

Executive Session

Thursday, September 1, 2022

Board Room

7:00 PM

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in an executive session on Thursday, September 1, 2022 preceding the regular board meeting. The following members were present: Dennis Gutwein, Mandy Sharpe, Jonathan Gutwein, and President Kyle McTeigue. Also present was Dr. Cathy Rowe, Superintendent.

The executive session was held in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) (9) "For discussion of strategy with respect to collective bargaining."

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

APPROVED:

Kyle McTeigue, President

Todd Miller, Secretary

Regular Session

Thursday, September 1, 2022

Board Room

7:30 PM

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in a regular session on Thursday, September 1, 2022. The following members were present: Dennis Gutwein, Mandy Sharpe, Jonathan Gutwein, and President Kyle McTeigue.

Also present were: Superintendent Dr. Cathy Rowe, Elementary Principal Mike Carlson, Elizabeth Holstein-Steele, Megan Galbreath of the Pulaski County Journal, Dave Reif, and Sherri Cameron, Corporation Secretary.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MASTER CONTRACT AS PER IC 20-29-6-1: Kyle McTeigue opened the public hearing. Dave Reif commented on what a positive bargaining experience they had last year. Everyone worked together to raise the salaries to the minimum as mandated by the state a year early. It was a complex situation, but it was worked through quickly and efficiently. A raise for the teachers was a positive start to the year. The Teachers Association is looking forward to working with Dr. Rowe. Dr. Rowe noted that she was also looking forward to a good year with staff and students. It is encouraging to see new students, and as enrollment grows we will have more funds with which to work. West Central has a lot to offer and we can each encourage new enrollment. The public hearing was closed by President McTeigue.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

MINUTES: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular session and budget work session on August 4, 2022. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve requisitions 22157 through 22199 for the corporation. Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

RESIGNATIONS: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the following resignations as presented:

1. Sherri Cameron - Corporation Secretary
2. Kris Ashbrenner - Technology Director

Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the resignations were approved.

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

1. Lisa Hughes - Elementary Special Education
2. Whitney Labuda - 5/6th Grade Volleyball Coach
3. Savanna Button - 8th Grade Volleyball Coach
4. Chloe Balough - 7th Grade Volleyball Coach
5. Nate Neeley - Assistant HS Football Coach
6. Marc Hall - Varsity Football Head Coach
7. Tyler Napier - Assistant HS Football Coach
8. Greg Buschman - Assistant HS Football Coach
9. Ben Gudas - MS Football Coach
10. Tonya Wall - Varsity Volleyball Head Coach
11. Shannon Fritz - JV Volleyball Coach
12. Jeremy Glasford - Cross Country Varsity Head Coach
13. Adam Huber - Cross Country MS Head Coach

14. Lisa Mahaffey - Elementary/MS Music/Choir and Elementary Instructional Assistant
15. Amanda Dunne - Cafeteria
16. Wyatt Daniels - MS Football Assistant Coach
17. Bernard White - Basketball, Head
18. Kelsey Erb - Cheerleader Sponsor, High School

Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the employments were approved.

LEAVE REQUEST: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the following leave request as presented:

1. Kayla Butterfield - Personal
2. Haley Tapper - Personal
3. Megan Hunsley - Maternity Leave

Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the leave was approved.

CONFERENCE REQUEST: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve the following overnight professional development conference request as presented:

1. Mike Carlson-Indiana School Safety Academy

Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the request was approved.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for dual credit courses with Ivy Tech Community College as presented.

Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the courses were approved.

FACILITY USAGE REQUEST: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the following facility usage request with no fee as a service to the community:

1. Francesville Fall Festival Mini Triathlon

Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the request was approved.

MINI BUS RENTAL REQUEST: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve the following mini bus rental as presented:

1. Cornerstone Assembly Church

Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the rental request was approved.

EARLY GRADUATION REQUEST: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the early graduation request, special circumstances appeal as presented.

Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

INSURANCE RENEWAL: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the McGriff insurance renewal through September 2023.

Kyle McTeigue seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

ARCHITECT/DESIGN FIRM SELECTION: Kyle McTeigue made a motion to approve the architect/design firm of Moake Park Group for work on the band/choir rooms.

Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

2023 BUDGET HEARING: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to open the 2023 Budget Hearing to allow public input and feedback on the 2023 budget, capital projects plan, and bus replacement plan. Superintendent Rowe went over the budget and items in the budget. President McTeigue asked for questions or comments. Hearing none, the 2023 budget hearing was closed.

WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION ECA SA-5: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to recognize the West Central School Corporation SA-5 report.

Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

FCCLA PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: This was postponed until the October Board Meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Elementary Principal Mike Carlson was happy to share that the elementary is off to a good start. They have welcomed several new students and families to the building. There are currently 40 kindergarten students. This is a slightly smaller class than the former 6th grade class that moved on to the middle school. The unplanned drill(s) went amazingly well. Students were out of the building quickly, moved to the Middle/High School, and the cafeteria staff mobilized and fed the students there. Everyone worked together and helped where needed. Benchmarking for reading and math is almost complete. Picture day is next Wednesday. If the first early release PD for staff is any indication, the new format will allow the time to be utilized more effectively. Mr. Carlson would like to thank the board for approving this early release time.

Superintendent Cathy Rowe reported that the presentations made by Principal Carlson, Mrs. Kennedy, and Mrs. Ashley for staff professional development went very well and were well received. The new PA system is mostly complete with some small things to be finished outside. West Central was grateful to receive a donation from the Pulaski County Retired Teachers Association of about \$400 to be divided between the school nurse and the comfort closet. Pictures for MS/HS will be on September 8. There were two unplanned evacuations this week that went well with staff working as a team to keep everyone safe. Administrators are working together to continue to make improvements on emergency plans.

CLAIMS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve claims 3740 through 3838 for the corporation. Kyle McTeigue 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.

APPROVED:

Kyle McTeigue, President

Todd Miller, Secretary