliveries
2. Special gifts, pizza or other lunch parties in the café

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES & PERSONAL ITEMS

Pursuant to Indiana Code 20-26-5-40.7, except for the situations described below, students are not permitted to access any wireless communication device, unless it is a school sanctioned wireless communication device, at any time during the school day. This policy does not apply to afterschool hours.

instructional day from bell to bell, including instructional time, passing periods, lunch periods, and all other periods during which students are under school supervision.

“School sanctioned wireless communication device” means a wireless communication device that:

- Is owned by a student or a third party vendor;
- Is approved by the school for instructional use;
- Is required or permitted by the school for participation in classroom instruction;
- Is subject to school managed network controls, filtering, or monitoring that restrict access to noninstructional content during the school day; and
- Is not a cellular telephone, gaming device, or smartwatch.

“Wireless communication device” means any portable wireless device that has the capability to provide voice, messaging, or other data communication between two (2) or more parties, including a:

- Cellular phone;
- Tablet computer;
- Laptop computer;
- Gaming device;
- Smartwatch; or
- Smart glasses (ex: Meta Glasses).

that is connected to a cellular telephone, a cell tower, or the internet.

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This policy does not prohibit a student from accessing their wireless communication device if it is included in the student’s IEP, Section 504 plan, is used for language translation, necessary for the management of a documented medical condition with an order from a licensed health care provider, or with administrator approval for rare situations. Students traveling off-site for a work-based learning experience are permitted to have their wireless communication device on their person and can be utilized as permitted by the work-based learning supervisor. Students are personally and solely responsible for the care and security of wireless communication devices brought onto school property. The school assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, damage to, misuse, or unauthorized use of a wireless communication device brought onto its property.

Excessive amounts of money or other articles of value are not to be brought to school. Students are not to bring sports cards or other cards for trading. We also discourage children from bringing toys and other expensive personal items, as it is difficult to assure the safety of the item. Personal belongings, such as coats, backpacks, etc. should be clearly marked for quick identification. Lost & Found articles will be located in a designated area.

PETS

Due to allergies pets may not be brought in for Show & Tell in the classroom unless prior permission is obtained from the teacher and the principal.

narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, synthetic drug, alcoholic beverage, intoxicant or depressant of any kind, including but not limited to over-the-counter medications and substances, any capsule or pill, look alike drugs, nonalcoholic beer, inhalant, or intoxicant of any kind, as well as any apparatus or paraphernalia used or which could be used in connection with the listed substances is prohibited. Consuming any of the listed substances immediately before attending school or a school function or event is prohibited. Using, consuming, possessing, transmitting, or being under the influence of any of the items listed above by any student while subject to school rules will result in suspension, request for expulsion and notification of law enforcement. Selling and/or distribution of the items listed above will result in suspension, a request expulsion for the remainder of the semester in which the conduct occurs and the subsequent semester and notification of law enforcement. Any student who arranges to sell or buy drugs at school (even though the actual transaction occurs off school grounds) will be subject to suspension and a request for expulsion, and law enforcement will be notified.

Exception: A student with a chronic disease or medical condition may possess and self-administer prescribed medication for the disease/condition only if the student's parent/guardian has filed a written authorization with the building principal or his designee stating that the student is authorized to possess and self-administer the prescribed medication. The written authorization must be filed annually. The written authorization must include a statement prepared/signed by a licensed physician stating:

That the student has an acute or chronic disease or medical condition for which the physician has prescribed medication; That the nature of the disease or medical condition requires emergency administration of the medication; and

That the student has been instructed in how to self-administer the medication.

Students under this limited exception are responsible for the safe-keeping and proper administration of their medications. For all other situations involving student medications, refer to the Health Services section and contact the school nurse for proper procedures.

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Any student that violates the wireless communication device policy each semester will be handled in the following manner:

- 1st – verbal/written warning
- 2nd – detention
- 3rd – detention
- 4th and subsequent – Thursday or Friday School/Suspension

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Additionally, please be aware that sending, sharing, viewing, or possessing pictures, text messages, emails, or other material of a sexual nature in electronic or any other form, including the contents of a cell phone or other electronic device may result in suspension and/or request for expulsion. The Child Abuse/neglect law requires school personnel to report to law enforcement or child protective services whenever there is reason to believe that any person/ student is involved with "child exploitation" or "child pornography" as defined by Indiana Criminal Statutes. Because student cell phones have been found in a number of Indiana school districts to have contained evidence of "sexual conduct" as defined above, it is important for parents and students to be aware of the legal consequences should this occur in our school system. More detailed information as to the specific types of conduct deemed to constitute child exploitation, child pornography, or sexual exploitation may be obtained by contacting your building principal.

21. FAILURE TO REPORT

A student is expected to report to the appropriate teacher or administrator if he or she has knowledge about the actions or plans of another person where those actions or plans, if carried out, could result in harm to another person or persons, a violation of school rules or policies, or damage to property. If a student fails to do so, he or she may be subject to discipline up to and including suspension and/or expulsion from school.

22. FALSE FIRE ALARM

According to state law, the fire alarms at all Lake Central middle schools are to be used only in case of a fire. Misuse of fire alarms or non-emergency calls to 911 is punishable by suspension and may result in a request for expulsion. Civil authorities will be notified.

23. FIGHTING

A student who takes any physical action, intentional or unintentional, toward another student is considered a participant in a fight. Do not come into the office claiming you were only playing. We will not listen to this excuse. The schools will consider "self-defense" the taking of action that prevented injury to one's self and/or assisting one's self in getting away from the situation. This is clearly different from retaliation, "getting even" or "hitting back." Students who incite, record, or post/share a fight may be subject to suspension. Students who repeatedly incite, record, or post/share fights may be subject to a request for expulsion.

24. FIREARMS AND DEADLY WEAPONS - (I.C. 20-33-8-16) No student may possess, handle or transmit any object which can reasonably be considered a weapon including, but without limitation, a knife or a firearm, on school premises or at school related functions. This rule includes any type of firearm and/or deadly weapon stored in a student's car parked on school property. Violation

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specific types of conduct deemed to constitute child exploitation, child pornography, or sexual exploitation may be obtained by contacting your building principal.

Earbuds/Headphones may not be worn during the school day. AI/Meta/Smart Glasses may not be worn to school due to their capability to record and access the internet. Students are prohibited from video or audio recording themselves within the school building or during the school day for personal or social media purposes. This includes, but is not limited to, recording in classrooms, hallways, restrooms, locker rooms, offices, stairwells, cafeteria areas, and any instructional or supervised space. Students may not create content that includes other students or staff, intentionally or unintentionally, without the express consent of all individuals involved.

→ **See also Right to Privacy**

Students using electronic devices when they are not supposed to can be assigned the appropriate disciplinary consequence for its unauthorized use. Any student that violates the wireless communication device policy each semester will be handled in the following manner:

- 1st - written warning
- 2nd - detention
- 3rd - detention
- 4th - Wednesday School
- 5th - Wednesday School
- 6th - Wednesday School
- 7th - suspension

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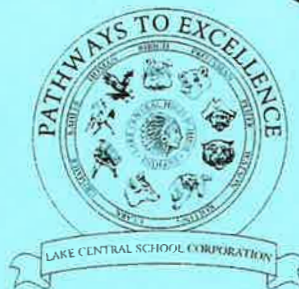
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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Rebecca Gromala, Assistant Superintendent
DATE: July 9, 2026
RE: Board Meeting of July 13, 2026

REVISION(S)

Personnel

(Board action required)

We are recommending that the following be approved:

I. Certified Appointment(s), Transfer(s) & Resignation(s):

A. Appointment(s):

1. Skylar Stargel (Dyer), Applied Skills Teacher, Protsman Elementary School (effective August 10, 2026).
2. Emily Badger (Valparaiso), Temporary English Teacher, Clark Middle School (effective August 10, 2026).
3. Katie Nylen (Munster), Temporary Grade 3 Teacher, Peifer Elementary School (effective August 10, 2026); *pending background check*.
4. Kaylyn Bajda (Munster), Temporary Grade 4 Teacher, Protsman Elementary School (effective August 10, 2026).
5. Lauryn Miller (Cedar Lake), School Service Provider, Bibich Elementary School (effective August 10, 2026); *pending background check*.

B. Transfer(s):

1. Cameron Cain, Dean of Students transferring to Assistant Principal at Lake Central High School (effective July 1, 2026).
2. Lisa Simon-Patrick, Grade 3 Teacher transferring to Assistant Principal at Protsman Elementary School (effective August 1, 2026).
3. Cole DeVries, Grade 4 Teacher transferring to Grade 3 High Ability Teacher at Protsman Elementary School (effective August 10, 2026).

C. Resignation(s):

1. Jennifer Fowler, Temporary Grade 3 Teacher, Peifer Elementary School (effective June 26, 2026).
2. Karen Fatouros, Counselor, Lake Central High School (effective July 31, 2026).

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

A. Appointment(s):

1. Jovan Lakic (Schererville), Custodian 1A, Lake Central High School (effective June 15, 2026).
2. Chelsea Rodrigue (Crown Point), Paraprofessional, Homan Elementary School (effective August 13, 2026).

3. Elise Blackhurst (Crown Point), Paraprofessional, Protsman Elementary School (effective August 11, 2026); *pending background check*.
4. Ronna Reznik (St. John), 9 Month Secretary, Lake Central High School (effective August 3, 2026).

B. Resignation(s):

1. Brooke Sandoval, School Nurse, Homan Elementary School (effective June 30, 2026).
2. Laiani Thompson, Paraprofessional, Watson Elementary School (effective July 1, 2026).
3. Daisy Faria, Café Assistant, Grimmer Middle School (effective July 9, 2026).

C. Change of Status:

1. Sara Dennis from 2 days to 3 days per week as a Paraprofessional at Kolling Elementary School (effective August 11, 2026).
2. Jodi Firchau, from 5 days to 4 days per week as a Paraprofessional at Kolling Elementary School (effective August 11, 2026).
3. Vera Dimaggio, from 5 days to 3 days per week as a Paraprofessional at Kolling Elementary School (effective August 11, 2026).

D. Change of Hours:

1. Veronica Smith, from 6.5 to 6.75 hours per day as a Paraprofessional at Kolling Elementary School (effective August 11, 2026).

E. Other(s):

1. Cheryl Connelly, Paraprofessional, Homan Elementary School (effective June 13, 2026).

IV. Classified Extracurricular Appointment(s):

A. Appointment(s):

1. Bo Bais, Freshman Football Assistant Co-Coach, Lake Central High School (effective August 3, 2026).
2. Natalie Mijares, Musical Play Assistant Director, Lake Central High School (effective August 12, 2026).
3. Jacob Strbjak, Freshman Football Assistant Co-Coach, Lake Central High School (effective August 3, 2026).

B. Resignation(s):

1. Jeff Kilinski, Head Boys Swimming and Diving Coach (effective June 18, 2026).
2. Allan Maupin, Assistant Football Co-Coach (effective July 7, 2026).
3. Brian Rice, Assistant Football Co-Coach (effective July 7, 2026).

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

NEW CERTIFIED HIRES FOR 2026-2027

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Position/School</u>	<u>Deg/Exp</u>	<u>University</u>	<u>Board Approved</u>
Plawecki	Matthew	8/10/2026	Science/LCHS	Bachelors/11 yrs.	Calumet College of Saint Joseph	5/4/2026
Bock	Gianna	8/10/2026	Applied Skills/Bibich Elem.	Masters/8 yrs.	Governors State University	5/4/2026
Krull	Kayla	8/10/2026	Applied Skills/Kahler MS	Masters/0	Purdue University	5/4/2026
Steinbeck	Lyndsey	8/10/2026	Applied Skills/Clark MS	Bachelors/1 yr.	Purdue University NW	5/18/2026
Bahl	Emily	8/10/2026	Applied Skills/Bibich Elem.	Bachelors/0	Indiana University NW	5/18/2026
Lawson	Abigail	8/10/2026	Applied Skills/Clark MS	Bachelors/0	Purdue University NW	6/15/2026
Romeli	Colleen	8/10/2026	Temp. Math/LCHS	Bachelors/5	Purdue University NW	6/15/2026
Kuypers	Josiah	8/10/2026	Temp. Math/LCHS	Bachelors/0	Purdue University NW	6/15/2026
Eklund	Cara	8/10/2026	Temp. Gr 5 & Spec. Ed./Clark MS	Bachelors/0	Indiana University NW	6/15/2026
Knezevic	Jennifer	8/10/2026	Temp. Gr 5/Clark MS	Bachelors/4	Purdue University NW	6/15/2026
Munoz	Shannon	8/10/2026	Resource Teacher/Bibich Elem.	Masters/7	Saint Xavier University	6/15/2026
Copak	Tyler	8/10/2026	Temp. Physical Education/Kahler MS	Bachelors/1	Indiana University	6/15/2026
Meekma	Corinne	8/10/2026	Art Teacher/Grimmer MS	Bachelors/1	Indiana University NW	6/15/2026
Chase	Nolan	8/10/2026	Temp. English (ELA)/Kahler MS	Bachelors/0	Purdue University NW	6/15/2026
Parikh	Saheli	8/10/2026	Temp. Social Studies/Kahler MS	Bachelors/0	Purdue University	6/15/2026
Murray	Elizabeth	8/10/2026	Direct English/LCHS	Bachelors/9	Illinois State University	6/15/2026
Koonce	Lauren	8/10/2026	Applied Skills/Protsman Elem.	Bachelors/15	Lewis University	6/15/2026
Mansour	Angelina	8/10/2026	Grade 2/Bibich Elem.	Bachelors/3	Purdue University NW	6/15/2026
Kickert	Brianna	8/10/2026	Temp. Grade 4/Bibich Elem.	Bachelors/1	Western Governors University	6/15/2026
LaBelle	Abigail	8/10/2026	Temp. Kindergarten/Bibich Elem.	Bachelors/0	Purdue University NW	6/15/2026
Celia	Padilla	7/20/2026	Assist. Elem. Prin. Student Services	Masters/13	Indiana University NW	6/15/2026
Kelly	Green	8/10/2026	Grade 3/Peifer Elem.	Bachelors/2	Purdue University NW	6/15/2026
Jennifer	Fowler	8/10/2026	Temp. Grade 3/Peifer Elem.	Bachelors/7	Purdue University NW	6/15/2026
Cathryn	Malesh	8/10/2026	Temp. Grade 3/Kolling Elem.	Bachelors/0	Indiana University	6/15/2026
Baran	Amy	8/12/2025	School Service Provider/Grimmer MS	Bachelors/1	Purdue University	6/15/2026
Stargel	Skylar	08/10/2026	Applied Skills/Protsman Elem.	Masters/6	Western Governors University	7/15/2026
Emily	Badger	8/10/2026	Temp. English (ELA)/Clark MS	Bachelors/4	Ball State University	7/15/2026
Katie	Nylen	8/10/2026	Temp. Grade 3/Peifer Elem.	Bachelors/2	Purdue University	7/15/2026
Kaylyn	Bajda	8/10/2026	Temp. Grade 4/Protsman Elem.	Bachelors/7	Concordia University	7/15/2026
Lauryn	Miller	8/10/2026	School Service Provider/Bibich Elem.	Masters/0	Indiana University NW	7/15/2026

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Mary Rebey
Director of Student Services

TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Rebecca Gromala, Assistant Superintendent
DATE: July 9, 2026
RE: **Board Meeting of July 13, 2026**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

NAME	Kristie Meeter
POSITION	Nurse Coordinator
SCHOOL	District
EVENT	IASN Fall Conference
DATES	11/09 - 11/10/2026
PLACE	Noblesville, IN
DESCRIPTION	School Nurse Conference
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana Association of School Nurses
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$393.30 Estimated Required Fees - \$319.56 Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage & Parking
FUNDING	0101-21340-58000-0009

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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Yolanda Bracey, Director of Primary Education
DATE: July 9, 2026
RE: **Board Meeting of July 13, 2026**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

NAME	Alyssa Olund, Dawn Curosh, Kim Martin
POSITION	Teachers
SCHOOL	Homan Elementary
EVENT	Compcon Virtual & Interactive
DATES	7/08 - 7/09/2026
PLACE	Virtual
DESCRIPTION	Workshop to enhance teachers skill-based comprehension instruction
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Smekens
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$409 x (3) Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Corporation Title II

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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education
DATE: July 9, 2026
RE: **Board Meeting of July 13, 2026**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

NAME	Ryan Stablein
POSITION	Assistant Principal
SCHOOL	Clark Middle School
EVENT	Indiana Principal Leadership Institute
DATES	6/24 - 6/25/2026
PLACE	Terre Haute, IN
DESCRIPTION	Two year leadership program
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	IASP
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$300 Estimated Required Fees - \$1000 Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage & Parking
FUNDING	6846-1 200-3 200-0051

MS/vv

Board Meeting of July 13, 2026

NAME	Laura Bloom-Johnson
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	Kahler Middle School
EVENT	Advanced Language Arts Field Trip
DATES	2/24/2027
PLACE	Chicago, IL
DESCRIPTION	Field trip to Shakespeare Theatre
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Kahler Language Arts 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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TO: Board of School Trustees

FROM: Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education

DATE: July 9, 2026

RE: **Board Meeting of July 13, 2026**

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

Laura Bloom-Johnson, teacher at Kahler Middle School, requests to take approximately (68) 7th and 8th grade Advanced Language Arts students to Chicago, IL on February 24, 2027. The students will attend a production of the Shakespeare play Romeo y Julieta at the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre. This is a self-funded field trip.

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Date: July 1, 2026

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To: Bill Ledyard - Lake Central School Corp.

From: Eric DeVries

Phone: 219-924-9944

Subject: Change order for Lake Central Tennis Courts Paving Project.

Change order #1 for Lake Central Tennis Courts Paving Project

Milling	750 additional sq yards			\$2,100.00
Paving	750 additional sq yards			\$14,000.00
Stone Allowance of \$5,000.00				(\$1,000.00)
Total Change order				\$15,100.00

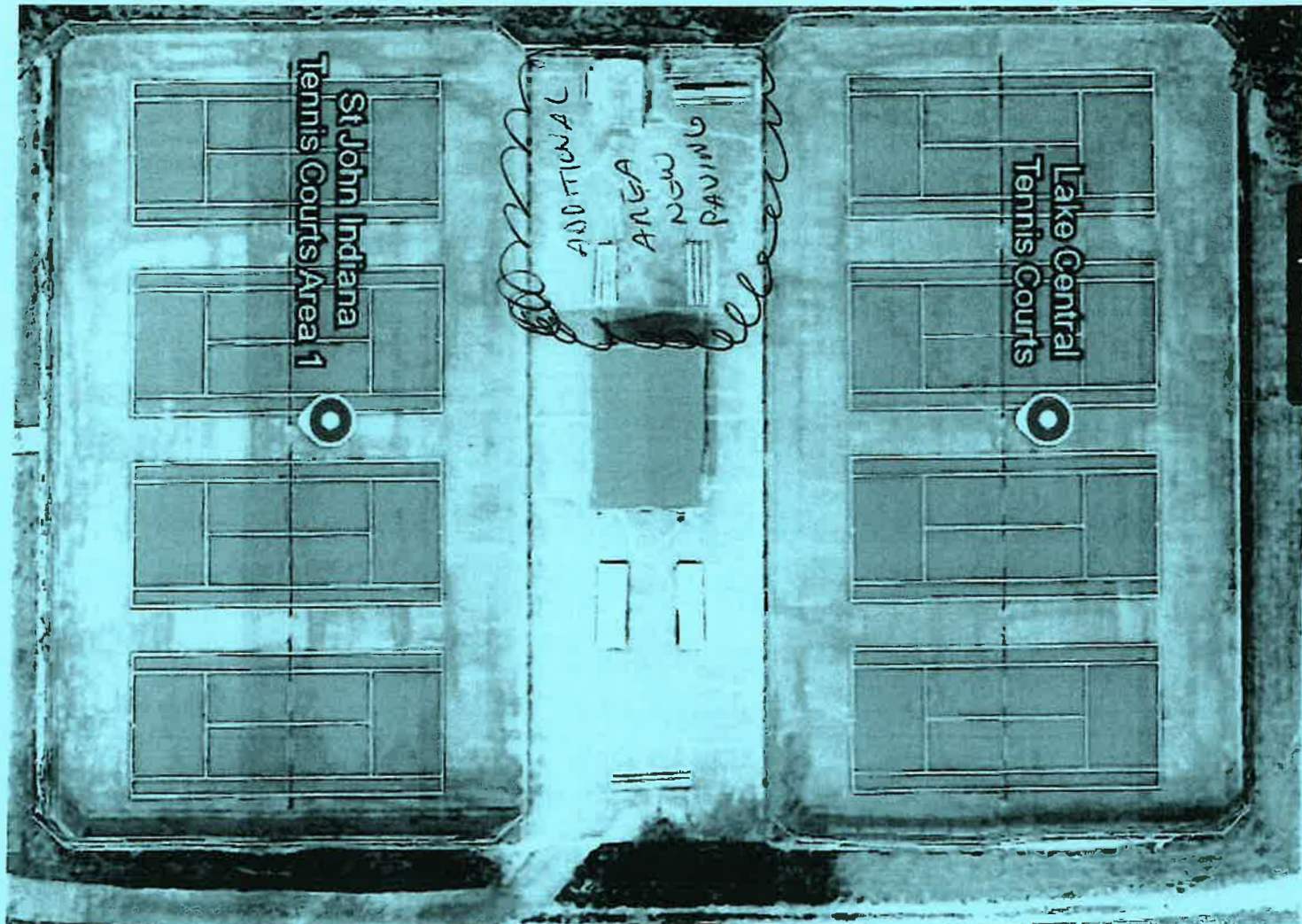
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Eric DeVries
Estimator

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING SITE SERVICES!





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Rob James
Director of Business Services

To: Board of School Trustees

From: Mr. Rob James, Director of Business Services

Date: July 9, 2026

RE: Board Meeting July 13, 2026

Resolution Approving Transfers Between Funds (Action Required)

The Lake Central School Corporation increased our Operating Referendum tax rate beginning in 2026 in part to offset revenue losses in our Operations Fund due to 2025's SEA-1. The DLGF has determined our circuit breaker revenue loss in the Operations Fund to be \$2,024,726.55 in 2026. This resolution approves transferring \$480,992.41 from the Debt Service Fund to the Operations Fund (as allowed by HEA 1210-2026) and \$1,543,734.14 from the Operating Referendum Fund to the Operations Fund to offset these revenue losses. This resolution will be retroactively approved back to June 1, 2026.

Professional Leave Request (Action Required)

I am requesting professional leave to attend the IASBO SEA-1 Seminar in Plainfield on August 20, 2026. This is a joint seminar with Policy Analytics focusing on the impact of 2025's SEA-1 on Indiana Public Schools.

Donations (Action Required)

Received

The Lake Central High School Athletic Department received a donation of \$12,313.10 from the Lake Central Athletic Booster Club.

Quarterly Financial Report

Since we have finished the latest quarter (and end of our fiscal year), I will be giving the School Board an update on our financial position.

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

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

WHEREAS, the Lake Central School Corporation increased its Operating Referendum tax rate beginning in 2026 to offset circuit breaker revenue losses in the Operations Fund due to SEA 1-2025;

WHEREAS, the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) has determined the circuit breaker revenue loss to be \$2,024,726.55 for the Operations Fund in 2026;

WHEREAS, HEA 1210-2026 allows schools to spread the financial impact of the new supplemental homestead credit provided under Indiana Code 6-1.1-20.6-7.7 across all non-exempt funds that levy property taxes, rather than only the operations fund;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Trustees approves the DLGF computed maximum amount \$480,992.41 to be transferred from the Debt Service Fund to the Operations Fund during CY 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of School Trustees approves the transfer of \$1,543,734.14 from the Operating Referendum Fund to the Operations Fund during CY 2026.

These transfers are approved retroactively to June 1, 2026.

This resolution was duly made, seconded and adopted on July 13, 2026.

President, Board of School Trustees
Lake Central School Corporation

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Lake Central School Corporation

Date: _____

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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Rob James, Director of Business Services
DATE: July 9, 2026
RE: **Board Meeting Of July 13, 2026**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE

NAME	Rob James
POSITION	Director of Business Services
SCHOOL	Lake Central School Corporation
EVENT	IASBO SEAI Seminar
DATES	August 20, 2026
PLACE	Plainfield, IN
DESCRIPTION	IASBO SEAI Seminar
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana Association of School Business Officials
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$35 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$250 Estimated Required Fees – \$230 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage
FUNDING	0300-25110-580-0001