

**Budget Work Session****Thursday, August 4, 2022****Board Room****6:30 PM****Regular Session****Thursday, August 4, 2022****Board Room****7:30 PM**

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in a regular session on Thursday, August 4, 2022. The following members were present: Dennis Gutwein, Jeff Lowry, Mandy Sharpe, and President Kyle McTeigue.

Also present were: Cathy Rowe, Superintendent, Mike Carlson, Elementary Principal, Michelle Miller, MS/HS Assistant Principal, Megan Galbreath of the Pulaski County Journal, and Sherri Cameron, Corporation Secretary.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

**MINUTES:** Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular session on July 7, 2022.

Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

**REQUISITIONS:** Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve requisitions 22137 through 22156 for the corporation.

Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

**RESIGNATIONS:** Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the following resignations as presented:

1. Courtney Rausch - Elementary Special Education Teacher
2. Alicia Cotner - Media Specialist

Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the resignations were approved.

**RETIREMENT:** Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the following retirement as presented:

1. Natalie Wenzel - Elementary Special Education Teacher

Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the retirement was approved.

**EMPLOYMENTS:** Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve the following employments as presented:

1. Michael Harter - Driver's Education
2. Jeff Messer - Athletic Director
3. Leanna Nielsen - Elementary Teacher
4. Robin Ashley - Middle School Math Teacher Restore Full Time
5. Amy Gulyban - Cafeteria
6. Tierra Manns - Cafeteria
7. Jamie Fritz - Half Route Bus Driver

Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the employments were approved.

**LEAVE REQUEST:** Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the following leave request as presented:

1. Kasey Lowry - Personal

Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the leave was approved.

**ARCHITECT/DESIGN PRESENTATION:** Representatives from Gibraltar Design and Moake Park Group gave presentations on potential band/choir room renovations. The decision to select an architect/design firm was tabled until the September 1, 2022 board meeting.

**ADVERTISE:** Mandy Sharpe made a motion to provide permission to advertise the 2023 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and the Bus Replacement Plan.

Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and permission to advertise was approved.

**APPROVAL OF CALENDAR:** Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the amended 2022-2023 school calendar as presented.

Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the amended calendar was approved.

**MASE REPRESENTATIVE:** Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve Hillary Durie as the West Central Teachers Association MASE board appointee as presented.

Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the appointment was approved.

**CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM PROCUREMENT PLAN:** Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the Child Nutrition Program Procurement Plan as presented.

Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the plan was approved.

**2022-2023 MS/HS TEXTBOOK RENTAL FEES:** Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the MS/HS textbook rental fees as presented.

Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the book rental fees were approved.

**CONTRACTED DIRECTOR OF MEDIA AGREEMENT:** Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the Contracted Director of Media Agreement.

Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the agreement was approved.

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

Elementary Principal Mike Carlson noted that registration has gone well at the elementary level. Those that haven't registered yet have been contacted. There are 21 new students enrolled, with a few more scheduled to come in. They've gained more Kindergarten students from the spring and have 40 so far. It's been a challenging few weeks filling positions, some had few to no applicants. With some adjustments, positions are filled to begin school. Programs are being rostered, and after everyone gets settled, benchmark assessments will begin. Lifewise is scheduled to begin August 21.

MS/HS Assistant Principal Michelle Miller shared that everyone is gearing up for the new school year. They had two very busy days of registration on Monday and Tuesday. Currently there are 16 new students enrolled. They have been very fortunate to only have two staff openings to fill. Fall sports started official practices this week. Next Tuesday all staff will be welcomed back, and Tuesday evening the doors will be open for students and their families for the Back to School Block party. There will be hotdogs, chips, cookies, and drinks available. The PTC is donating Kona Ice. Sanders is donating the hotdog buns and Lifewise is donating the chips.

Superintendent Cathy Rowe discussed registration, and new students seemed to be the theme. She is hoping to see an increase in enrollment but will know more after school starts. They are happy to welcome a few new teachers to the district. Maintenance has been working hard all summer and the custodians will be back on Monday. Dr. Rowe has been working on the budget, which is tied to state funding and property taxes. August 8 is new teacher orientation, August 9 is inservice day and teacher meetings, August 10 will be  $\frac{1}{2}$  teacher work day, and August 11 is the first student day. Student fees are starting to be assigned and invoices will go out on August 31. Parents are encouraged to fill out a free/reduced lunch application. All transfer students will be receiving a transfer request form to fill out and return to the school. August 26 will be the first early dismissal date of 8 for the year. A joint hearing with the Teachers Association in September will be held in anticipation of negotiations. With the predicted cold and snowy winter, the 3 allowable eLearning days will be used along with traditional makeup days. The year may need to be extended if more days are needed. Also discussed were increased pay, being

on children's schedule, a supportive environment, and rewarding work as benefits of working at West Central.

CLAIMS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve claims 3624 through 3736 for the corporation. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the claims were approved.

ADJOURNMENT: President Kyle McTeigue asked the board if there was any further business. Being none, the president adjourned the meeting.

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Kyle McTeigue, President

APPROVED:

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Todd Miller, Secretary