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Work Session

**Thursday, December 7, 2023
Board Room 4:00pm**

The school board engaged in a work session and conducted a building walkthrough of the West Central facilities, a financial review, and discussion of potential building projects and improvements.

Executive Session

**Thursday, December 7, 2023
Board Room 6:30pm**

IC5-14-1.5-6.1 An executive session was conducted to discuss the job performance evaluation of individual employees.

Regular Session

**Thursday, December 7, 2023
Board Room 7:30PM**

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in a regular session on Thursday, December 7, 2023. The following members were present: Kyle McTeigue, Todd Miller, Jonathan Gutwein, Dennis Gutwein, Jake Tanner, Mandy Sharpe and Jeff Lowry.

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

STUDENT OF THE MONTH: The Board was pleased to represent the MS/HS winner Raul Martinez as the WCMHS Student of the Month and board member Mandy Sharpe was pleased to represent the WCES winner Adalyn Conley, as the WCES Student of the Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

MINUTES: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular session on November 2, 2023. Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the minutes were approved 7-0. Jake Tanner made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 30, 2023 board hearing. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

REQUISITIONS: Mandy Sharpe made a motion to approve requisitions 23308 through 23357 for the corporation. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved 7-0..

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

1. Haley Tapaper-5th grade teacher effective January 3, 2024

Jeff Lowry seconded the motion and the resignation was approved 7-0.

EMPLOYMENTS: Jake Tanner made a motion to approve the following employments as presented:

1. Joy Schlatter-ELL Coordinator
2. Sara Strus-PBIS Coordinator
3. Leanna Nielsen-Elementary Yearbook
4. Leanna Nielsen-Mentor (B. Gudas)
5. Travis Rodriguez-5th Grade Boys Basketball Coach

Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the employments were approved 7-0.

LEAVE REQUESTS: Todd Miller made a motion to approve the leave requests as follows.

1. Danielle Christensen-November 27, 2023
2. Hillary Durie-November 21, 2023
3. Kathy Minnick-November 27, 2023
4. Sally Smidler-December 18-19, 2023

Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the leave was approved.

TEACHER APPRECIATION GRANT: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the Teacher Appreciation Grant (TAG) distribution as presented. Jake Tanner seconded the motion and the recommendation was approved 7-0.

WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES REVIEW-FIRST READING: Jeff Lowry made a motion to approve the first reading of policies presented. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the policy review was approved for a first reading 7-0.

RESOLUTION TO BALANCE ACCOUNTS: Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the resolution to balance accounts as presented. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the resolution was approved 7-0.

STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM RECOMMENDATION: Jake Tanner made a motion to approve Harmony as the West Central School Corporation student information system to replace Alma. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the recommendation was approved 7-0.

WC TROJAN WRESTLING CLUB FACILITIES RENTAL: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the WC Trojan Wrestling Club as presented. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the facilities rental was approved 7-0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Mr. Carlson commented that November went by very quickly. Mrs. Bernal's class went to Parkview to share their reading. The PD on the early release went well. Teachers worked on setting goals for their classes and individual students, gauging where we are towards the building goals, and covered teacher efficacy and how that will look. Fourth graders enjoyed Purdue Extension and Carroll-White REMC

coming. They built their own circuit boards again. This is always a great lesson and we're happy they've been able to come each year. We are currently doing winter benchmarking in reading and math.

Mrs. Radtke shared that Mrs. Newbauer met with all middle schoolers to go over 21st Century Scholars. The state changed the guidelines, and all free and reduced students are being automatically enrolled. Students were still encouraged to apply. The choir visited the nursing home and sang patriotic songs to the residents for Veteran's Day. Mrs. Johns and Mrs. Leman's student council put on another wonderful Veteran's Day Program. Pulaski Memorial Hospital donated supplies to Mrs. John's CNA and CMA classes. All 11th grade students participated in ASVAB testing in early November. Results are in, and Mrs. Kennedy will be meeting tomorrow with students to do a post-testing interpretation session. Mrs. Kennedy has also been meeting with students in grades 9-11 to gather course requests for 2024-25.

Dr. Rowe noted that the new cafeteria serving line for the middle/high school will be installed around January 19th. This was funded through a grant from the Indiana Department of Education and the food service budget. The Boys and Girls Club have hired a center director, and will be starting up in January. West Central and North White are planning a Senior Summit on April 12th here at West Central. This Summit will engage seniors in breakout sessions designed to introduce things that are of benefit to them as graduating seniors, that schools oftentimes do not teach such as how to change a tire, investments and insurance. Curriculum mapping with English/Language Arts teachers will take place on January 18th with next year being the reading/handwriting adoption. Interviews will be taking place in January with the Eastern Pulaski Superintendent for the county Prevention Coordinator position. The Band/Choir concert for the middle/high school is scheduled for December 10th at 2:30pm in the cafeteria. It was noted that Dr. Rowe will be working with board members to assign teachers and community members to a marketing campaign in the near future.

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS: Jonathan Gutwein 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: 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