

**LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**Lake Central High School – LGI Room**  
**8410 Wicker Avenue, St. John, Indiana 46373**  
**Tuesday, November 1, 2016 // 6:00 p.m.**

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Lake Central School Corporation was held in the Lake Central High School LGI Room, 8410 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN on November 1, 2016. The meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

Don Bacso, Member  
 John DeVries, President  
 Sandy Lessentine, Secretary  
 Janice Malchow, Vice-President  
 Howard Marshall, Member

Board Members Not Present

Administration Present

Sarah Castaneda, Director of Secondary Education  
 Al Gandolfi, Assistant Superintendent  
 Rob James, Director of Business Services  
 Dr. Lawrence Veracco, Superintendent  
 Theresa Schoon, Director of Primary Education

Administration Not Present

Bill Ledyard, Director of Facilities

**SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 1, 2016**

*Please Note: All Motions  
 Passed With **5-0 Vote**  
 Unless Otherwise Indicated*

I.	Call to Order – <i>John DeVries</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President, John DeVries.</li> </ul>
II.	Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag – <i>John DeVries</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please of allegiance led by John DeVries.</li> </ul>
III.	Topics for Discussion <p>A. Resolution for 2017 Budget Appropriations and Tax Rates – <b>Action Required</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is the date and the hour established in the legal advertisement for the 2017 Budget Adoption. A public hearing was conducted on the 2017 Budget on Monday, October 17, 2016. This is the meeting at which the Board of School Trustees must formally adopt the Resolution of Appropriations.</li> <li>Janice Malchow moved to approve the Resolution for 2017 Budget Appropriations and Tax Rates. Don Bacso seconded the motion. Motion carried.</li> </ul> <p>B. Resolution to Adopt the 2017 Capital Projects Fund Plan – <b>Action Required</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is the date and the hour established in the legal advertisement to adopt the 2017 Capital Projects Plan. A public hearing was conducted on the 2017 Capital Projects Plan on Monday, October 17, 2016. This is the meeting at which the Board of School Trustees must formally adopt the Resolution.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Howard Marshall moved to approve the Resolution to Adopt the 2017 Capital Projects Fund Plan. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion. Motion carried.</li> </ul> <p>C. Resolution to Adopt the 2017 School Bus Replacement Fund Plan – <b>Action Required</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is the date and the hour established in the legal advertisement to adopt the 2017 School Bus Replacement Plan. A public hearing was conducted on the 2017 Bus Replacement Plan on Monday, October 17, 2016. This is the meeting at which the Board of School Trustees must formally adopt the Resolution.</li> <li>Sandy Lessentine moved to approve the Resolution to Adopt the 2017 School Bus Replacement Fund Plan. Don Bacso seconded the motion. Motion carried.</li> </ul> <p>D. Adoption of Tax Neutrality Resolution – <b>Action Required</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The General Obligation Pension Bonds of 2004 (refunded in 2014) need to have a Tax Neutrality Resolution annually adopted by the Board. The Resolution states that the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) will reduce the operating balance in either the Capital Projects Fund, Transportation Fund, or Bus Replacement Fund for the tax neutrality. For the 2017 Budget, 100% of the Pension Debt Service levy will be required to be offset.</li> <li>Janice Malchow moved to Adopt the Tax Neutrality Resolution. Don Bacso seconded the motion. Motion carried.</li> </ul> <p>E. New Subdivisions and Elementary/Middle School Districting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Despite a demographic study completed in Spring 2016 showing steady total district enrollment, the current sizes of individual elementary and middle schools depicted wide variation in enrollment.</li> <li>It is the objective of this administration to minimize the need to move existing students and families across districts as much as possible.</li> <li>In the 1980's and 1990's, it was common to "redistrict" subdivisions as frequently as every other year.</li> <li>LCSC administration feels it has a duty to taxpayers to utilize available space prior to seeking additional building funds to add on to buildings, rent modular classrooms or construct a new school.</li> <li>Student achievement data across elementary schools shows minimal difference.</li> <li>Student programming across elementary and middle schools is largely the same.</li> <li>The significant investment in facilities was made at Lake Central High School as this is the facility that benefits every child in our school district prior to their venturing out to post secondary success.</li> <li>It is likely that these homes will go to Bibich, which will then feed into Kahler, and of course ultimately attend LCHS.</li> <li>Administration reserves the right to redistrict at any future time according to population needs, should factors and enrollment figures change.</li> </ul>
IV.	<p>Public Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There were no public comments.</li> </ul>
V.	<p>Board Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John DeVries: Stated that at the last meeting he misspoke about teachers not helping during the last referendum. He offered sincere apologies for those who did come out to help.</li> </ul>
VI.	<p>Adjournment – <i>John DeVries</i> - <b>Action Required</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Janice Malchow moved to adjourn the meeting. Don Bacso seconded the motion. Motion carried and meeting adjourned.</li> </ul>

	<p>Minutes of the November 1, 2016 Special School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the November 21, 2016 School Board Meeting.</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ John DeVries, President</p> <p>_____ Sandy Lessentine, Secretary</p>