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Regular Session

Thursday, May 2, 2024 7:30PM

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in a regular session on Thursday, May 2, 2024. The following members were present: Todd Miller, Kyle McTeigue, Jonathan Gutwein (arrival 8:28pm), Jake Tanner, Dennis Gutwein.

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

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

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: The Board was pleased to present Kailee Bishop as the WCMS/HS Student of the Month and Dennis Gutwein was pleased to present Trayce Allen as the WCES Student of the Month.

IREAD PERFECT SCORE RECOGNITION: The Board was pleased to announce that Max Voorhies and Reece Budka had perfect IREAD 2024 scores!

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the agenda was approved 4-0.

MINUTES: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular session held on April 4, 2024 and the minutes of the executive session. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the minutes were approved 4-0.

REQUISITIONS: Jake Tanner made a motion to approve requisitions 24121 through 24145 for the corporation. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved 4-0.

RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, AND RETIREMENTS: Dennis Gutwein approved the following resignations and retirements as presented:

1. Keshia Patterson-Resignation
2. Jerlu Santillana-Resignation
3. Jezreel Santillana-Resignation
4. Cindy Kruger-Retirement
5. Pamela Pettet-Retirement
6. Patti Kem-Coordinator-CSS

7. Mary Spiehler-CSS
8. Kenin Smith-CSS

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the resignations and retirements were approved 4-0.

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

1. Ben Gudas, Middle School Football Coach
2. Adam Huber, Middle School Assistant Football Coach
3. Tyson Mellon, Girls Varsity Basketball Coach
4. Jeremy Glasford, Co-Ed Cross Country Coach
5. Joan Kiersma-Summer School
6. Michaela Shively-Summer School
7. Amber Leman-Summer School
8. Sherry LeBeau, Extended Contract-CSS
9. Amanda Zea-CSS

Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the employments were approved 4-0.

LEAVE REQUESTS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the following leave request:

1. Cathy Rowe-IASBO, NCISSC Professional Development Leaves

Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the leave requests were approved 4-0.

REVISED CAFETERIA POLICY: Jake Tanner made a motion to approve the Revised Cafeteria Policy as presented. Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the policy revision was approved 4-0.

BUS RENTAL: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the Medaryville Assembly of God request for bus rental as presented. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the rental was approved 4-0.

BUS RENTAL: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve the Lifewise request for bus rental as presented. Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the rental was approved 4-0.

WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to review the school board policies concerning Wireless Devices Prohibition and Habitual Truant as presented. The policies are for first reading. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the readings were approved 4-0.

FRANCESVILLE-SALEM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY APPOINTMENT: Jake Tanner made a motion to approve the appointment of Tyler Skinner to the Francesville-Salem Township Public Library Board of Trustees. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the appointment was approved 4-0.

STUDENT TRAVEL CLUB TRIP TO SANDUSKY, OHIO MAY 28-30, 2024: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the Student Travel Club trip to Sandusky, OH May 28-30, 2024. Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the trip was approved 4-0.

RESOLUTION DETERMINING NEED FOR PROJECT: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve the Resolution Determining Need for Project. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the resolution was approved 4-0.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FORM OF THE LEASE: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving the Form of the Lease. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the resolution was approved 4-0.

WEST CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HANDBOOK: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the West Central Elementary School handbook as presented. Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the handbook was approved 4-0.

WEST CENTRAL MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL HANDBOOK: Jake Tanner made a motion to approve the West Central Middle/High School as presented. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the handbook was approved 4-0-1 with Kyle McTeigue abstaining.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Mr. Slys said April was a buzz with activity in the middle and high schools. Our Academic Math Bowl team made it to the state finals. First time in school history! ILEARN testing was started and completed. On April 26th, we had the Music in the Parks Band trip to Kings Island. Our HS band placed 3rd in competition. On April 12th, we held our 1st Annual Senior Summit/Job Fair There were 5 break-out sessions and a catered lunch. Sessions focused on: Personal Safety, Banking and Finance, First Aid, Job Skills, and Basic Vehicle and Home Maintenance. Finally, on April 19th Mrs. Thilges' Culinary class took a field trip to Ivy Tech in Indianapolis. The students met with Ivy Tech faculty and students and also toured the campus.

Mr. Carlson said there was a lot of activity at the elementary in April. ILEARN in grades 3-6 is finished. There are just a few make-up tests left. The Book Fair wraps up this week. PTC has been phenomenal again in handling this. Math Bowl traveled to Logansport and won their division. Support and training on Readable English has continued in Fifth and Sixth, and is going well. The professional development on April 26th consisted of CPR training, curriculum mapping, and a presentation from Amplify for the reading adoption. Open Court is presenting next week with hopes of a decision soon. Field Trips continued with Second Grade visiting the Children's Museum, and Fourth Grade traveling to the State Fairgrounds for activities coordinated by Purdue. May will be busy as unusual end-of-year activities take place. Final benchmarking starts next week in NWEA and iReady for reading and math.

Dr. Rowe talked about an opportunity to possibly utilize a classroom at West Central Elementary for a Cooperative School Services speech preschool or life skills classroom. Such a program would be in coordination with Cooperative School Services. The Board reviewed the planned improvements listing that will be undertaken in the next bond project and had discussion about the inclusion of the high school football bleacher replacement, and elementary and middle/high school cafeteria areas including floor finishes. Next week is staff and teacher appreciation week! Prom will be May 11th, and May 19th will be a band/choir concert. Commencement will be May 26th at 2:00pm with awards for both buildings taking place on Thursday, May 23rd. Summer school will be June 3-13 for elementary students and June 3-20 for high school students. Bus inspections will be June 11th. Teachers have been working on curriculum mapping and alignment K-12- and had a very productive day on our latest professional development early release day. With two retirements from our bus driver pool, we will be combining routes. Bus drivers are currently working to rearrange stops and changes will be communicated with parents.

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve payroll and claims for the corporation. Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the payroll and claims were approved 5-0.

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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