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Executive Session

**Thursday, September 5, 2024
Board Room Immediately After the
Regular Session**

The board met in an executive session to: IC 5-14-1.5(9) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees.

The following members were present: Jonathan Gutwein, Kyle McTeigue, Jake Tanner, Jeff Lowry, Todd Miller, Mandy Sharpe and Dennis Gutwein. Superintendent Cathy Rowe was also in attendance.

Regular Session

Thursday, September 5, 2024 7:30PM

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in a regular session on Thursday, September 5, 2024. The following members were present: Jonathan Gutwein, Kyle McTeigue, Jake Tanner, Mandy Sharpe, Todd Miller, Jeff Lowry and Dennis Gutwein.

Also present were: Superintendent Cathy Rowe, Corporation Secretary Erica Kerns, West Central Middle/High School Principal Mike Carlson, and West Central Elementary Principal, Toni Blaszczyk.

CALL TO ORDER: President Jake Tanner called the meeting to order.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Jonathan Gutwein was pleased to present Wyatt Chodzinski as the WCMS/HS Student of the Month and Kyle McTeigue was pleased to present Avery Hershman as the WCES Student of the Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was given regarding the impact of F's on athletic eligibility by Mr. Bunger and Mr. Nielsen informed the Board about IHSAA changes as it relates to girls wrestling.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the agenda was approved 7-0.

MINUTES: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular session held on August 1, 2024. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the minutes were approved 7-0.

REQUISITIONS: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve requisitions 24216 through 24264 for the corporation. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved 7-0.

EMPLOYMENTS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the following employments as presented with the removal at this time of personnel employment item #50, which the Board would like further information concerning:

1. Corina Hoge-Custodian
2. Deborah Lambie-Instructional Assistant
3. Robin Ashley-Mentor Teacher for Brandon Stevens
4. Hillary Durie-Mentor Teacher for Natalie Kennedy
5. Lindsay Hopkins-Mentor Teacher for Samantha Garlach
6. Lisa Zeyen-Mentor Teacher for Bill Brunker
7. Terri Ray-Mentor Teacher for Ben Gudas
8. Devin Green-Mentor Teacher for Allison McCormick
9. Kellis Gutwein-Unit Leader Kdg
10. Marilyn Bernal-Unit Leader 1st Grade
11. Joy Schlatter-Unit Leader 2nd Grade
12. Terri Ray-Unit Leader 3rd Grade
13. Devin Green-Unit Leader 4th Grade
14. Sarah Buche-Unit Leader 5th Grade
15. Kathy Minnick-Unit Leader 6th Grade
16. Lindsay Hopkins-Unit Leader K-6 Specials, Special Education, Counseling
17. Leanna Nielsen-Elementary Yearbook
18. Samantha Heims-Elementary Club-Lego
19. Amber Leman-High School Student Council
20. Susan Ames-MS/HS Yearbook
21. Greg Buschman-Math Department Chair
22. Hillary Durie-English Department Chair
23. Marc Hall-Social Studies Department Chair
24. Sara Strus-Science Department Chair
25. Amber Leman-Special Education Department Chair
26. Stephen Sholey-Fine Arts Department Chair
27. Sara Strus-PBIS
28. Stephen Sholey-Band Director
29. Bill Brunker-Vocal Director
30. Shaw Haselby-FFA
31. Hillary Durie-National Honor Society
32. Hillary Durie-National Junior Honor Society
33. Stephanie Thilges-FCCLA
34. Jennifer Mellon-FCA
35. Lisa Zeyen-High School Art Club
36. Sara Strus-Middle School Student Council
37. Marc Hall-Academic Super Bowl Coordinator
38. Marc Hall-Academic Super Bowl Social Studies
39. Desiree Supremo-Academic Super Bowl Science
40. Hillary Durie-Academic Super Bowl English
41. Rebecca Reed-Senior Sponsor
42. Jennifer Johns-Senior Assistant Sponsor
43. Tonya Wall-Junior Sponsor
44. Shelby Powell-Junior Assistant Sponsor
45. Rebecca Reed-Middle/High School Play
46. Hillary Durie-Middle/High School Play
47. Corey Howat-Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach

48. Brittany Baker-5th Grade Volleyball Coach
49. Nate Williams-Varsity Boys Assistant Wrestling Coach
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51. David Allen-Varsity Head Baseball Coach
52. Tyler Napier-Middle School Head Track Coach
53. Kellis Gutwein-Middle School Assistant Track Coach
54. Susan Ames-High School Cheer Coach
55. Alexis Beiswanger-Middle School Cheer Coach
56. Kenneth Nielsen-Varsity Wrestling Coach (Boys)
57. Jared Gudeman-Volunteer Assistant Middle School Football Coach
58. Travis Rodriguez-Volunteer Assistant Middle School Football Coach
59. Kellis Gutwein-Volunteer Assistant High School Cheer Coach
60. Kristi Laxton-CSS-Clarification of days worked
61. Amanda Shedrow-CSS-Clarification of days worked
62. Kay Allen-Study Tables Bus Driver
63. Sarah Buche-Robotics-Elementary

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the employments were approved 7-0.

LEAVE REQUESTS: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the leave requests as presented.

1. Tammy Toosley-August 29-30, 2024
2. Linda Hunter-September 3, 2024
3. Jenni Beason (CSS) October 22-23, 2024

Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the leave requests were approved 7-0.

2025 BUDGET HEARING: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to open the 2025 budget hearing to allow public input on the 2025 Budget, 2025 Capital Projects Plan and 2025 Bus Replacement Plan. Hearing no public comment, Jake Tanner made a motion to close the budget hearing.

FFA NATIONAL CONVENTION OVERNIGHT TRIP OCTOBER 23-25, 2024: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the FFA National Convention Overnight Trip for October 23, 2024-October 25, 2024. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the trip was approved 7-0.

FRANCESVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BUS RENTAL: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the Francesville First Baptist Church Bus Rental as presented. Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the bus rental was approved 7-0.

WEST CENTRAL DRAMA PERFORMANCE REQUEST-SUNDAY PERFORMANCE: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the Sunday Drama performance for Sunday, October 20, 2024. Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the performance was approved 7-0.

WEST CENTRAL SCHOOLS ECA SA-5 REPORT: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the West Central Schools ECA SA-5 Report as presented. Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the report was approved 7-0.

2025 SENIOR CLASS TRIP TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA, APRIL 29-MAY 3, 2025: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the 2025 Senior Class Trip to Orlando, Florida scheduled for April 29, 2024-May 3, 2025. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the trip was approved 7-0.

ADULT BREAKFAST PRICE ADJUSTMENT: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the adjustment to adult breakfast prices as presented. Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the price adjustment was approved 7-0.

WEST CENTRAL YOUTH LEAGUE FOOTBALL FACILITIES REQUEST: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the West Central Youth League Football Request for Use of Facilities as presented. Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the request was approved 7-0.

WEST CENTRAL MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL HANDBOOK REVISION: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the West Central Middle/High School Handbook Revision as presented. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the revision was approved 7-0.

PULASKI COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BUS RENTAL: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the Pulaski County Community Foundation Bus Rental as presented. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the rental was approved 7-0.

PULASKI COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FACILITIES RENTAL: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve the Pulaski County Community Foundation Facilities Rental for November 22, 2024 as presented. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the rental was approved 7-0.

MCGRIFF INSURANCE RENEWAL: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the McGriff Insurance renewal as presented. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the renewal was approved 6-1 with Kyle McTeigue casting the Nay vote.

TEACHER APPRECIATION GRANT REAFFIRMATION: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to reaffirm our current Teacher Appreciation Grant as presented. Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the TAG was approved 7-0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Blaszczyk shared, our days were filled with a flurry of activities. The certified staff was bustling with professional development sessions, gearing up for an exciting new school year. As we eagerly anticipate Grandparent's Day on 9/12 and 9/13 for preschool, followed by 9/26 for the Elementary school, there's a buzz of excitement in the air. The Elementary school is thrilled about the upcoming NED SHOW, marking our first assembly of the year. It promises to be a whole lot of fun!

Mr. Carlson said we've had a good start to the year at the Middle/High School. The first early release focus was on writing. A few select middle school teachers met beforehand. More work will be done on refining writing skills and writing across all disciplines. An exemplary behavior report was received from an official from the Winamac Volleyball Invite for all 12 teams commenting on a phenomenal job of sportsmanship from student-athletes, coaches, and fans. Beginning of the year benchmarking is currently underway for reading and math in grades 7-10.

We've opted in this year to ILEARN Checkpoints. There will be 3 checkpoints based on identified standards throughout the year before the summative test in the spring. We're preparing for the first checkpoint that opens soon. With midterms next week, study tables will begin again on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Dr. Rowe echoed the sentiment that it's been a great start to the new school year. Teachers participated in 6+1 Traits of Writing during the August 23rd professional development early release day. She shared information about the current CD investment and referenced an article in the IndyStar recently that drew attention for a report on state vouchers drawing monies from Indiana public schools. What started out as a 15.5 million dollar price tag, has ballooned to over 300 million dollars most recently and is forecasted to cost 600 million dollars this year. For West Central, the loss is estimated to be \$277,730 annually, with impact felt each year as additional funding is allocated to vouchers. In 2017, the amount would have been \$110,696. Dr. Rowe also presented information provided by Moake Park Group concerning some slight design adjustments to the renderings. Board member feedback was taken. Mandy Sharpe and Dr. Rowe talked briefly about a presentation given by representatives Ed Charbonneau and Kendell Culp at the White County 4 H building recently about property tax impacts.

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve payroll and claims for the corporation. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the payroll and claims were approved 7-0.

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

APPROVED:

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