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WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session

Thursday, February 6, 2025 7:30PM

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in a regular session on Thursday, February 6, 2025. The following members were present: Jake Tanner, Jeff Lowry, Kyle McTeigue, Dennis Gutwein, Jonathan Gutwein, Todd Miller and Darin Gudeman.

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

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

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Kyle McTeigue was pleased to recognize Jeremiah Bailor as the West Central Elementary School student of the month. Dennis Gutwein was pleased to recognize Maddox Gutwein as the West Central Middle/High School student of the month.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was taken. Josh Scott and Shannon Scott shared concerns with the Board concerning athletics and events that have transpired in recent months.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve the agenda with the adjustment of the agenda to reflect the calendar being recommended as the 2026-2027 school calendar and not the 2025-2026 as noted on the agenda. 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 January 2, 2025, the Board of Finance meeting on January 2, 2025 and the special meeting held on January 23, 2025. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the minutes were approved 7-0.

REQUISITIONS: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve requisitions 24408 through 24460 for the corporation. Darin Gudeman seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved 7-0.

RESIGNATIONS: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve the following resignation:

1. Andrea Campbell-School Nurse

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the resignation was approved 7-0.

EMPLOYMENTS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the following employments as presented:

1. Michelle Biggs-1st Grade Maternity leave for Samantha Heims

2. Candace Lytle-2nd Grade Maternity leave for Michaela Shively
 3. Jordan Danford-8th grade girls basketball coach
 4. Phil Leman-7th grade girls basketball coach
 5. Bradley Warner-Volunteer Assistant Middle School Wrestling Coach
- Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the employments were approved 7-0.

BUS RENTAL REQUEST: Darin Gudeman made a motion to approve the bus rental request submitted by Lifewise as presented. Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the bus rental was approved 7-0.

FUNDING FLOOR RECEIPT: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the funding floor memo from the IDOE dated January 3, 2025. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the receipt was acknowledged 7-0.

WEST CENTRAL YOUTH LEAGUE SUNDAY FACILITY USAGE: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve the February 23, 2025 facilities usage request as presented. Darin Gudeman seconded the motion and the facility usage was approved 7-0.

WEST CENTRAL FCCLA STATE CONVENTION OVERNIGHT TRIP: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the FCCLA state convention trip scheduled for February 27-29, 2025 in Muncie, IN. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the trip was approved 7-0.

WEST CENTRAL 2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the West Central 2026-2027 school calendar as presented. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the calendar was approved 7-0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Mr. Carlson shared The first two E Learning days went well for the Middle/High School. There were no major issues. FAFSA night was held last month, and Freshman Orientation had to be moved to next week due to the weather and school cancellation. Work has started on next year's schedule now that student preferences have been entered. Congratulations to Chloe Auxier for making it to the State Finals in Girls Wrestling. We have 5 guys moving on to Regionals this weekend in Wrestling. The Girl's Basketball won their first game in sectionals the other night. Winter sports have had very good seasons. AP classes will be giving the Mock Exams soon, and WIDA testing is wrapping up. Mid-year data is in. Checkpoint 2 is done, and the 7th and 8th grade are showing bright spots. Math is consistently higher for both groups. NWEA and iReady data show similar results. Students are stronger in math both in meeting growth targets and being on grade level. Reading on grade level is just slightly below math, but fewer are meeting their growth targets. AP Mock Exams will be given soon. These are to help prepare students for the test at the end of the year. Mrs. Kennedy is finishing with WIDA testing. Mrs. Clemons worked on academic and behavior incentives for each nine weeks for the high school to do something similar as the middle school. We want to recognize them for all their work, too. There are ice cream sundaes planned for this nine weeks, and a larger activity is planned for the end of the year.

Dr. Rowe presented information on the pool renovations and hiring an SRO (school resource officer). More information will be collected and shared with board members in the upcoming months. She also shared information related to the impact of SB1 currently making it's way through the legislature. It has

the impact to affect all counties, schools and other models of local government. She provided an update on ADM numbers. In the fall, the district's ADM was 624.09 and its most recent student count is 609.97 or 14.12 less students. The June 2025 board meeting date will be changed from June 5th to June 12th. Kyle McTeigue asked that the administration review Mr. and Mrs. Scott's claims and review with the board at a later time.

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 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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